

August 16, 2026
The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



"Cheesesteak Eggrolls, Whaaat?" Faith Presbyterian Church/Nexus Woodbourne Cooking Program.
Photo by Cat Goodrich, May 14, 2026

**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

JOYS AND CONCERNS

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE *Though I May Speak*

Dale Wood
(1934-2003)

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Listen! The God of life invites us to join the feast!

God calls us into community, and sets a table filled with good things.

There is a place for each one of us here, where gifts are given,
and with joy received.

Answer the invitation, people of God!

Today we take our place at the great divine party.

With courage and joy, let us praise the Lord!

***HYMN 367** *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful Christ, in your life you showed us true hospitality.

Still, we jostle for position and power,

prize relationships that give us the best return,

and cling to what we have instead of sharing with those in need.

Remind us that we are called not to the highest places but the lowest;

And to follow your example by welcoming the lost and valuing the least.

We open our hearts to you in silent prayer...

KYRIE 285 *Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song*

BRIDEGROOM

With the healing of division,
With the ceaseless voice of prayer,
With the power to love and witness,
With the peace beyond compare.
Come, Holy Spirit, Come.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

***GLORIA 388** *Come All You People*

UYAI MOSE

Come all you people,
Come and praise your maker (x3),
Come now and worship the Lord!

***PASSING THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you...

... and also with you.

MOMENT WITH FAITH KIDS

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

HEBREW BIBLE READING Isaiah 25:1-8

O Lord, you are my God;
I will exalt you; I will praise your name,
for you have done wonderful things,
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.
For you have made the city a heap,
the fortified city a ruin;
the palace of foreigners is a city no more;
it will never be rebuilt.
Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.
For you have been a refuge to the poor,
a refuge to the needy in their distress,
a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.
When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,
the noise of strangers like heat in a dry place,
you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;
the song of the ruthless was stilled.
On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.
And God will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the covering that is spread over all nations;
death will be swallowed up forever.
Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of the people will be taken away from all the earth,
for the Lord has spoken.

MUSIC *Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life*

Lloyd Larson
(b. 1954)

GOSPEL READING Luke 14:12-24

[Jesus] said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

One of the dinner guests, on hearing this, said to him, “Blessed is anyone who will eat bread in the kingdom of God!” Then Jesus said to him, “Someone gave a great dinner and invited many. At the time for the dinner he sent his slave to say to those who had been invited, ‘Come, for everything is ready now.’ But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, ‘I have bought a piece of land, and I must go out and see it; please accept my regrets.’ Another said, ‘I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to try them out; please accept my regrets.’ Another said, ‘I have just been married, and therefore I cannot come.’ So the slave returned and reported this to his master. Then the owner of the house became angry and said to his slave, ‘Go out at once into the streets and lanes of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind, and the lame.’ And the slave said, ‘Sir, what you ordered has been done, and there is still room.’ Then the master said to the slave, ‘Go out into the roads and lanes, and compel people to come in, so that my house may be filled. For I tell you, none of those who were invited will taste my dinner.’ ”

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

SERMON

Reason to Celebrate! God's Guest List

Rev. Goodrich

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***HYMN 769** *For Everyone Born*

FOR EVERYONE BORN

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 *Here in this Place*, Neil Nemser

GATHER US IN

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 693** *Though I May Speak*

GIFT OF LOVE

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *Postlude on "Hyfrydol"*

John Barr
(b. 1938)

Leading Worship Today

Rev. Cat Dodson Goodrich, *Pastor*
Dr. Samuel Springer, *Minister of Music and Organist*
Mike Billings, *Liturgist*
Bobby Hall, *Usher*
Patrick Baker, *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 outside 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-5 grades will be held all other Sundays following the Time with Faith Kids in the classroom just outside of the sanctuary.

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.	All those who suffer from war and disaster.
Our partners in Cuba	Undocumented immigrants
	Chandra Jackson as she hopes to be matched with a new kidney

Wednesday Bible Study *11:00 a.m. on Zoom* will not meet in July and August; plan to join us in September to read and reflect on each week's lectionary passage.

The Forum: is on break for summer. Plan to join our centering prayer circle in the chapel starting again on August 9 at 10 AM, with shared silence for prayer and personal reflection.

Fresh Eggs from Beaver Moon Farm are for sale to benefit the **Bread Fund!** \$5/dozen for delicious, pasture-raised eggs. All proceeds will be given to the Bread Fund, to feed hungry people both here and in Cuba. Please give cash to Scott McGill or pay via Venmo: @Scott-McGill21.

Turn aluminum cans into support for the children of Kay Papa Nou Orphanage and Unity House. Bring your rinsed aluminum cans to Faith Church and drop them in designated bin in the narthex or in Hyde Hall. The cans are sold as scrap metal and the funds sent to the two children's homes in Haiti. Have something larger made of aluminum? 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!

Church Cookout, 8/22 at 4 PM, you're invited to an evening of fun, food, and fellowship at Beaver Moon Farm! All are welcome - please invite family and friends!

- When: Saturday, August 22nd, starting at 4:00 p.m.
- Where: Beaver Moon Farm — 2120 High Point Road, Forest Hill, MD
- Weather: Rain or shine! We've ordered great weather, but we have plenty of indoor space just in case.

What's on the Menu?

- We Provide: Grill items including burgers, hot dogs, chicken, and vegetarian options.
- You Provide: It's a potluck—please bring a dish, side, or dessert to share!

RSVP Requested: Please contact the church office to let us know if you plan to attend so we can get an accurate head count for the grill.

No-Grout Mosaic Workshops, Sunday August 30 and September 6, 12:15-3; September 13, 12:15-2:45. Join artist Andrea Sauer to create beautiful mosaic hearts for Hyde Fellowship Hall! Learn how to cut glass and assemble a mosaic that reflects the diversity of our wider community. Come to one or all three sessions. Please email the church office if you'd like to participate, administrator@faithpcbalt.org.

Centering Prayer



EVERY SUNDAY STARTING JUNE 14

10:00-10:30am in the chapel
at Faith

Join us for centering prayer. Space to listen, be still; refill your cup



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Practice



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