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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Transfiguration of the Lord

FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

February 11, 2018

10:45 a.m.

*WORDS OF WELCOME – Welcome to Faith Church; we are glad you are here.
Infant and childcare (through preschool) are provided all morning in the nursery, the second room on the right through the door by the pulpit. Children through the age of 4 may proceed to the childcare room following the “Moment with Faith Kids” for the remainder of the service.
Worship Bags are available in the back pews of the sanctuary.*

THE CHURCH GATHERS

The candle is lit as a symbol of our prayers for peace.

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Christa Fuller Burns

Prelude Amazing Grace

arr. Frederick Swann
(b. 1931)

*Please, stand if you are able.

*Call to Worship

Marilyn Valentine

One: God of darkness and light,

All: Open our eyes to your justice.

One: God of goodness and glory,

All: Open our minds to your wisdom.

One: God of mercy and kindness,

All: Open our hearts to your love.

*Hymn 307 God of Grace and God of Glory

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Prayer of Confession

Marilyn Valentine

One: God, our Great Shepherd, it is easy to lose sight of your kingdom, and your way for us. We hope that love conquers hate, that light shines in our shadows, that life is stronger than death – yet our lips are filled with bitter words, our lives are weak and shallow, the darkened corners of the world beckon to us.

All: Have mercy on us and lead us to the still waters of your grace and the healing garden of your heart, Tender Shepherd. Restore our sight to see you living with us; restore our hope so we might trust you; restore our speech so we might praise your great gift to us in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Silence is observed.

Assurance of Pardon

Marilyn Valentine

One: With a gentle touch, with the anointing of the Holy Spirit, with the joy of love, God reaches out to forgive us and make us whole.

All: Touch us, Eternal Spirit; heal us, Light of Love; fill our lives with new meaning, God of Joy; as we received your forgiveness and grace. Amen.

***Sung Response 841 God Is My Strong Salvation**

WEDLOCK



1 God is my strong sal - va - tion; what foe have I to fear?



In per - il and temp - ta - tion my light, my help, is near.



Though hosts en - camp a - round me, firm to the fight I stand;



what ter - ror can con - found me, with God at my right hand?

***The Peace of Christ**

Marilyn Valentine

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: **And also with you.**

TO PROCLAIM AND EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

Moment with Faith Kids

Rev. Burns

Prayer for Illumination

Hymn 451 Open My Eyes, That I Might See

OPEN MY EYES

Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me. Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free. Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see. Open my eyes; illumine me, Spirit divine!

Lesson John 9:1-41

Marilyn Valentine

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Sermon

"How the Light Gets In"

Rev. Burns

***Hymn 450** Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Burns

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever.

OFFERING

Offertory Anthem Thou Art God

Lionel Bourne

Thou art the peace of all things calm, Thou art the place to hide from harm, Thou art the light that shines in the dark, Thou art the heart's eternal spark, Thou art the door that's open wide, Thou art the guest who waits inside, Thou art the stranger at the door, Thou art the calling of the poor. Thou art my Lord and with me still, Thou art my love, keep me from ill, Thou art the light, the truth, the way. Thou art my Saviour this day, this very day.

*Congregational Response 710 We Lift Our Voices

OFFERING

The musical score is written in 4/4 time on a single treble clef staff. It consists of eight lines of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering. Lord, use our voices; Lord, use our hands; Lord, use our lives; they are yours: we are an offering. All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you. We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering; we are an offering."

Offering Prayer

TO GO FORTH INTO THE WORLD TO SERVE IN CHRIST'S NAME

*Hymn 649 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

AMAZING GRACE

***Benediction**

Rev. Burns

One: Shield us God with your crook and your staff.

All: Bring us safely home.

One: Guide us God with your truth and your goodness.

All: Bring us safely home.

One: Encourage us God with your healing touch

All: Bring us safely home.

One: Shepherd us God walk with us always.

All: Bring us safely home.

The service concludes with the following postlude.

Postlude Hold On!

arr. Calvin Taylor
(b. 1948)

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

Rev. Christa Fuller Burns, Pastor
Dr. Samuel Springer, Minister of Music & Organist
Marilyn Valentine, Liturgist
The Chancel Choir

FAITH FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Souper Bowl of Caring *Today!* Look for Faith Kids with Soup Pots following worship. Please give generously.

More than 28 years ago, the Souper Bowl of Caring began with a simple prayer from a single youth group: "Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those without a bowl of soup to eat." Today donations will go to support GEDCO CARES Pantry.

Ash Wednesday *February 14, 6:00 p.m.*

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday. As has been our custom, we will gather in the Woodmont Room to share a meal of homemade soups and fresh bread. Following the meal, we will move to the chapel for a meditative Taizé Service and the imposition of ashes. Why Taizé? In 1940, Brother Roger arrived in Taizé, France with a dream of building an ecumenical community devoted to prayer and reconciliation. Over time, the community multiplied, but the music of Taizé has kept true to its origins of simple, repetitive prayer set to music and sung in unison in a manner that creates both shared community and personal reflection. If you can contribute soup, please let Judy Sperling know.

Sunday Adult Forum 9:15 a.m. – Woodmont Room

February 18, & 25

Minority Women's Approach to Theology

Arthur Sutherland, Ph.D. will lead the discussion.

Wednesday Bible Study: 11:00 a.m. – Woodbourne Room, all are welcome. Join us for lively discussion on the upcoming Sunday lesson. No preparation is required.

February 14 – John 11:1-44
February 21 – John 13:1-17
February 28 – John 18:12-27



Faith Family Movie Night

Who: Faith's Kids and their parents

What: Minute to Win it Games, Pizza, Movie

When: Friday, 2/16/18, 6-8 PM

Where: Faith's Fellowship Hall

Why: Time for parents to connect and kids to have FUN!

RSVP Robin Nemser (robin.nemser@gmail.com)

Black History Month Concert *Friday, February 23 at 7:00 p.m.*

Daniel C.X. Rich, *baritone* will present a concert by African American composers, spiritual arrangements and songs set to the texts of Black poets.

Daniel has performed with several opera companies including the role of Surnani in an operetta commissioned by The Smithsonian and the Sultanate of Oman. Most recently, he took the rolls of Horseman in Strauss' *Rosenkavalier* and Falstaff in Verdi's *Falstaff*. Daniel is a graduate of Morgan State, and currently a graduate student at Manhattan School of Music.

A meet the artist reception will follow.

Dinners for Eight 2018

The Church Growth Committee is excited to invite the congregation to our 2018 Dinners for Eight on **Saturday, March 3 at 6:00**. We already have two wonderful members who have volunteered to host a dinner for the first time!

Would you consider hosting this year? The responsibilities for the host are to provide a home for dinner, the main dish (ex. lasagna, pork loin, your favorite chicken recipe, etc.) and drinks of your choosing. The guests volunteer to bring side dishes and dessert. For those folks who require an accessible home, we will be hosting a dinner at Faith for the third time. If your home is too small to host a Dinner for Eight, consider being the host at church (you won't even have to clean your house!). Please call or email Robin Nemser (443-570-9710; robin.nemser@gmail.com) or Paula Burger (443-928-8091; paulapburger@gmail.com) to volunteer to host or to attend a party. Don't miss this great opportunity to make connections with other Faith members.

Joys and Concerns may be written before the service in a special book in the narthex. The book will be brought to the minister before the prayer.

Please pray for our homebound members:

Betty Bunce
Nancy Stutzer

Christian Dunyoh
Betty Lou Tampieri

Esmie & Leon Stirling
Dot Weller

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