***The Inter-Faith Chapel***

***“A House of Prayer for All People”***

**3680 South Leisure World Blvd.**

**Silver Spring, Maryland 20906**



***February 2, 2020***

***Fourth Sunday After Epiphany***

***With Holy Communion***

**10:00 AM Worship Service**

***As you enter to worship, please remember to silence your cell phones.* **

**SILENT MEDITATION**

*O God, it is good to be together, in this place, with these people, at this time, together listening for your voice. In this hour of worship, tell us about your kingdom of kindness so that we can seek it, show us your justice so that we can do it, and teach us of humility that we can closely and daily walk humbly with you. Amen.* (from leading in worship)

**WORDS OF WELCOME Dr. Ramonia Lee**

**LIGHTING THE PEACE CANDLE**

**We light this candle as a symbol of our continued commitment**

**to peace, justice, kindness, and humility in our world.**

**PRELUDE *Meditation*  Louis Vierne**

**Kevin M. Clemens, Director of Music**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Leader: Come and hear the good news,  
No matter who you are, or what is happening in your life.*

**PEOPLE God’s blessings and love are with us!**

*Leader: Come and hear what God wants you to do.*

**PEOPLE: We are called to live lives of justice, love, and truth.**

*Leader: Come and receive inspiration and instruction on God’s plan for life.*

**PEOPLE: We seek to embrace God’s direction and values rather than those of the world.**

**ALL: We come with loving hearts, open minds, and willing spirits; ready to listen, prepared to be challenged, and seeking to experience God’s direction and presence. Let us together, worship God.**

**INVOCATION**

** HYMN  *Standing on the Promises***

** You may stand.**

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**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION UNISON**

**O God, we confess that we are not always as aware of your presence and your plan as we should be. Too frequently we live our lives as if we make up our own rules. Too frequently we have only anger and judgment for others. Too frequently we miss opportunities to show grace and offer love. Remind us to walk softly in our lives. Guide us to places of love and humility, and inspire us to seek out justice for those who find far too little of it in this world. Most importantly, teach us to see more clearly when we are falling short of those goals and designs you have on our life. Forgive us, for we pray in Jesus name. Amen**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy universal church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the dead, and life everlasting. Amen.**

** GLORIA PATRI**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;**

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be;**

**World without end. Amen. Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 15 OT 609**

**Reader: George Samara**

**ANTHEM  *Is There Anybody Here?* Arr. by Keith Hampton**

**Chancel Choir (Michelle Maxwell, soloist)**

**SCRIPTURE READING Micah 6: 1-8 OT 1060**

**SERMON “Game Plan For Life” Dr. Woodie Rea**

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY  *I Want to Be Ready* Arr. by Moses Hogan**

**Chancel Choir (Michelle Maxwell, soloist)**

**DOXOLOGY (Tune: Lasst Uns Erfreuen)**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise God, all creatures here below;**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Praise God, the source of all our gifts!**

**Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!**

**Praise Spirit, Holy Spirit!**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

** PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**COMMUNION HYMN  *Let Us Break Bread Together***

**INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION**

*Leader: Jesus calls us to this table, inviting us to drink the Living Water,*

*eat the Bread of Life, and experience life eternal.*

**PEOPLE: Jesus calls us off of the sidelines to be fully engaged with the Spirit,**

**and out of the shadows to be entirely filled with God’s presence.**

*Leader: Jesus calls us all. All who were made in God’s image, all who breathe*

*the breath of God’s spirit, all who want to receive his grace and experience his presence.*

**PEOPLE: Jesus calls us to the table, to this meal that nourishes our spirits and forms us into one Body, living together in Christ.**

*Leader: Jesus calls us, here and now.*

*Come to this table, one and all.*

*Come to this table, for you are beloved in Christ.*

**COMMUNION PRAYER UNISON**

**We thank you, Holy God, for inspiring our faith, strengthening our hope, and renewing our love. Through bread and cup we remember your life, your teachings, and your way. We give thanks for the eternal presence of your Spirit with us and for the power of the living Christ at work within us. Open us, O God, to your sacrificial love that that we may experience your grace and walk in the fullness of life. Hear us now, as we continue our prayer…**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER SUNG BY ALL**

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

**THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION UNISON**

**Almighty God, we give you thanks that you have refreshed us at your table through the experience of the real presence of Christ. And now, sanctify our faith, increase our love for one another, expand our call for justice, and strengthen our walk with you. Through Christ we pray. Amen.**

