

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN



CHURCH IN GERMANTOWN

**ALIVE,**

AUGUST 13, 2017

**CELEBRATING**

**& SERVING**

**THE LIVING LORD!**

*The mission of The First Presbyterian Church in Germantown  
is to reflect the loving presence of Christ  
as we serve others faithfully, worship God joyfully and share life together  
in a diverse and generous community.*

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.

August 13, 2017

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

## ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP AT 10:00 AM

### GATHERING AS GOD'S FAMILY

Prelude: *How Firm a Foundation*

Wilbur Held

Welcome and Announcements

†\*Call to Worship

(from Psalm 105)

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name,  
make known his deeds among the peoples.

**People: Sing to him, sing praises to him;  
tell of all his wonderful works.**

Leader: Glory in his holy name;  
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

**People: Seek the Lord and his strength;  
seek his presence continually.**

Leader: Remember the wonderful works he has done,  
his miracles and the judgments he uttered.

**People: O offspring of his servant Abraham,  
children of Jacob, his chosen ones.**

†\*Hymn 483: *Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above*

MIT FREUDEN ZART

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\*congregation standing

† latecomers may be seated

## CONFESSING OUR SINS TO GOD

### Confession of Sin

**Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O Lord! Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way. For your name's sake, O Lord, pardon my guilt, for it is great. Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted. Relieve the troubles of my heart, and bring me out of my distress. Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins. Amen.**

### Silent Meditation

### Assurance of Pardon

†\*Congregational Response 579: *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.**

†\*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

Deborah Thompson, Reader

The First Lesson: Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

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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

Keystone State Boychoir

The Second Lesson: Romans 10:5-15

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**Leader:** God we thank you for your Word.

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

\*Hymn 143: *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!*

DIADEM

Sermon: **ONE LORD OF ALL**

The Reverend Randal L. Bremer

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

\*Confession of Faith: (*Apostles Creed*)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, 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

**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

Keystone State Boychoir

\*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 417: *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*

REGENT SQUARE

\*Charge and Benediction

In Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us.

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

\*Congregational Response 585: *Threefold Amen*

McNeil Robinson II

Postlude: *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!*

Frederick Swann

**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: Congregational Development and Fellowship Committee. Next week's host: Open. Thank you to John Orandosh for assisting with Coffee Hour last week.

**TODAY'S MUSIC:** We welcome the Keystone State Boychoir, under the leadership of Joseph Fitzmartin, to our choir loft today. KSB is in their thirteenth year of residence at First Church. Learn more about their activities and upcoming events online at [www.keystonestateboychoir.org](http://www.keystonestateboychoir.org).

## **AUGUST CHALLENGE OFFERING: ATHLETES IN ACTION**

Athletes in Action (AIA) is a sports ministry Campus Crusade for Christ International. Their goal is to teach athletes for Christ how to share their faith with others.

Carl and Noreen Dambman have been with AIA for over 40 years. They also have a special relationship with First Church as Carl's late parents were active long-time members. Carl and Noreen are currently in South Africa serving this year's students at the International Sports Leadership School in the role of shepherds.

More information can be found on the bulletin board or at <https://give.cru.org/0007991>. Please help to ensure this important work continues with your generous contribution.

**Upcoming at First Church**

Monday, August 14

***LifeLine Screening***

Sunday, August 20

***Maine Service Learning Trip Returns***

Monday, September 4

***Labor Day, Church Closed***

Sunday, September 10

***Church Picnic***

Monday, September 11

***GACM Reopens***

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## WINDOW ON THE WEEK

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### **Sunday, August 13**

- 9:00 AM Handbell Choir—Choir Room
- 10:00 AM Worship—The Reverend Randal L. Bremer preaching  
Music provided by the Keystone State Boychoir
- 11:30 AM Sunday School
- 11:30 AM Adult Education—Finney Room
- 11:30 AM Pastor Nominating Committee—Upstairs Office

### **Monday, August 14 LifeLine Screening Event**

- 5:00 PM Adult Education—Finney Room
- 5:00 PM Keystone State Boychoir—Sanctuary

### **Tuesday, August 15**

- 1:00 PM Commonwealth Youthchoirs Staff Meeting—Primary Room
- 5:00 PM Keystone State Boychoir—Sanctuary

### **Wednesday, August 16**

- 3:00 PM Staff Meeting—Finney Room
- 5:00 PM Keystone State Boychoir—Sanctuary
- 6:30 PM Family Fit Camp—Longstreth Auditorium
- 7:00 PM Property Committee—Finney Room

### **Thursday, August 17**

- 5:00 PM Keystone State Boychoir—Sanctuary
- 6:00 PM Administration and Finance Committee—Finney Room

### **Friday, August 18**

### **Saturday, August 19**

### **Sunday, August 20 Maine Service Learning Trip Returns**

- 9:00 AM Handbell Choir—Choir Room
- 10:00 AM Worship—The Reverend Randal L. Bremer Preaching
- 11:30 AM Sunday School
- 11:30 AM Adult Education—Finney Room
- 11:30 AM Pastor Nominating Committee—Upstairs Office

# Church Officers

## Elders

### 2018

Marc DiNardo  
Robert Seed  
Ted Walkenhorst

### 2019

Joseph Leube  
Delores Solomon  
Deborah Thompson

### 2020

Gloria Bethea  
Andrea Overton  
J. Randall Rosensteel

Clerk of Session:  
Madeline Valentine

## Deacons

### 2018

Don Carlin  
Vera Harrison  
Dani Howard

### 2019

Ruth Cato  
Diane Filter  
Dick Liberty

### 2020

Randy Clever  
John Orandosh  
Carolyn Tarver

## First Church Staff

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Interim Pastor	Randal L. Bremer
Director of Adult Education and Community Life	Kevin L. Porter
Director of Urban Ministry	Eileen Jones
Director of Music	F. Anthony Thurman
Director of the Gospel Choir	Sara Carter-Blanford
Director of the Handbell and Children's Choirs	Evelyn Santiago
Director of Christian Education	Christian Heyer-Rivera
Parish Visitor	Heidi Mercado-Littles
Building Manager	Terry Boyer
Administrative Assistant	Joan Harris
Bookkeeper	Cindy Osborne
Sextons	Tanieya Matthews, Robert Patterson, Harold Whaley

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