

Sunday, August 9, 2026
The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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.

**Faith Presbyterian Church
ORDER OF WORSHIP**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Cat Dodson Goodrich

JOYS AND CONCERNS

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE *The Ash Grove*

Wilbur Held
(1914-2015)

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

People of Faith, give thanks to God!

We thank God for the blessing of community, and the joy we find in life together.

Give thanks to God at all times and for everything!

We thank God, when we can and as we can, even in the midst of struggles or times of fear.

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We give thanks to the one who holds our joys as well as our pain, our losses as well as our laughter: all things and everything.

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

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of creation, in a world where evil too often flourishes, you continue to work for good. In a culture which worships foolishness, you still offer wisdom as a gift. With trust in your goodness and wisdom, we admit the times that we have failed to speak up when others are belittled. We've turned a blind eye to relentless misogynist, racist, trans-phobic attacks on the worth and well-being of those who are dear to us: our very selves, our siblings, our friends and community members. Forgive us, and use our hearts and hands to build an equitable and supportive community where all are seen, loved, and valued. 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

PSALTER READING Psalm 33:1-9

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous.
Praise befits the upright.

Praise the Lord with the lyre;
make melody with the harp of ten strings.
Sing to God a new song;
play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.
For the word of the Lord is upright,
and God does all work in faithfulness.
YHWH loves righteousness and justice;
the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord.
God spoke the heavens into being,
And the heavenly host sprang forth with a single breath.
The creator gathered the waters of the sea as in a bottle;
and put the deeps in storehouses.
Let all the earth fear the Lord;
let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe,
for God spoke, and it came to be;
with a word commanded, and it stood firm.

MUSIC *All Things Bright and Beautiful*

Larry Shackley
(b.1956)

EPISTLE READING Ephesians 5:22-6:9

Wives, be subject to your husbands as to the Lord, for the husband is the head of the wife just as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. Just as the church is subject to Christ, so also wives ought to be, in everything, to their husbands.

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her in order to make her holy by cleansing her with the washing of water by the word, so as to present the church to himself in splendor, without a spot or wrinkle or anything of the kind, so that she may be holy and without blemish. In the same way, husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. For no one ever hates his own flesh, but he nourishes and tenderly cares for it, just as Christ does for the church, because we are members of his body. “For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.” This is a great mystery, but I am speaking about Christ and the church. Each of you, however, should love his wife as himself, and a wife should respect her husband.

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. “Honor your father and mother”—this is the first commandment with a promise— “so that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth.”

And, fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

Slaves, obey your earthly masters with respect and trembling, in singleness of heart, as you obey Christ, not with a slavery performed merely for looks, to please people, but as slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from the soul. Render service with enthusiasm, as for the Lord and not for humans, knowing that whatever good we do, we will receive the same again from the Lord, whether we are enslaved or free.

And, masters, do the same to them. Stop threatening them, for you know that both of you have the same Lord in heaven, and with him there is no partiality.

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

SERMON

Perplexing Texts: Girls just wanna have fundamental rights

Rev. Goodrich

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***HYMN 300** *We Are One in the Spirit*

THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

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 *Neil Nemser, bass*

THE CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

May God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts

We lift them up to God.

The prayer continues, concluding with...

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF COMMUNION

In the sanctuary, you may either receive the juice by intinction (dip the bread in the cup) or with a sealed cup to take back to your pew. Either way, come forward by the center aisle and return by the outside aisle.

If you are at home, when the bread is broken, please break your bread. When the cup is poured, please pour it or touch the cup if you've already filled it. We give thanks that the Spirit is present wherever we are, knitting us together as the body of Christ in the world.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of the feast, for the gift of this meal which feeds us with grace and gives us strength for the journey, we thank you. By the power of the bread we have broken and the cup we have shared, knit us together as one body with many parts, each equally valued. May our community bear witness to the goodness of creation, and the justice and equity you intend for all people. Amen.

SENDING GOD'S PEOPLE INTO THE WORLD

***HYMN 539** *We Will Go Out With Joy*

WE WILL GO OUT WITH JOY

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *Toccata (homage to Antonio Vivaldi)*

Craig Penfield
(b. 1948)

Leading Worship Today

Rev. Cat Dodson Goodrich, Pastor

Samuel Springer, Minister of Music & Organist

Pat Nesbitt, Liturgist

Bobby Hall, Usher

Nell Fultz, 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
	Samuel Springer and family on the death of his mother

Sunday Forum: The Forum is taking a break until September. Please plan to join our centering prayer circle on Sundays in August, from 10-10:30am in the chapel with time for silence, prayer, and shared reflection.

The Wednesday Bible Study will take a break for July and August. See you in September!

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.