

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN



CHURCH IN GERMANTOWN

EASTER SUNDAY
APRIL 1, 2018

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.

April 1, 2018

Easter Sunday

ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP AT 10:00 AM
GATHERING AS GOD'S FAMILY

Prelude

Trumpet Processional

André Campra

Voluntary and Fugue

G.F. Handel

Allegro and Finale (from *Concerto for Two Trumpets*)

Antonio Vivaldi

Aria

Handel

Trumpet Finale (from *Concerto for Two Trumpets*)

Francesco Manfredini

Welcome and Announcements

Introit: *Easter Introit*

John Ferguson

Listen. The one who bore God's heart, the one who spoke God's peace, the one in whom God agonized is now the Risen Lord. Death was no prison for him. Jesus is raised and among us. All that you see and hear comes from the one who was freed. Listen. Hear, O people of God, that Jesus Christ is Lord. Alleluia!

†*Call to Worship

1 Corinthians 15, John 20

Leader: Remember the good news that Jesus promised.

People: We will not be left alone.

Leader: Death cannot contain the purposes of God.

People: We will rise and live with this hope.

Leader: Tears and weeping will be no more.

People: We will know joy and laughter again.

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made.

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Leader: Rejoice for Christ is risen.

Leader: Christ is risen indeed!

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People: Christ is risen indeed!

*Hymn 123: *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

EASTER HYMN

CONFESSING OUR SINS TO GOD

Prayer of Confession

All knowing, all-powerful God, we confess that, even on this most holy day, we are unable to believe in the victory over death shown to us in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Lord. We confess our utter dependence on you not only for life but also for faith, hope and love. Without your astonishing appearance to our ancestors and your stunning presence throughout the ages, we would be lost. Forgive us and transform us, that in every way our work and prayer will make whole what is broken and give peace on earth.

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.”)

Anthem: *For God So Loved the World*

The Rev. James Cleveland

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten son. That whosoever believeth in him, should not perish, should not perish. But they shall have, they shall have everlasting life. God could have chosen to never love again. Fallen man could go his way and die on his sin. But God in his compassion said, I'll pay redemption's price. So he took on the form of man and became the perfect sacrifice. If riches could have paid the debt, then God could have sold all the walls of jasper and all the streets of purest gold. But he knew the price of one lost soul was more than wealth could buy. And if redemption were ever bought, only love could satisfy.

The Gospel Choir, Sara Carter-Blanford, director

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Chris Scott, Reader

The First Lesson: Isaiah 25:6-9

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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!**

A Time For Children

Anthem: *I Have Seen the Lord*—World Premiere

Text and Music by Jesse Padgett

Mary rose to tend the Lord she loved: the Crucified, God's only Son. She found the stone was rolled away; the linens left behind where he once lay. Two angels stood within the empty grave. They asked of her, “Why do you weep?” The Risen Lord walked to her side and told her, “Go, tell all I shall ascend on high.” She said, “I have seen the Lord. With my eyes, I saw the Risen Savior. With my ears, I heard the words of peace. With my heart I feel the love of Christ who died for me, now my soul cries, ‘I believe.’” Jesus sought those once who followed him. “Peace to you,” his message said. The nail-scarred hands, where blood poured out, with just one touch relieved them of their doubt. They said, “I have seen the Lord. With my eyes, I saw the Risen Savior. With my hands I felt his sword-pierced side. His voice cried, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit.’ Then my soul cried, ‘I believe.’” Jesus died and rose up from the grave. He conquered death so we might live. The sins of all were washed away. Those who believe the resurrection say, “Halleluiah, we will see the Lord. We will share the kingdom he created. We will sing the praises of our God. We will claim our home in Glory where we will live forevermore! We will see the Lord! Halleluiah!”

The Gospel and Chancel Choirs

Margaret Mezzacappa, soloist; Sara Carter-Blanford, descant

Ted Barr, piano; Justin Bernardi and Sarah Jessen, trumpet; Zubin Hathi, timpani and percussion

F. Anthony Thurman, director

The Second Lesson: John 20:1-18

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Leader: God, we thank you for your Word.

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

Sermon: **STICK AROUND**

The Rev. Rebecca Segers

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

A Time for Meditation on the Word

*Hymn 122: *Thine Is the Glory*

JUDAS MACCABEUS

*Affirmation of Faith

based on 1 Corinthians 15

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. Amen.

Prayers of the People

The Rev. 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: *Hallelujah Chorus* (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.

The Chancel Choir

*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 118: *The Day of Resurrection*

LANCASHIRE

*Charge and Benediction

*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 and you will come and worship with us again. Everyone is cordially invited to a time of fellowship in the Longstreth Auditorium following worship.

COFFEE HOUR: This week's host: Madeline Valentine and the CDFC. Next week's host: open. Thank you to the men of First Church for a delicious Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast. Over 100 people enjoyed tasty food and wonderful company. Thank you again!

NEW DEADLINE FOR SUNDAY BULLETIN: Wednesday at 10 a.m. Thank you.

DO YOU WANT TO USE YOUR WHOLE BODY TO PRAISE GOD? Rev. Rebecca will lead a Liturgical Dance Group to minister for her Installation Service on Sunday, April 29 at 3:00 p.m. We will rehearse in the Sanctuary on Thursdays, 4/5, 4/12, 4/19 and 4/26 from 6 to 6:30 p.m. All ages, genders and proficiencies welcome. No experience needed.