** PASSING THE PEACE**

*During the Passing the Peace, throughout the cold and flu season,*

*many prefer the option of greeting one another verbally.*

** HYMN *Fight the Good Fight***

** BENEDICTION**

** CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Tune: Ar Hyd Y Nos**

**Text: Jaroslav Vajda**

**“Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.**

**Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.**

**In my love’s baptismal river I have made you mine forever.**

**Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.”**

**POSTLUDE  *Carillon* Louis Vierne**

**Kevin M. Clemens, Director of Music**

**A PARTING THOUGHT**

*Justice, kindness and humility,  
offered in the presence of God:  
they are not three separate things,   
but three dimensions of one thing.*

*Justice is kindness extended humbly,  
as God's gift, not our own imposition,  
equally to every one of God's Beloved,  
without judgment, privilege or exception.*

*Only kindness can define justice.  
Only in humility will we see our injustice.  
Kindness alone shows humility before God.*

*It takes faith, love and courage  
to do justice, to make kindness the law,  
to abolish all privilege, judgment and exclusion.*

*God help us to do justice, to love your kindness,  
to walk humbly in your presence. Amen.*

- Steve Garnaas-Holmes

**HOLY COMMUNION** is provided two different ways at The Inter-Faith Chapel.

You are invited to participate in the form most familiar and comfortable to you.

**COMMUNION is served in the PEWS** on the



LEFT SIDE of the sanctuary facing the cross.

Wafers and individual ***grape juice*** cups will be passed

in trays among the congregation.

**COMMUNION is served by INTINCTION** on the

RIGHT SIDE of the sanctuary facing the cross.

Communicants will come forward down the center aisle

and receive a wafer to dip in the chalice of ***wine***.

**GLUTEN-FREE COMMUNION** is available from the minister at the altar table, or in the pew upon request.

**COMMUNION STEWARDS**

**Clydis Kellough and Millie Spencer**

**COMMUNION ASSISTANT**

**Tronette Anochie**

**CHOIR COMMUNION SERVERS**

**Maureen Harris and Maggi Lindley**

**SERVING COMMUNION IN THE PEWS**

**Roman Czujko, Judy Duarte**

**Eun Joo Robinson, Melvin Robinson**

**Welcome To The Inter-Faith Chapel**

### We are committed to being “*A House of Prayer for All People*.”

### We are seeking to share the Love of God through caring, outreach, study, and worship. We invite you to share with us in this journey.

### We are delighted you are here today, and hope you will return soon and often!

**Believing in God whose love and grace are accessible to all,**

**we strive to make our worship service accessible to all.**

**For V isually I mpaired Large Print Bibles are available**



**For H earing I mpaired Sound Enhancement Headphones**

**For P hysically I mpaired Wheelchair Accessible Seating**

**Automated Doors are available at front and side entrances**

**If you need help with any of these aids, please ask an usher for assistance.**

**ALTAR FLOWERS Dedicated by Tyra Thompson in memory of her**

**sister, Linda Windsor**

**FLOWER MAKERS Maggi Lindley and Marlys Moholt**

**USHERS Marilyn Sebastian, Head Usher**

**Jill Glixon, Fredreika Smith, Tyra Thompson**

**GREETER Marlys Moholt**

**Delivery of Altar Flowers on Monday, February 3**

** Anna Pappas Bertie Knisely**

**Presence on Sunday, January 26**

**199**

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| **January 26 Offering**  **$5,018** | **Weekly 2020 Budget**  **$8,462** |
| **Year to Date Offering**  **$31,011** | **Year to Date 2020 Budget**  **$33,848** |

***ANNOUNCEMENTS & OPPORTUNITIES***

**VISITOR / NEW MEMBER REGISTER**  If you are visiting with us today, we extend a special welcome to you and are so pleased you chose to worship with us. Please sign the *Visitor Register* located in the narthex and receive an Inter-Faith Chapel coffee mug as our small gift. Also, if you are looking for a church home and would like to learn more about this dynamic congregation, please let us know by signing the *Member / Affiliate Register*. We are glad you are with us today and hope you will come back soon!

**SOUPER BOWL OF CARING** Today, the Missions Committee invites you to place a cash donation to The Interfaith Committee for the Homeless and Working Poor in the large soup pot located in the Narthex. Donations of any amount are appreciated as we will try to score a victory for the hungry and homeless in our community. After the service, everyone is invited to a “Tailgate Reception” for warm fellowship and favorite football snacks!

**FREE YOGA CLASS** Body & Brain Chair Yoga will be offered here at The Chapel beginning **Friday, February 7** at 11:00 am. Chapel member Christine Tetrault will offer a free weekly class for four weeks focusing on gentle movements that make fewer demands on your balance and strength. The classes will meet Fridays from February 7 to February 28 from 11:00 am – 11:45 am. To make your reservation, please sign up on the clipboard in the Narthex today or call the Chapel office by tomorrow.

