

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN



CHURCH IN GERMANTOWN

ALIVE, JANUARY 21, 2018  
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.

January 21, 2018

Third Sunday After Epiphany

## ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP AT 10:00 AM

### GATHERING AS GOD'S FAMILY

Prelude: *Softly and Tenderly, Jesus Is Calling* Dale Wood

Welcome and Announcements

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

†\*Call to Worship From Psalm 62

Leader: For God alone my soul waits in silence, for my hope is from him.

**People: He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress.  
I shall not be shaken.**

Leader: On God rests my deliverance and my honor;  
my mighty rock, my refuge is in God.

**People: Put no confidence in extortion, and set no vain hopes on robbery;  
if riches increase, do not set your heart on them.**

\*Hymn 281: *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* CWM RHONDDA

### CONFESSING OUR SINS TO GOD

Prayer of Confession

**How difficult it is, O Lord, to live our lives consistent with your Son's teachings. We want his benefits but do not always find his teachings convenient. Often it is not easy to love our neighbor as ourselves. We often return evil for evil, blow for blow and hate for hate. Forgive us and strengthen our wills so as people see our behavior, they will also see in us the Christ whom we want to serve. In His name, we pray. 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.**

\*congregation standing

† latecomers may be seated

†\*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

(As worshippers, 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 in grades five and younger may now leave for their classes.*

### **PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD**

Prayer for Illumination

Ted Walkenhorst, Reader

The First Lesson: Jonah 3:1-5

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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!**

Solo: *Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore*

Cesáreo Gabaráin

Lord, you have come to the lakeshore looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones; you only asked me to follow humbly. O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me, and while smiling have spoken my name; now my boat’s left on the shoreline behind me. By your side I will seek other seas. You know so well my possessions; my boat carries no gold and no weapons; you will find there my nets and labor. You need my hands, full of caring, through my labors to give others rest and constant love that keeps on loving.

Evelyn Santiago, soprano

The Second Lesson: Mark 1:14-20

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Leader: God we thank you for your Word.

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

\*Hymn: *Jesus Calls Us*

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Sermon: **JESUS AND HIS KINGDOM: IT’S A PACKAGE DEAL**

The Reverend David Cassie

### **RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD**

\*Confession of Faith (from *The Confession of 1967*)

**God’s reconciliation in Jesus Christ is the ground of the peace, justice, and freedom among nations which all powers of government are called to serve and defend. The church, in its own life, is called to practice the forgiveness of enemies and to commend to the nations as practical politics the search for cooperation and peace. This search requires that the nations pursue fresh and responsible relations across every line of conflict, even at risk to national security, to reduce areas of strife and to broaden international understanding. Reconciliation among nations becomes peculiarly urgent as countries develop nuclear, chemical, and biological weapons, diverting human power and resources from constructive uses and risking the annihilation of humankind. Although nations may serve God’s purposes in history, the church which identifies the sovereignty of any one nation or any one way of life with the cause of God denies the Lordship of Christ and betrays its calling.**

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: *Jesus Is Calling*

Aaron David Miller

Softly, tenderly Jesus is calling to you. See, on the portals he's waiting and watching for you and me. Come home, you who are weary. Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling sinners to come home. Time is now fleeting, moments are passing from you and me; shadows gathering, night time is coming for you and me. Oh, for the wonderful love he has promised for you and me. Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon for you and me.

\*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 453: *O Holy City, Seen of John*

MORNING SONG

\*Charge and Benediction

Go out into the world in peace. Have courage. Hold onto what is good. Return no one evil for evil. Strengthen the fainthearted. Support the weak and help the suffering. Honor all people. Love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the power of the Holy Spirit be with us all.

\*Congregational Response 585: *Threefold Amen*

McNeil Robinson II

Postlude: *Trumpet Tune on CWM RHONDDA*

Michael Helman

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**IN MEMORIAM**

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

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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.

**THE MUSIC:** “Softly and tenderly, Jesus is calling,” wrote the poet Will Thompson in 1880. His lovely and sentimental hymn has found a home in 721 different hymnals. The first stanza and refrain paint the picture that Jesus is gently calling, like a mother after her small children. Another stanza reminds us that death is coming sooner or later. The final stanza entices us with a promise of love, pardon, and mercy that is wonderfully available for those who wish to accept it. We hear two settings of this call in the service today. The first is announced in the organ prelude, the second, a contemporary setting by Aaron David Miller, is sung by the choir. Miller, a friend and classmate of our own music director, is director of music and organist at House of Hope Presbyterian Church in St. Paul, Minn.

**THE REVEREND REBECCA SEGERS:** We are extremely excited to share with you that, at a special meeting called on Sunday, January 7, the congregation voted to call Reverend Rebecca Segers to serve as the next Senior Pastor/Head of Staff of The First Presbyterian Church in Germantown. We firmly believe that Reverend Segers has the skills, gifts and experience to lead FPCG. She will begin her work with us on Thursday, February 15.