TODAY'S MUSIC is supported, in part, by contributions in memory of Fred W. Thurman (1929–2016). We welcome Ted Barr, piano, and instrumentalists from the Curtis Institute of Music: Justin Bernardi and Sarah Jessen, trumpet; and Zubin Hathi, timpani and percussion, and give thanks for the talents they offer in worship. "I Have Seen the Lord," an anthem for our combined Gospel and Chancel Choirs, with original text and music by Jesse Padgett, receives its world premiere this morning. Jesse writes, "In January 2018, Tony Thurman approached me to compose a choral anthem inspired by the three Mary's at the empty tomb. Based on Luke 24:1-12 and John 20:1-30, the text takes us through the emotions that may have been experienced by those who witnessed the resurrection: first by the three Mary's, and later by the Disciples. The final verse and chorus express the joy, excitement and anticipation that one day we will see the Lord." Jesse is a bass section leader in our Chancel Choir and a published composer whose works are distributed internationally through J.W. Pepper. Looking ahead: Voices in Bronze, our handbell choir, will play during worship next Sunday, April 8. The Chancel Choir will return to the choir loft on April 15.

WHOSOEVER GOSPEL MISSION CELEBRATION: Saturday, April 7 at 6:30 p.m., Calvary Presbyterian Church, 405 Easton Road, Willow Grove, PA 19090. Celebrate with Mission residents and hear personal testimonies regarding their achievements in the Career Track Learning Program. The cost is free, no reservations required, refreshments provided and free onsite parking! For more information, contact www.whosoevergospel.org.

COMMITTED TO CHANGE BENEFIT GALA: You are invited to the *Committed to Change* Benefit Gala on Saturday, April 21, 2018 at 7 p.m. Building on the success of the *Bethe Change* Charity Concert, this year's charity experience is an evening combining artistry and philanthropy to fulfill hopes and dreams while raising money for *Keep A Child Alive*, which provides life-saving treatment, care and support to millions of lives impacted by AIDS and HIV. The evening includes dinner, special performances, cocktails, raffles, dancing and much more! Join us at the **William Way Center, 1315 Spruce St. Phila, PA 19107**. To purchase tickets, visit www.bethechange Philly.info or see Chris Scott Jr. or Contina Lundy.

FIRST CHURCH TRAVELS TO PUERTO RICO July 21-28, 2018. In September of last year, Puerto Rico was devastated by Hurricane Maria. Many people lost their homes, belongings and sources of income. The beautiful 'Isla del Encanto' or Island of Enchantment was rendered unrecognizable in the wake of this storm. Today, nearly six months later, the recovery effort is still very much underway as many locations remain without power and residents work to rebuild their lives and communities. This July, a group of about 20 people from First Church will work at the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance site located at the Añasco Presbyterian Church in Añasco, Puerto Rico, on the western coast of the island. We are currently working towards our goal of raising \$10,000 (\$500 per person) to help offset the cost of our trip and bring donations with us to the community. The donations that we raise will be put towards purchasing supplies and helping to stock a food pantry at the church. Our team is blessed with multiple gifts which will be used in various ways in Añasco: six of our participants are medical professionals and will be hosting a health clinic, several of our members will use their electrical and construction expertise to help with rebuilding, those of us who speak Spanish will assist as translators and others will help clean, paint and remove debris. There is much work to be done! If you are interested in making a donation to support this mission trip, checks may be made payable to "First Presbyterian Church in Germantown" with a note on the memo line that specifies "Puerto Rico Mission Trip". You may also help by supporting one of several fundraising events happening this spring and summer. Current fundraisers are being set and dates will be announced shortly. For more information, please see Christian Heyer-River, Sheila Heyer-River or Jason Williams. MUCHAS GRACIAS for any support you can provide!

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

George and Julia Abbott
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Baldwin and Emilie Farmer
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In Honor Of

Bob, Allison and Scout Seed
F. Anthony Thurman

WINDOW ON THE WEEK

Sunday, April 1

9:00 AM

10:00 AM

Easter Sunday

Chancel Choir—Sanctuary

Worship—The Rev. Rebecca Segers preaching

Monday, April 2

1:00 PM

Ladies Teen Challenge—Gymnasium

Tuesday, April 3

12:00 PM

5:30 PM

Commonwealth Youthchoirs Administrative Meeting—Finney Room

Sunday Suppers—Longstreth Auditorium

Wednesday, April 4

10:00 AM

12:00 PM

4:00 PM

7:00 PM

Staff Meeting—Finney Room

Commonwealth Youthchoirs Program Meeting—Primary Room

Keystone State Boychoir—Sanctuary, Choir Room

Session—Finney Room

Thursday, April 5

8:00 AM

6:00 PM

6:00 PM

6:30 PM

6:30 PM

7:45 PM

Rebecca at Uncle Bobbie's (8 to 10 a.m.)

Keystone State Boychoir—Primary Room, Longstreth Auditorium

Liturgical Dance Group—Sanctuary (6 to 6:30 p.m.)

Gospel Choir—Sanctuary

Children's Choir—Choir Room

Handbell Choir—Choir Room

Friday, April 6

9:00 AM

5:00 PM

6:30 PM

GACM Staff Meeting—Finney Room

Keystone State Boychoir Small Ensemble Group—Choir Room

Elementary School Youth Group

Saturday, April 7

8:00 AM

9:00 AM

10:00 AM

Keystone State Boychoir

Congregational Development and Fellowship—Finney Room

Open Gym

Sunday, April 8

10:00 AM

11:30 AM

Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN) families arrive

Worship, The Rev. Rebecca Segers preaching,
music by Voices in Bronze

Sunday School

Church Officers

Elders

2018

Marc DiNardo
Robert Seed
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2019

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2020

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Director of the Handbell and Children's Choirs	Evelyn Santiago
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