**TAIZE WORSHIP SERVICE** Join us on **Sunday, February 9** at 4:00 pm for a candlelight Taize worship service. Taize worship, which takes its name from a small community in France, is contemplative in nature. Repetitive sung prayers, silent meditation, scripture readings, and common prayer are all integral aspects of Taize worship. Come join us for a new and meaningful worship experience.

**INTERFAITH WOMEN’S MEETING**  The next meeting will be **Thursday,** **February 13th** at 1:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Our speaker will be Dahlia Levin, Director of External Affairs for the National Center for Children and Families. She will enlighten us as to the needs of the homeless and will give us all a greater understanding of this important work in our area. The Shelter is in need of several items: XL twin sheets, pillows, towels, wash cloths, mattress covers for XL twin beds, tablecloths, placemats, shower curtains, bath rugs, blankets and comforters. These will be collected in the Narthex or can be brought to the meeting on February 13th. All ladies are invited to attend.

**FEBRUARY BOOK CLUB** All are invited to a book club discussion of *Small Great Things* by Jodi Picoulton **Friday, February 7** at 2:00 pm.

**SINGERS WANTED FOR ALZHEIMER’S CHOIR** A special choir is being formed for all interested singers including dementia patients, caregivers and friends. The **All Primetimers Choir** will rehearse on Thursdays at 2:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. For more information, or to register for the choir, please call Bill Pailen at 301-606-8273 or through email at [Primechoir@gmail.com](mailto:Primechoir@gmail.com).

**VISIT TO NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY AND CULTURE** The Inter-Faith Fellowship plans a trip to the museum on **Wednesday, February 19** and invites you to come along. The group will gather at The Chapel at 9:00 am to carpool to the Glenmont Metro station and will travel via Metro to the museum. Please RSVP no later than Thursday, February 13th by calling The Chapel office at 301-598-5312 or by visiting the Announcements section of [www.inter-faithchapel.org](http://www.inter-faithchapel.org).

**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE** We will begin our Lenten journey together on **Ash Wednesday, February 26** at **12:00 pm**. Our service will include Holy Communion and the marking of ashes. Please plan to join us for this holy observance and to be with us each Wednesday in Lent for our mid-week service.

**LENTEN STUDY** During the season of Lent, we will study the book *Sermon on the Mount* by Carol Geisler. Dr. Rea and Dr. Lee will lead the study which will meet on **Tuesdays** during Lent: **March 3 – March 31** at 10:30 am. To register, call 301-598-5312 or go to [www.inter-faithchapel.org](http://www.inter-faithchapel.org) by February 14. Please let us know if you want a book for $5.99 when you register.

**WORSHIP SERVICE BROADCAST**  Each week, our Sunday morning worship service is recorded for rebroadcast. You can tune in every Wednesday, at 2:00 PM on Leisure World Cable Channel 972 for viewing. This is a significant part of our extended ministry to the Leisure World community. We encourage you to let those who are unable to be in regular church attendance know about this service.

**FLOWER DELIVERY** The February flower delivery schedule is now in the Narthex. Please sign up if you are able to deliver flowers to brighten someone’s day.

**2020 BIBLE READING GUIDE** We encourage you to read the Bible daily to reveal new understandings about God and about yourself. You may pick up a 2020 Bible Reading Guide in the Narthex. You may also go to [www.inter-faithchapel.org](http://www.inter-faithchapel.org) and click on 2020 Bible Reading Guide on the home page.

**CHAPEL CALENDAR**

**Monday, February 3 2:00 PM Sandwich Makers**

**Tuesday, February 4 10:00 AM Men’s Chorale**

**12:00 PM Staff Meeting**

**1:30 PM Handbells**

**Wednesday, February 5 10:00 AM Women’s Chorus**

**3:00 PM Alzheimer’s Support Group**

**Thursday, February 6 2:00 PM Dance Practice**

**2:00 PM Primetimers Choir**

**7:00 PM Chancel Choir**

**Friday, February 7 11:00 AM Yoga**

**2:00 PM Book Club**

**7:30 PM Shabbat Service**

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**CHAPEL OFFICE HOURS**

**9:00 AM - 3:00 PM  Monday – Friday**

**301-598-5312**

***Rev. Dr. Woodie Rea, Senior Minister***

***Rev. Dr. Ramonia Lee, Minister of Congregational Life***

***Kevin M. Clemens, Director of Music***

***Bonnie Bonner, Administrator***

***Joy Dufour, Administrative Assistant***

***Steve Buck, Gary Carpenter, Video Technicians and Sexton***