



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Epiphany

FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 6, 2019

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.*

THE CHURCH GATHERS

The candle is lit as a prayer for peace.

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Mary Barrett Speers

Prelude Es ist ein' Ros' entsprungen
Lo, how a rose e'er blooming

Johannes Brahms
(1919-2009)

**Please rise in body or in spirit; unison parts are in bold.*

*Call to Worship

Chris Pope

Lesson Isaiah 42:5-12

One: Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it:

All: I am the Lord, says our God: I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness.

One: I am the Lord: that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

All: Sing to the Lord a new song, God's praise from the end of the earth! Let the sea roar and all that fills it, the coastlands and their inhabitants. Let the desert and its towns lift up their voice, the villages that Kedar inhabits; let the inhabitants of Sela sing for joy, let them shout from the tops of the mountains. Let them give glory to the Lord, and declare God's praise in the coastlands.

***Hymn 292** All Beautiful the March of Days
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FOREST GREEN

Prayer of Confession

God of grace and glory, we come before you acknowledging our failure to live in the light of your promise in Jesus Christ. So often, in weariness or fear, we want you to act through someone else—anyone but us. So often we do harm when we mean to do good. So often we see all the hurt in your world and despair of doing any good at all. We forget that only you are God. We forget that we can do all things in Christ who strengthens us. Raise our spirits, renew our hope, and empower us to do your gracious will. Work through us to make a better world, and in so doing, gladden our hearts, open our minds, and strengthen the ties that bind us to one another and to you, for we pray in the strong name of Jesus, our brother, our savior, the Light of the World. Amen.

Silence is observed.

Assurance of Pardon

One: ...Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel:

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

*The Peace of Christ

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

Sung Prayer for Illumination 150 *verse 1*

DIX

As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold as with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright; So, most gracious Lord, may we evermore be led to Thee.

Lesson John 1: 1-5, 9-14

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One: This is the word of the Lord.

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

Sermon

"Joining the Neighborhood"

Rev. Speers

***Hymn 794** Come! Live in the Light

WE ARE CALLED

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

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 Star of Wonder

Alan Bullard
(b. 1947)

***Offering Response 147** The First Nowell *verse 6*

THE FIRST NOWELL

Then let us all with one accord sing praises to our heav'nly Lord, that hath made heav'n and earth of nought, and with his blood our life hath bought: Nowell, Nowell...born is the King of Israel!

Dedication of Self and Substance

Gracious God, everything we have comes from you. in returning these offerings to you, we offer our lives in your service. Follow these gifts with your blessing, that your light may shine in the darkest night. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Invitation: Words of Institution

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...the prayer continues

Breaking of the Bread and Pouring the Wine

Sung Response 535

BLESS THE LORD

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
And all that is within me bless God's holy name.
Bless the Lord, O my soul,
And forget not all God's benefits.

Communion *(by intinction)* So that all may be welcome at the table, please know that gluten-free, cubed bread is available on each tray, and "wine" is unfermented grape juice. Please come to the front of the sanctuary via the center aisle, take the bread and dip it into the chalice, partake and return to your seat by way of a side aisle.

During the Distribution

Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light

arr. Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685-1750)

Prayer

God our help: we thank you for this supper shared in the Spirit with your holy child Jesus, who makes us new and strong, who brings us life eternal. We praise you for the light you have poured into our hearts, and pledge ourselves in turn to pour that light into the world you so love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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

***Hymn 853** We Are Marching in the Light of God

SIYAHAMBA

***Benediction**

The service concludes following the postlude

Postlude In dir ist Freude BWV 615
In You Is Joy

Johann Sebastian Bach

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

Rev. Mary Barrett Speers, *Interim Pastor*
Samuel Springer, *Minister of Music*
Christ Pope, *Liturgist*
The Chancel Choir

FAITH FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Donations for the Cuba Encuentro, February 15-22

If you are able, please donate the following over-the-counter medicines to be taken to Cuba. If you wish, you may give cash or checks (made out to Faith and marked for Cuba) and **Audrey Trapp** will shop for you! Place in the offering plate by February 3rd. Thank you so much for your continued generosity to our sisters and brothers in our partner churches in Meneses and Iguara, Cuba.

Adult daily multivitamins, gummies
or tablets

BenGay or generic muscle rub

Calcium with D3

Children's calcium with D3,
chewable

Children's vitamins, chewable

Children's Motrin or generic

Chlorpheniramine (antihistamine)
children and adults

D3

Excedrin migraine or generic

Iron

Lansoprazole (antacid)

Mucus chest relief (guaifenesin)
children and adults

Naproxen sodium

Ocuvite (eye vitamins)

Omeprazol (Prilosec)

Pepto-bismol (or generic) chewable
tablets

Tums or generic

Thermometers

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

Hymns that Move the Spirit

January 6, 13, and 20 - Bring a favorite hymn and be prepared to talk about it.
We will meet in the chapel.

January 27 – **Margaret Budd**, acclaimed organist will to present her views on
Music that Moves the Spirit.

2018 Contribution Statements and End of Year

Faith will close out the year on January 9, 2019. The final contributions for 2018 will be due then; checks received after this date will be recorded as 2019.

Please date checks in the year you would like them recorded. Call the office with questions about your pledge or if you would like your 2018 contribution report before mid-January.

Youth Group Gathering

Hannah Pope and **Krista Wallace** invite the Youth of Faith, grades 5th-12th, to join us for our first monthly meeting on Sunday the 13th at 5:30pm. This planning meeting, to be held at Faith Church, will kick off 2019 with some fun and fellowship! Bring your ideas and opinions on what you would like our youth group to do. Please indicate your interest by texting or calling Hannah Pope at 410-937-7021.

Book Club 7:00, *Monday January 28*

Our Book Club will be gathering at the Nesbitt's to discuss the book "Once They Were Hats: In Search of The Mighty Beaver" by **Frances Backhouse**. web footed, buck toothed workaholic than you ever realized you even wanted. Led by our two resident Beaver specialists **Scott McGill** and **Bill Curtis**, this will be an evening that you won't want to miss.

This book will give you more insight into this

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:

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Session

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2019

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Randy Woodfield

2020

Mike Billings

Scott Bissett

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Carl Herber

2021

Ellsworth Jackson

Karen Meyers

Mike Shirey

Audrey Trapp

Deacons

Susan Minor, Moderator

2019

Karen Burd

Lauren Hill

Mary Hodgson

Robin Nemser

2020

Chandra Jackson

Susan Minor

Mozella Williams

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All Beautiful the March of Days

FOREST GREEN CMD

Frances Whitmarsh Wile, 1911

English folk melody
Arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

1. All beau - ti - ful the march of days, As sea - sons come and go;
2. O'er white ex - pans - es spar - kling pure The ra - diant morns un - fold;
3. O Thou from whose un - fath - omed law The year in beau - ty flows,

The hand that shaped the rose hath wrought The crys - tal of the snow;
The sol - emn splen - dors of the night Burn bright - er through the cold;
Thy - self the vi - sion pass - ing by In crys - tal and in rose,

Hath sent the hoar - y frost of heaven, The flow - ing wa - ters sealed,
Life mounts in ev - ery throb - bing vein, Love deep - ens round the hearth,
Day un - to day doth ut - ter speech, And night to night pro - claim,

And laid a si - lent love - li - ness On hill and wood and field.
And clear - er sounds the an - gel hymn, "Good will to all on earth."
In ev - er - chang - ing words of light, The won - der of Thy name.

God made the sky where air - planes fly; God made the world, and me.
I'm cer - tain of my Mak - er's love; God's care is o - ver me.