

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN



CHURCH IN GERMANTOWN

RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
APRIL 16, 2017

ALIVE,
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.

April 16, 2017

Resurrection of the Lord

ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP AT 10:00 AM

GATHERING AS GOD'S FAMILY

Prelude: *Communion*

Grand Triumphal Chorus

Alexandre Guilmant

Guilmant

Welcome and Announcements

Introit: *I Know that my Redeemer Liveth* (from *Messiah*)

G.F. Handel

I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth. For now is Christ risen from the dead, the first fruits of them that sleep.

Evelyn Santiago, soprano

†*Call to Worship

From Psalm 118

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his steadfast love endures forever!

**People: The Lord is my strength and my might;
he has become my salvation.**

Leader: The right hand of the Lord does valiantly;
the right hand of the Lord is exalted;
the right hand of the Lord does valiantly.

**People: I shall not die, but I shall live,
and recount the deeds of the Lord.**

Leader: Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

**People: I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.**

†*Hymn 123: *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

EASTER HYMN

CONFESSING OUR SINS TO GOD

Litany of Confession:

Leader: If at times, we deny you, God forgive.
When the risks of discipleship are high
And we are nowhere to be found:

People: God forgive.

Leader: When we wash our hands of responsibility:

People: God forgive.

Leader: When we cast our lot with powerful oppressors
And seek to buy freedom with silver:

People: God forgive.

*congregation standing

† latecomers may be seated

Leader: When fear keeps us from witnessing to your truth,
And prejudice keeps us from believing it:

People: God forgive.

Leader In the bright light of Easter morning, O God,
Our sin is exposed, and your grace is revealed.

**People: Tender God, raise us in your love so that, with joy,
We may witness to your awesome deeds,
In the name of Jesus, the risen one. 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.”)

Children’s Choir: *Mighty to Save*

Ben Fielding and Ruben Morgan

Everyone needs compassion, a love that’s never failing, let mercy fall on me. Everyone needs forgiveness, a kindness of a savior, the hope of nations. My savior, he can move the mountains. My God is mighty to save, forever author of salvation. He rose and conquered the grave, Jesus conquered the grave. So take me as you find me, all my fears and failures, fill my life again. I give my life to follow, everything I believe in, now I surrender. Shine your light and let the whole world see we’re singing for the glory of the risen King, Jesus.

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Liz Drum, Reader

The First Lesson: Acts 10:34-43

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

People: Thanks be to God!

Anthem: *Hallelujah* (from the *Mount of Olives*)

Ludwig van Beethoven

Hallelujah unto God's almighty son. Praise the Lord, ye bright angelic choirs in holy songs of joy. Now, proclaim his grace and glory. Praise the Lord in holy songs of joy.

The Second Lesson: Matthew 28:1-10

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Leader: God we thank you for your Word.

People: The Story of your grace.

*Hymn 467: *How Great Thou Art*

O STORE GUD

Sermon: **DO NOT BE AFRAID**

The Reverend Randal L. Bremer

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*Confession of Faith: (From the *Confession of 1967*)

We believe that in Jesus of Nazareth, true humanity was realized once for all. Jesus, a Palestinian Jew, lived among his own people and shared human needs, temptations, joys, and sorrows. He expressed the love of God in word and deed and became a brother to all kinds of sinful people. In giving himself for them, he took upon himself the judgment under which all people stand convicted. We believe that God raised him from the dead, vindicating him as Messiah and Lord. The victim of sin became victor, and won the victory over sin and death for all. Amen

Prayers of the People

The Reverend Kevin L. Porter

The Lord's Prayer

Offering of Our Gifts and Lives

Offertory: *Hallelujah* (from *Messiah*)

Handel

Hallelujah! For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ; and he shall reign forever and ever, King of Kings, and Lord of Lords.

*Congregational Response 592: *Doxology*

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Prayer of Dedication

GOING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn 371: *Lift High the Cross*

CRUCIFER

*Charge and Benediction

Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

*Congregational Response 585: *Threefold Amen*

McNeil Robinson II

Postlude: *Toccata in F Major*

C.M. Widor

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.

COFFEE HOUR: This week's host: CDFC. Next week's host: Women's Association. CDFC would like to thank the men of First Church for a delicious well-cooked Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast. It was a well attended event that gave people a chance to enjoy some tasty food and wonderful company. Not only did they cook for over 110 people; they cleaned the kitchen too! We are so appreciative of this ministry. Thank you again!

TODAY'S EASTER MUSIC is supported, in part, by gifts in memory of Fred W. Thurman (March 2, 1929–April 11, 2016). We welcome guest musicians Zubin Hathi, timpani and percussion, and Charlotte Olson, trumpet. Zubin is a second year student at the Curtis Institute of Music where he studies with Don Liuzzi, principal timpanist of the Philadelphia Orchestra. Charlotte is a graduate of the Eastman School of Music and Boston University. She is a member of the U.S. Army Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps, the official ceremonial unit and escort to the President of the United States.

