

FEBRUARY 5, 2012

**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 YOUR CELL PHONE IS TURNED OFF DURING WORSHIP.**

February 5, 2012

The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

## **ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP AT 10:00 AM**

### GATHERING AS GOD'S FAMILY

Prelude: *Prière à Notre Dame*

Leon Boëllmann

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission

Dr. Robert Swenson

Choral Introit: *The Lord Liveth*

Jesse Padgett

The Lord liveth; and blessed be my rock. The Lord liveth; and let the God of my salvation be exalted!

\*Call to Worship

Leader: Come, all who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, for the Lord will give you rest.

**People: The Lord is our refuge and strength, a very present help in times of trouble.**

Leader: Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength,

**People: They shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.**

Leader: God consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction.

**People: For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our healing is abundant through Christ.**

\*Hymn 263: *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

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### CONFESSING OUR SINS TO GOD

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (unison)

**Merciful God, we come to you not because we have it all together, but because we are not perfect. We want to be more like your Son, who lived his whole life in love. Our love is most often reserved for those who are close to us and those who love us in return.**

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\*congregation standing

**Our forgiveness is most often conditional. Fairness is more important to us than grace. We cannot live up to the way Jesus leads us. Forgive us, and make us more like Christ in all we say and do.**

Silent Meditation

Assurance of Pardon

\*Congregational Response 341: *Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine*

ASSURANCE

**Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine! Heir of salvation, purchase of God, Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.**

**This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long; This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long.**

\* 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

J. Randall Rosensteel, reader

The First Lesson

Romans 13:8-14

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

**People: Thanks be to God!**

Choir: *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Lloyd Pfausch

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace; Streams of mercy, never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise.

I am bound for the kingdom, Will you go to glory with me? Hallelujah, praise the Lord.

Oh! To grace how great a debtor Daily I'm constrained to be! Let that grace, Lord, like a fetter, Bind my wandering heart to thee.

Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, Prone to leave the God I love; Here's my heart Lord, take and seal it, Seal it from thy courts above.

## The Second Lesson

Matthew 5:38-48

“You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.' But I say to you, Do not resist an evildoer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also; and if anyone wants to sue you and take your coat, give your cloak as well; and if anyone forces you to go one mile, go also the second mile. Give to everyone who begs from you, and do not refuse anyone who wants to borrow from you. You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.”

Leader: God, we thank you for your Word;

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

\*Hymn 2222: *The Servant Song*

THE SERVANT SONG

(from *Sing the Faith*)

Sermon **THE WELFARE OF THE CITY AND ITS YOUNG**

Dr. Nancy E. Muth

## RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

\*Affirmation of Faith

The 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 Lord’s Prayer (unison)

**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.**

Offering of Our Gifts and Lives

Offertory: *Sing to the Lord a New Song*

Robert Lau

People and tongues of every nation sing to the Lord a new song. Bring him a song of jubilation, sing to the Lord a new song. All God’s creatures, old men and children, voices raised in hymns of love. He crowns the humble with salvation. Sing to the Lord a new song. Mountains and hills and all creation Sing to the Lord a new song. Join in a hymn of adoration. Praise him! Praise His name, sing “Alleluia!” Praise him for his mighty deeds. This is our song, our supplication: “Sing to the Lord a new song.” Praise him, shining stars, and praise him highest heavens.

Angels above make melody to him. Now lift your voice, lift up your heart, and sing, and sing! Come Christians all, now raise your voices, sing a new song, sing a song. Praise the Lord, Sound the trumpet, play on the lute and harp; dance your dance, and shout for joy. Heaven rejoices sing a new song.

\* Congregational Response 592: *Doxology*

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*Prayer of Dedication

GOING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

\*Hymn 339: *Be Thou My Vision*

SLANE

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Congregational Response 432: *Song of Hope*

ARGENTINA

**May the God of hope go with us every day, Filling all our lives  
with love and joy and peace. May the God of justice speed us on our  
way, Bringing light and hope to every land and race.**

**Praying let us work for peace, Singing, share our joy with all,  
Working for a world that's new, Faithful when we hear Christ's call.**

\*Organ Postlude: *Praeludium in A-Minor*

Johann Sebastian Bach

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**IN MEMORIAM**

The flowers are given to the glory of God in loving memory of

Mr. and Mrs. James Kitchen

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**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.