**COFFEE HOUR:** This week’s host: Marney Hague. Next week’s host: The Youth Group and Lois Nafziger-Bethea.

**RACHEL CIRCLE:** The monthly meeting of the Rachel Circle of the Presbyterian Women USA will take place tomorrow, January 22 at 11:00 a.m. in the Jennings Room. All are welcome and encouraged to bring their lunch. Dessert and beverages are provided.

**DEADLINE FOR JANUARY 28 BULLETIN:** Please note that the deadline for the January 28 bulletin is **Wednesday, January 24 at 10 a.m.** Thank you.

**ENERGY WORKSHOP** with state representative Stephen Kinsey on Thursday, January 25 from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Jennings Room. Rep. Kinsey and his staff will provide information on state programs and services.

**ALL-DAY KEYSTONE STATE BOYCHOIR FESTIVAL** on Saturday, January 27 for boys in grades 4-7 with unchanged voices. FPCG boys are welcome to attend. To register, visit [keystonestateboychoir.org/festival](http://keystonestateboychoir.org/festival). Contact Program Manager, Julie Donahue, with questions at [jdonahue@keystonestateboychoir.org](mailto:jdonahue@keystonestateboychoir.org).

**SPECIAL COFFEE HOUR** next Sunday, January 28, for the dedication of our newly renovated Youth Lounge. Please join us.

**FPCG’S MONTHLY COLLECTION IN SUPPORT OF COMBATTING HUNGER** is next Sunday, January 28. As most of you know, your donation can either support the Centsibility Offering of the Presbytery or GACM’s Food Cupboard. Many thanks in advance.

**SPRING CONCERT:** The Germantown Oratorio Choir will perform the Brahms *Requiem* and *Alto Rhapsody* on Sunday, March 18, at 4 p.m. Rehearsals are on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. For more information or to participate, e-mail [music.fpcgermantown@gmail.com](mailto:music.fpcgermantown@gmail.com) or call 215-843-8811.

**PARISH VISITOR HEIDI MERCADO-LITTLES** will be in Chile from January 10 through March 9, 2018. If you have any pastoral concerns during her absence, please contact your Deacon or the Church Office. Thank you.

## **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

***after worship today***

*for the purpose of approving financing and cash flow for the*

### ***Youth Lounge Renovation***

Please plan to attend this meeting.

### ***Upcoming at First Church***

Sunday, February 18

***Philadelphia Sinfonia Concert, 3 p.m.***

March 17-24

***University of Maryland Service Group***

Sunday, March 18

*Germantown Oratorio Choir presents*

***Brahms Requiem, 4 p.m.***

### ***Keystone State Boychoir Events***

Saturday, January 27

***All-day Boychoir Festival and 2:30 p.m. Concert***

Saturday, March 3

***Joint Concert with Bratislava Boys' Choir, 3 p.m.***

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## WINDOW ON THE WEEK

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### Sunday, January 21

- 9:00 AM Chancel Choir—Sanctuary
- 10:00 AM Worship—The Reverend David Cassie preaching
- 11:10 AM Congregational Meeting
- 11:30 AM Chancel Choir—Choir Room
- 11:30 AM Sunday School

### Monday, January 22

- 11:00 AM Rachel Circle—Jennings Room

### Tuesday, January 23

- 12:00 PM Commonwealth Choirs Administrative Meeting—Finney Room
- 7:30 PM Germantown Oratorio Choir—Sanctuary

### Wednesday, January 24

- 12:00 PM Commonwealth Choirs Program Meeting—Finney Room
- 3:00 PM Staff Meeting—Finney Room
- 4:00 PM Keystone State Boychoir—Sanctuary, Choir Room
- 6:30 PM Mission and Outreach Committee—Jennings Room

### Thursday, January 25

- 6:00 PM Representative Kinsey Energy Workshop—Jennings Room
- 6:00 PM Keystone State Boychoir—Primary Room, Longstreth Auditorium
- 6:30 PM Gospel Choir—Sanctuary
- 6:30 PM Children's Choir—Choir Room
- 7:45 PM Handbell Choir—Choir Room

### Friday, January 26

- 4:00 PM Commonwealth Youthchoirs Workshop with South Africa Choir  
Sanctuary, Choir Room

### Saturday, January 27 **All-Day Keystone State Boychoir Festival**

- 2:30 PM Keystone State Boychoir Festival Concert

### Sunday, January 28

- 9:00 AM Chancel Choir—Sanctuary
- 10:00 AM Worship—The Reverend Kevin L. Porter preaching
- 11:30 AM Chancel Choir—Choir Room
- 11:30 AM Sunday School

# 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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	Pastor-Elect	Rebecca Segers
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
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