

Sunday, March 9, 2025
First Sunday of Lent



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Faith Presbyterian Church ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome to worship at Faith Presbyterian Church! We are glad you are joining us this morning. Whoever you are, wherever you come from, whomever you love, whatever your faith or your doubt, we welcome all whom God welcomes, and that means you. As we begin our time together, take a few deep breaths and settle in, to make the transition from getting here to being here, and to prepare your mind and body for worship.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Cat Dodson Goodrich

JOYS AND CONCERNS

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE *We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight*

setting David Cherwien
(b. 1957)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Mike Billings

From near and far, God calls us to follow in the way of Christ:

Bringing healing, seeking justice, resisting evil.

As we begin our journey to Jerusalem, we remember the way of Christ:

Refusing temptation, offering liberation, speaking truth.

Let us walk together along the way:

Sharing bounty, remembering grace, and praising God!

***HYMN 712** *As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought*

FOREST GREEN

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, you know us so well that you see past our pretenses; we cannot pretend with you. We bring to you that which has harmed us, and acknowledge the harm we may have caused, and the shame we carry. We admit our fears, and repent of all that separates us from you, and from one another. Forgive us, heal us, and enable us see the future you promise, we pray. We open ourselves to you in silent prayer...

KYRIE 467 *Give Us Light*

JYOTHI DHO

3) Give us peace; give us peace; give us peace, O Lord.

5) Give us grace; give us grace; give us grace, O Lord.



ASSURANCE OF GRACE

***GLORIA 654** *In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful*

IN THE LORD I'LL BE EVER THANKFUL

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful;

in the Lord I will rejoice!

Look to God; do not be afraid.

Lift up your voices, the Lord is near.

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***PASSING THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you...

... and also with you.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

MOMENT WITH FAITH KIDS

Presentation of Bibles

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PSALTER READING Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

You who live in the shelter of the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,
will say to the Lord, 'My refuge and my fortress;
my God, in whom I trust.'
Because you have made the Lord your refuge,
the Most High your dwelling-place,
no evil shall befall you,
no scourge come near your tent.

For God will command the angels concerning you
to guard you in all your ways.
On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.
You will tread on the lion and the adder,
the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot.

Those who love me, I will deliver;
I will protect those who know my name.
When they call to me, I will answer them;
I will be with them in trouble,
I will rescue them and honor them.
With long life I will satisfy them,
and show them my salvation.

MUSIC *Jesus, Lover of My Soul*

Lani Smith
(1934-2015)

HEBREW BIBLE READING Deuteronomy 26:1-11

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, 'Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.' When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he

went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.' You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

For the wisdom we find in this ancient story,
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Remember Who You Are

Rev. Goodrich

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***HYMN 166** *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days*

ST. FLAVIAN

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

If you wish to contribute online, please scan the QR code with your mobile device to be directed to Faith's online giving site.



OFFERTORY *If You but Trust in God to Guide You*

Paul Manz
(1919-2009)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Interactive Lenten Prayer Project: *God instructed the people of Israel to remember their ancestor Jacob with gratitude. Do you have an ancestor, a grandparent or parent, whose memory has shaped your life, purpose, and given you meaning? Write the name of that person or persons on a circle, giving thanks to God for their life and memory; tie a bead onto the yarn, and then string your circle onto the garland so that it's flush with the bead. Leave 3-4 inches between your circle and the previous one!*

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

SENDING GOD'S PEOPLE INTO THE WORLD

***HYMN 820** *Nothing Can Trouble*

NADA TE TURBE

sung three times

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

David Cherwien

Leading Worship Today

Rev. Cat Dodson Goodrich, Pastor

Dr. Samuel Springer, Minister of Music and Organist

Chancel Choir

Mike Billings, Liturgist

Lauren Hill, Deacon of the Day

Yvonne Davis, Usher

Kristin Herber, Zoom Moderator & PowerPoint

Andy Fuller, Audio/Camera

WELCOME to Faith Presbyterian Church! If you are visiting with us this morning, we hope you find our worship to be meaningful - your presence enriches our community. If you are seeking a church home, we hope you will return soon so that we might get to know you better. To learn about ways to get engaged in the life of Faith, check out our website, www.faithpcbalt.org, and speak with our pastor, Rev. Cat Goodrich, cgoodrich@faithpcbalt.org.

Kids are WELCOME at Faith! Children are welcome in worship, but if you need it, there is a caregiver in the nursery, just out the door nearest the pulpit.

On the first Sunday of the month, children are encouraged to stay in worship for the whole service, to share in the sacrament of communion. Church school for K-2 and 3-5 grades will be held all other Sundays following the Time with Faith Kids in the classrooms on the third floor.

When in the sanctuary, children six and under are invited to worship in the **Prayground** at the front of the sanctuary. The Prayground has quiet activities and books to keep hands busy so ears can listen. It's close to the action so that our youngest members can experience the beauty of worship in a space that's just for them.

Joys and Concerns: We are a community who prays with and for each other. There is a book in the narthex where you may write your joys and concerns, to be included in the Prayers of the People and shared in our weekly prayer chain email. If you would like to be added to the prayer chain email: faithchurchbalt@gmail.com.