**TODAY'S GREETERS:** Ann Reisse, Lois VanEerden, Bill Oldach.. Next Week's: Peter Smith, Ted Walkenhorst, Bob Archer.

**IHN IS COMING!:** Our guests from the Interfaith Hospitality Network will arrive next Sunday. Please take the time to add your name to the list of volunteers **during coffee hour TODAY**.

**CHALLENGE OFFERING:** The Challenge Offering for February is *Heeding God's Call*, a faith-based organization with the mission to prevent gun violence. The First Presbyterian Church in Germantown has been an active participant in this organization's effort to unite people of faith in the sacred responsibility to protect our brothers, sisters, and children from becoming victims of violent people with guns. The 2011 homicide rate in Philadelphia rose once again and it is the highest per capita murder rate of all U.S. big cities. By supporting *Heeding God's Call*, we are striving to bring God's vision of a peaceable kingdom to all.

**STAFF VACATION:** Parish Visitor Heidi Mercado Littles is on vacation. Please direct your concerns to your deacon or the Reverend Kevin Porter.

**STAND UP AGAINST GUN VIOLENCE:** On the first and third Tuesdays of the month a group from our church travels in our mini-bus to the northeast section of the city and joins a peaceful demonstration outside of Delia's Gun Shop at 6104 Torresdale Avenue. Together we can make a difference! ***The next event will be Tuesday, February 7.*** We can ride together as we leave the church at **3:00PM**.

### ***MARK YOUR CALENDAR***

The Strategic Planning Workshop  
**has been rescheduled**

9:00 AM - 12:30 PM, Saturday, February 11.

### **Young Adult (20-40) Potluck Dinner - Sunday, February 12 5:30 to 7:00 PM**

All young adults are invited to share a meal at the church that we will create together by everyone bringing a dish to share! Can't bring a dish? Then bring \$4.00 and you are covered! After dinner everyone is welcome to join us for Bread and Cup (7:00 PM - 9:00 PM). Call Christian Heyer-Rivera (267-972-5662) to let us know you are coming or for more information.

Bread and Cup Coffee House  
Sunday, February 12 at 7:00 PM



# *Upcoming Events...*

## **Sunday, February 12**

Minute for Mission - *The Good Raised Up*

IHN Move-In

Hosting Dates: 02/12 - 03/11

(weeks 1 and 2 will be managed by a buddy congregation)

## **Sunday, February 12**

Bread and Cup Coffee House at 7:00 PM

## **Sunday, February 26**

Celebrate Black History Month at 3:00 PM

Oxford Presbyterian Church - 8501 Stenton Avenue

hosted by Philadelphia Presbytery

featuring a performance by **FPCG's Gospel Choir**

## **Sunday, February 26**

Organ Recital at 3:00 PM

*An Afternoon of Famous Organ Works and  
Orchestral Transcriptions*

David Daugherty, organist

## **Saturday, March 3 at 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM**

Johnson House (site of the actual event)

6306 Germantown Avenue

*The Good Raised Up: A Story of Community, Integrity  
and the Road to Freedom*

A "sung story" recounting a fateful night when a community came together to conceal escaped slaves from a search party seeking to return "fugitives" to slavery.

Keystone State Boy Choir, Pennsylvania Girlchoir and  
Find Your Instrument! Chorus

To learn more and reserve timed tickets for one of the performances, visit  
[thegoodraisedup.org](http://thegoodraisedup.org).

# **Mark your calendar!!!**

## WINDOW ON THE WEEK

### Sunday, February 5

10:00 AM	Worship Service, Dr. Nancy E. Muth, preaching
11:00 AM	Coffee Hour
11:10 AM	Children's Choir
11:30 AM	Gospel Choir
11:30 AM	Sunday School
11:30 AM	Confirmation Class
11:30 AM	Chancel Choir
12:45 PM	15-18 Basketball

### Monday, February 6

9:00 AM	Early Morning Group (Mon-Fri)
3:00 PM	Classic Towns (Arts Sub-Committee)

### Tuesday, February 7

9:30 AM	Classic Towns
3:30 PM	Anti-Gun Demonstration
7:30 PM	Oratorio Choir

### Wednesday, February 8

4:00 PM	Keystone State Boychoir
4:00 PM	Drop In Center
6:30 PM	Christian Education Committee
7:00 PM	Personnel Committee

### Thursday, February 9

6:00 PM	Gospel Choir
7:00 PM	Germantown Community Connection
7:30 PM	Voices In Bronze

### Friday, February 10

3:30 PM	Drop-In-Center
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### Saturday, February 11

8:15 AM	Keystone State Boychoir
9:00 AM	Open Gym
9:00 AM	Strategic Planning Committee

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