APRIL CHALLENGE OFFERING: *ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING.* In April, we have the opportunity to contribute to one of our denomination's most worthy causes—assisting people in establishing new lives after prison through education assistance to ex-offenders and working to change public policies. Each gift provides a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need. Please give generously (envelope enclosed).

WE EXTEND OUR PRAYERS AND CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY to the family of Sunny David Gerber, who passed away on Tuesday. Sunny was the sister-in-law of Louis David.

STORIES OF HOSPITALITY, GENEROSITY AND INCLUSION: Don Carlin will lead a bible study group, sponsored by the Christian Education Committee, on Tuesdays from 6:30 to 7:45pm (April 18 to May 23 at the homes of church members) and on Thursdays from 10:45am to noon (April 20 to May 25 in the Finney Room). An outline of the study and the addresses of church members hosting the Tuesday group are available on the literature table today.

KEEP A CHILD ALIVE: Join us on Sunday, April 30 from 3:30 to 5:30 PM for our 5th charity concert for this wonderful organization whose mission is to provide dignified treatment, food and support for children and families impacted by AIDS/HIV in Africa and India. See Chris Scott or Contina Lundy to purchase tickets.

DEADLINE FOR MAY ISSUE OF WINDOWS is Wednesday, April 19. Email items to Sam Whyte at swhyte1849@aol.com or place items in his mailbox in the church office.

GACM will continue to host families in the **Interfaith Hospitality Network** through April 23. Please consider volunteering to prepare a meal or serve as an evening or overnight host. For details, visit the information table during coffee hour.

THE PICTURE DIRECTORY is near completion! We plan to mail a copy to all members during the week after Easter.

KIRKWOOD CAMP FISHING FESTIVAL & DAY OF FUN: Saturday, May 6 from 9am-2pm. Fun for kids and grown-ups of all ages, including zip line, scavenger hunts and games. Overnight accommodations on May 5 available. Details to follow.

SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION AT KIRKWOOD! “The difference I noticed in my two sons after going to Kirkwood was incredible!” A week at Kirkwood is likely to have an outsized impact on your child. Plus, they will make long-lasting friendships and have a ton of fun! Register at kirkwoodcamp.org or call 570-421-8625 for more info.

TWO UPRIGHT PIANOS IN NEED OF A HOME. These pianos are in the Primary Room and second floor classroom at First Church. Both instruments will require some mechanical repairs to be fully functional. Cosmetic repairs might be desired. Please speak with Tony Thurman or email him at music.fpcgermantown@gmail.com for more info.

CELEBRATE WITH THE PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY the restoration and return of six Alexander Stirling Calder statues at an outdoor food and wine tasting fundraiser on Thursday, May 4 from 6:30 to 9 PM. Call (215) 928-3685 or visit www.history.pcusa.org/TOH for details.

***The lilies in the sanctuary are in memory and honor
of our loved ones and friends.***

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Reginald Jackson	Gee Gee White
William Jackson	Mr. & Mrs. William G. Young

WINDOW ON THE WEEK

Sunday, April 16 10:00 AM	Resurrection of the Lord Worship—The Reverend Randal L. Bremer preaching
Monday, April 17	Easter Monday Church Closed
Tuesday, April 18 1:00 PM 6:30 PM	Commonwealth Youth Choirs Staff Meeting—Primary Room Hospitality, Generosity and Inclusion Study Group at the home of: Bob & Allison Seed, 217 E. Mt. Pleasant Ave., 19119, (215) 242-1252
Wednesday, April 19 4:00 PM 7:00 PM	Keystone State Boychoir—Choir Room, Sanctuary Property Committee—Finney Room
Thursday, April 20 10:45 AM 6:00 PM 6:00 PM 6:30 PM	Hospitality, Generosity and Inclusion Study Group—Finney Room Administration and Finance Committee—Finney Room Keystone State Boychoir Gospel Choir—Sanctuary
Friday, April 21 3:30 PM 5:00 PM	Drop-in Center Keystone State Boychoir
Saturday, April 22 8:00 AM 9:00 AM 12:00 PM 5:00 PM	Keystone State Boychoir Bus to Princeton, New Jersey departs Mastery Charter School Football Banquet—Longstreth Auditorium Princeton, New Jersey bus returns
Sunday, April 23 10:00 AM 11:30 AM 11:30 AM	IHN Departs Worship—The Reverend Kevin L. Porter preaching Music provided by the Keystone State Boychoir Sunday School Pastor Nominating Committee—Finney Room

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