

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN



CHURCH IN GERMANTOWN

ALIVE,

FEBRUARY 5, 2017

CELEBRATING

& SERVING

THE

LIVING LORD!

In preparation for worship please take the opportunity to speak silently to God.

At the close of the service let us greet one another with cheerfulness.

Please be sure that your cell phone is turned off during worship.

February 5, 2017

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP AT 10:00 AM

GATHERING AS GOD'S FAMILY

Prelude: *My Lord, What a Morning*

Arr. Johannes Matthias Michel

Welcome and Announcements

Introit: *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God, Almighty*

Arr. John Carter

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God, Almighty. Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee; Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

*Call to Worship

From Psalm 112

Leader: Praise the Lord! Happy are those who fear the Lord,
who greatly delight in his commandments.

**People: Their descendants will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

Leader: Wealth and riches are in their houses,
and their righteousness endures forever.

**People: They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright;
they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.**

Leader: It is well with those who deal generously and lend,
who conduct their affairs with justice.

**People: They have distributed freely, they have given to the poor;
their righteousness endures forever;
their horn is exalted in honor.**

Hymn 210: *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*

ST. ANNE

CONFESSING OUR SINS TO GOD

Prayer of Confession

Most gracious and most merciful God, we confess to you and to one another that time after time we have entered your presence with countless prayers but with hearts that have been closed to your grace. We have lifted our hands to you in praise, but our feet have still walked in the ways of evil. We have rehearsed your commandments but have refused to see your face in the needs of our neighbor. We pray, Lord, that you forgive our lack of faith and pardon our acts of injustice. Grant us the healing that comes from your presence and the cleansing of your all-powerful Word, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

Silent Meditation

Assurance of Pardon

*Congregational Response 579: *Gloria Patri*

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

(As worshipers, we come from diverse experiences and points of view. We have different racial, educational, and economic backgrounds. Yet we are all one in Christ. We symbolize this as we exchange with one another, by words and gestures, signs of peace and reconciliation such as, “The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.”)

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Dhyan Cassie, Reader

The First Lesson: Isaiah 58:1-9a

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Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God. Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice? Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord? Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard? Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

Leader: God’s Word is a lamp to our feet, and a light to our path.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Gospel Choir: *You Betta Mind*

Traditional Spiritual

You betta mind what you’re talking about. You’ve got to give an account at the judgment.

You betta mind what you’re singing about. You’ve got to give an account at the judgment.

You betta mind what you’re praying about. You’ve got to give an account at the judgment.

You betta mind what you’re shouting about. You’ve got to give an account at the judgment.

You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

Leader: God we thank you for your Word.

People: **The Story of your grace.**

*Hymn 337: *Isaiah the Prophet Has Written of Old*

SAMANTHRA

Sermon: **SALT AND LIGHT**

The Reverend Randal L. Bremer

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

*Confession of Faith: *Apostles Creed*

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

The Reverend Kevin L. Porter

The Lord’s Prayer

Offering of Our Gifts and Lives

Offertory: *If Ye Love Me*

Thomas Tallis

If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter, that he may abide with you forever, e’en the spirit of truth.

*Congregational Response 592: *Doxology*

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Prayer of Dedication

GOING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn 563: *Lift Every Voice and Sing*

LIFT EVERY VOICE

*Charge and Benediction

Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God our Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

*Congregational Response 585: *Threefold Amen*

McNeil Robinson II

Postlude: *Fugue in E-Flat Major* ("St. Anne")

J.S. Bach

WELCOME: If you are visiting with us today, please sign the Fellowship Pad at the end of your pew. We pray the hour will be meaningful to you and you will come and worship with us again. Everyone is cordially invited to a time of fellowship in the Longstreth Auditorium following the worship service.

HEARING AIDS AVAILABLE: In response to several requests, the church has hearing aids available to use during worship. Please see one of the ushers if you would like use a hearing aid.

COFFEE HOUR: This week's host: John Orandosh. Next week's host: Property Committee. The CDFC thanks the Women's Association for supplying the munchies last week.

PARISH VISITOR HEIDI MERCADO-LITTLES will be in Chile from January 17 until March 18, 2017. If you have any pastoral concerns, please call the Church or your Deacon.

BREAD AND SOUP SALE: During Coffee Hour on February 26, the Congregational Development and Fellowship Committee will hold a Bread and Soup sale to raise funds for *Bread and Cup*. We are looking for chefs and bakers to donate items for the sale. Please speak to Delores Solomon or anyone on the Committee for more details. The Committee will supply the pint containers for the sale.

Black History Month Celebration

Sunday, February 12, 2017 at 3:00 PM

Oxford Presbyterian Church
8501 Stenton Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19150



Guest Speaker:

The Rev. Stephany Graham

Reverend Graham leads the Peekskill Presbyterian Church in worship and discipleship. A native of Baltimore, Maryland, she is a graduate of Coppin State University and Princeton Theological Seminary.

*Hosted by The Philadelphia Presbytery and
The National Black Presbyterian Caucus
(Philadelphia Chapter)*

WINDOW ON THE WEEK

Sunday, February 5

- 9:00 AM Chancel Choir—Sanctuary
- 10:00 AM Worship—The Reverend Randal L. Bremer preaching
- 11:10 AM Coffee Hour
- 11:30 AM Sunday School
- 11:30 AM Adult Education—Reverend Bremer—Finney Room
- 11:30 AM Chancel Choir—Choir Room
- 11:30 AM Pastor Nominating Committee—Jennings Room

Monday, February 6

- 1:00 PM Teen Challenge—Gym
- 4:30 PM Adult Education—Reverend Bremer—Finney Room

Tuesday, February 7

- 9:30 AM Classic Town—Finney Room
- 1:00 PM CY Choirs Staff Meeting—Finney Room

Wednesday, February 8

- 3:00 PM Staff Meeting—Finney Room
- 4:00 PM Keystone State Boychoir
- 5:30 PM GACM Board Meeting—Jennings Room
- 6:30 PM Christian Education Committee—Upstairs Office

Thursday, February 9

- 5:00 PM Christian Legal Clinic—Jennings Room
- 6:00 PM Keystone State Boychoir
- 6:00 PM Practice—Disciples Basketball Team
- 6:30 PM Gospel Choir—Sanctuary

Friday, February 10

- 3:30 PM Drop-in Center
- 5:00 PM Keystone State Boychoir
- 6:30 PM Middle School Youth Group

Saturday, February 11

- 8:00 AM Keystone State Boychoir
- 10:00 AM Open Gym

Sunday, February 12

- 9:00 AM Chancel Choir —Sanctuary
- 10:00 AM Worship—Peter Ahn preaching
- 11:10 AM Coffee Hour
- 11:30 AM Sunday School
- 11:30 AM Adult Education—Reverend Bremer—Finney Room
- 11:30 AM Chancel Choir—Choir Room
- 11:30 AM Pastor Nominating Committee—Jennings Room
- 1:45 PM Practice—Disciples Basketball Team

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