

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN



CHURCH IN GERMANTOWN

SUMMER COMMUNION
AUGUST 6, 2017

ALIVE,
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 6, 2017

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP AT 10:00 AM

GATHERING AS GOD'S FAMILY

Prelude: *Sonata No. 2 (Grave—Adagio—Allegro maestoso e vivace)*

Felix Mendelssohn

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission

Jim Thompson

*Call to Worship

From Psalm 17

Leader: Hear a just cause, O Lord; attend to my cry;
give ear to my prayer from lips free of deceit.

**People: From you let my vindication come;
let your eyes see the right.**

Leader: If you try my heart, if you visit me by night, if you test me,
you will find no wickedness in me; my mouth does not transgress.

**People: I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God;
incline your ear to me, hear my words.**

Leader: Wondrously show your steadfast love,
O savior of those who seek refuge from their adversaries at your right hand.

**People: As for me, I shall behold your face in righteousness;
when I awake I shall be satisfied, beholding your likeness.**

*Hymn 461: *God Is Here!*

ABBOT'S LEIGH

CONFESSING OUR SINS TO GOD

Prayer of Confession

O God, you have shown us the way of life through your Son, Jesus Christ. We confess with shame our slowness to learn of him, our failure to follow him, and our reluctance to bear the cross. Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us. We confess the poverty of our worship, our neglect of fellowship and of the means of grace, our hesitating witness for Christ, our evasion of responsibilities in your service, our imperfect stewardship of your gifts. Have mercy on us, Lord and forgive us. Amen.

Silent Meditation

Assurance of Pardon

*congregation standing

† latecomers may be seated

*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.")

Solo: *Be Thou Faithful Unto Death* (from *St. Paul*)

Mendelssohn

Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give to thee a crown of life! Be not afraid; my help is nigh.

Soloist: Stuart Jasper, tenor

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Lesson: Romans 9:1-5

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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!

Sermon: **A RICH HERITAGE**

The Reverend Randal L. Bremer

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*Confession of Faith: *Apostles Creed*

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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.

Offering of Our Gifts and Lives

Offertory: *Panis Angelicus*

Franck

Panis angelicus fit panis hominum;

May the Bread of Angels become bread for mankind;

Dat panis caelicus figuris terminum;

The Bread of Heaven puts all foreshadowing to an end;

O res mirabilis! Manducat Dominum

Oh, thing miraculous! The body of the Lord will nourish

Pauper, servus et humilis.

the poor, the servile and the humble.

*Congregational Response 592: *Doxology*

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Prayer of Dedication

Invitation to the Lord's Table

*Communion Hymn 513: *Let Us Break Bread Together*

LET US BREAK BREAD

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: It is truly right and our greatest joy
to give you thanks and praise,
O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe.

... Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with
the choirs of angels and with all the faithful of every
time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your
name:

Congregational Response: *Holy, Holy, Holy*

Richard Proulx

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a common time signature (C). It consists of five staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. The score begins with a measure of rest, followed by the lyrics: "Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord. God of pow-er and might." The first staff ends at measure 5. The second staff begins at measure 6 and continues with: "heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the". The third staff begins at measure 11 and continues with: "high-est, ho-san-na in the high-est. Blest is he who comes in the". The fourth staff begins at measure 16 and continues with: "name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est, ho-". The fifth staff begins at measure 20 and concludes with: "san-na in the high-est." The score ends with a double bar line.

Leader: You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

Remembering your gracious acts in Jesus Christ, we take from your creation this bread and this wine and joyfully celebrate his dying and rising as we await the day of his coming. With thanksgiving, we offer our very selves to you to be a living and holy sacrifice, dedicated to your service.

Great is the mystery of faith.



Leader: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine ...

... Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours almighty Father, now and forever.



The Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

(We will come to the table to receive the elements of bread and wine/juice. Come forward using the center aisle, partake of the elements as you receive them, and return to your seat by the side aisle. Remember that the cups on the outside ring of the tray hold grape juice and the cups within the outside ring contain wine.)

Prayer After Communion

Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us in this Sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in your eternal kingdom. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GOING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn 538: *Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing*

SICILIAN MARINERS

*Charge and Benediction

Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

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: *Sonata No. 3 (Con moto maestoso)*

Mendelssohn

IN MEMORIAM

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God
in loving memory of George M. Parker.