This week we pray for:

Faith's homebound members and those receiving
long-term care.
Our partners in Cuba
Our democracy

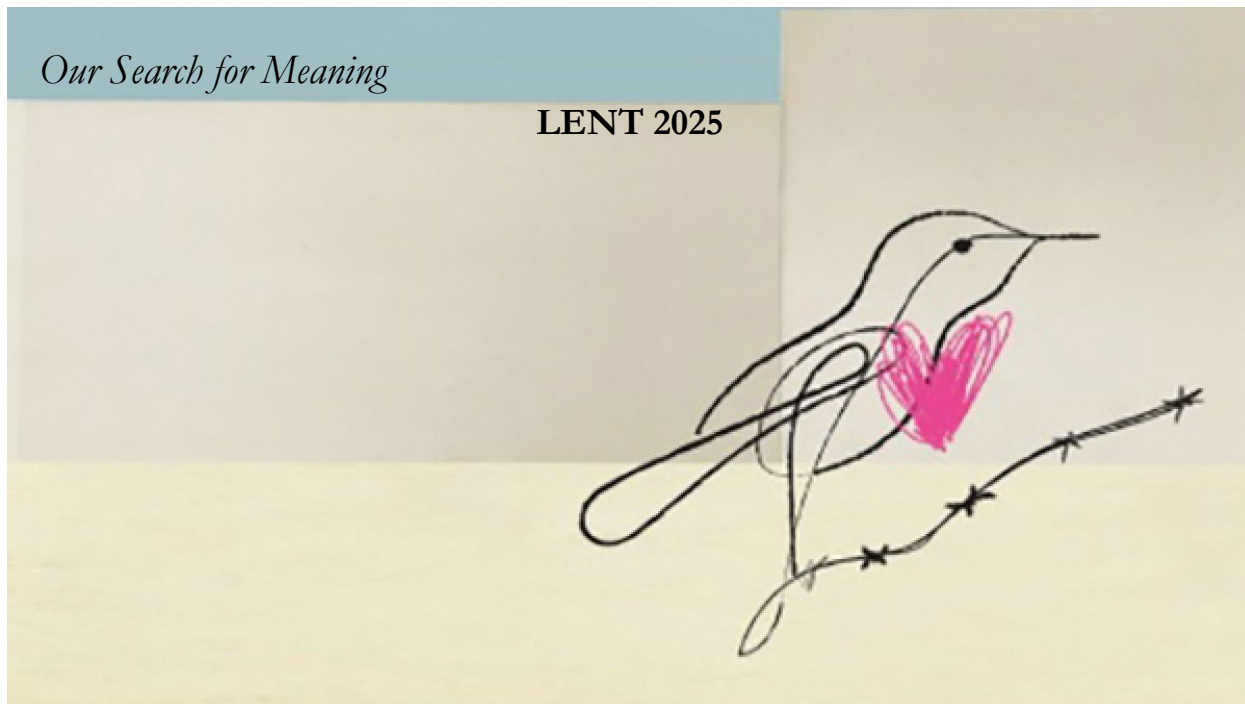
The people of Ukraine, Israel, Palestine, Sudan,
The Democratic Republic of the Congo, and all
those who suffer from war and disaster.

Wednesday Bible Study 11:00 a.m. on Zoom Wednesdays - Join Cat Wednesdays to reflect on the coming Sunday's lectionary passage. All are welcome! Meeting ID: 830 8730 5092; passcode: 033954.

The Forum: Faith formation gathering for youth and adults, *Sundays, 9:15 in the Woodmont Room and on Zoom*. Meeting ID: 829 2802 1217, passcode: 551345. March 16, 23, and 30, we welcome back Rev. Dr. Jerrett Hanson, who will share his **"Thoughts on a New Reformation."**

In March Book Club will be discussing *The Lost Book Shop* by Evie Woods. It has been described as "touch of magic, a love of books, pure escapism, perfect"! March Meeting is on **Tuesday March 25, 7PM at the Nesbitt's** (3913 Juniper Road, 21218).

Bring your rinsed **aluminum cans to raise money for Haiti!** Bring aluminum cans (the change in metal prices means we can no longer accept foil) to church on Sundays and drop them into a designated bin in the Narthex or in Hyde Hall. The cans are sold as scrap metal and the funds sent to two orphanages in Haiti, the Kay Papa Nou Orphanage and Unity House. Have something larger? Call David Rawle at 410-382-4571. Questions? Call David or Lori Rawle at 410-980-6561. Your contributions have made a big difference, and the project coordinators are grateful for your ongoing support! **THANK YOU!**



Two Lenten Bible Studies offered by the Dismantling Racism Team of the Presbytery of Baltimore
Wednesday, April 2 & April 9, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Unfinished Confessions - Each gathering will offer a time of prayer, listening and reflection upon congregational stories of past injustices and broken relationships. How do we hear these sacred stories from our own history? What might we learn about our own spiritual journeys and our collective journey as a community of faith?

On Zoom, register with QR Code.



Stay Tuned for the Holy Week Schedule