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 and John Orandosh. Next week's host: Kerisha Johnson and Dhyana and David Cassie. Thank you to the Women's Association for supplying the munchies last week.

WITH SADNESS we note the passing of one of our long-time members. Joyce Singer has joined the church triumphant. Our prayers are with her family and many friends who grieve her passing.

OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS are also with our colleague Terry Boyer and his family as they mourn the passing of Terry's father. Service arrangements are still pending as this is printed.

TODAY'S MUSIC: Our soloist today is tenor Stuart Jasper, who has been a section leader in the Chancel Choir since 2007. Stuart grew up in Milwaukee, Wis. and studied music at St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minn. and the Manhattan School of Music in New York. After graduating from St. Olaf College, he went on to sing with the Minnesota Opera Company in their apprenticeship program and later received his Master's from MSM. When Stuart is not singing, he serves as the General Manager at the Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts at the University of Pennsylvania, is the Board President for Concert Opera Philadelphia and the Board Treasurer for CARIE (Center for the Advocacy for the Rights and Interest of the Elderly).

AUGUST CHALLENGE OFFERING: 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 have a special relationship with First Church as Carl's late parents were active long-time members. More information can be found on the bulletin board or at <https://give.cru.org/0007991>. Carl and Noreen are currently in South Africa serving this year's students at the International Sports Leadership School in the role of shepherds. Please help to ensure this important work continues with your generous contribution.

FREEDOM SCHOOL'S "BIG TRIP" TO THE BIG APPLE is on Friday, August 11 and includes visits to the Intrepid Sea, Air and Space Museum and Madame Tussauds. Scholars will have breakfast on the bus and the group will stop for dinner before returning home. The cost is \$45 per scholar, \$85 per child guest and \$125 per adult guest. The bus will depart at 7:00 AM sharp and return at approximately 7:00 PM. Call Contina Lundy, 215-512-8824 with questions.

YOUTH LOUNGE RENOVATIONS: Work will start soon! We are removing all the plaster and associated framing on the outside walls, cleaning the stone, pointing it, sealing and painting it with a moisture resistant paint in a neutral color; removing the present suspended ceiling, securing any cabling supported by the suspended ceiling and spray painting it dark brown; adding hanging light fixtures that use LED bulbs, replacing the counter top and upper cabinets and laying new floor tile, and of course a new sink and stove. This will give the room a young, contemporary look. The young people are excited and grateful that this is moving forward. We are able to start with some designated funds and funds from a generous donor and then will fund raise for the balance. We hope everyone will join in to support this project.

WINDOW ON THE WEEK

Sunday, August 6

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

Monday, August 7

- 5:00 PM **GACM Closed, Reopens September 11, 2017**
Adult Education—Reverend Bremer—Finney Room

Tuesday, August 8

- 1:00 PM Commonwealth Youthchoirs Staff Meeting—Primary Room
7:00 PM Property Committee—Finney Room

Wednesday, August 9

- 3:00 PM Staff Meeting—Church Office
7:00 PM Freedom School Closing Ceremony—Longstreth Auditorium

Thursday, August 10

Friday, August 11 Freedom School Trip to New York City

Saturday, August 12 Service Learning Trip to Maine departs

Sunday, August 13

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

Germantown Day Festival: August 12, 2017

11 a.m. to 6 p.m. in honor of

The 328th Anniversary of the Incorporation of Germantown!

- Learn about community topics ranging from in-home familial support services, foster care, adoption, adolescent life skill programs, eliminating the academic achievement gap of underserved children, water conservation, solar energy, and entrepreneur/career opportunities from organizations such as Tabor Children's Services, Parent Power and Strengthening Families Village.
- Visit pop-up spaces, sponsored by the Germantown Special Services District, for local artists, businesses and entrepreneurs and join in the process of restoring Germantown's business district to one of prosperity and vitality.
- Check out the Philadelphia Planning Department's pop-up to begin preparing for community meetings that will begin next year for the Upper Northwest District Plan 2035.
- Stop by the Jennings Room in the First Presbyterian Church to view artwork contributed by the National Museum of African American History and Culture.
- Enjoy food from local restaurants, a live DJ, music from local artists and workshops for the entire family.

*Contact Germantown Special Services District, (215) 821-8145 or
info@germantownssd.com for more information.*

Germantown Day is sponsored by:
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