

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN



CHURCH IN GERMANTOWN

ALIVE,

JUNE 3, 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.

June 3, 2018

Second Sunday After Pentecost

ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP AT 10:00 AM

GATHERING AS GOD'S FAMILY

Prelude: *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart*

Frederick Swann

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission

Ruth Seeley, Friends of Vernon Park

†*Call to Worship

Leader: Listen, for your name is being called.
Beyond the range of human voices, God is calling.

**People: We have come to observe a sabbath time.
We have gathered to worship at God's command.**

Leader: Listen for the unfamiliar voice you have ignored.
Listen for the solemn charge God gives.

**People: Wonderful are the thoughts and works of God!
God's light is ready to shine in our hearts.**

*Hymn 2130: *The Summons* (from *Sing the Faith* hymnal)

KELVINGROVE

CONFESSING OUR SINS TO GOD

Prayer of Confession

Mighty and merciful God, you have called us to be your people and claimed us for the service of Jesus Christ. We confess that we have not lived up to our calling. We have been timid and frightened disciples, forgetful of your powerful presence and the strength of your Spirit among us. O God, forgive our foolish and sinful ways. As you have chosen us and claimed us in our baptism, strengthen us anew to choose Christ's way in this world. Give us your Holy Spirit that each one in ministry may be provided with all the gifts of grace needed to fulfill our common calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

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 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

Jim Thompson, Reader

The First Lesson: 1 Samuel 3:1-10

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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

Children in grades five and younger may now leave for their classes.

Gospel Choir Anthem: *Grateful*

Hezekiah Walker

I am grateful for the things that you have done. Yes I'm grateful for the victories we've won. I could go on and on and on about your works, because I'm grateful, grateful so grateful just to praise you Lord. Flowing from my heart are the issues of my heart, its gratefulness.

The Second Lesson: Mark 2:23-3:6

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Leader: God, we thank you for your Word.

People: The Story of your grace.

Sermon: **HARK, HEAR, HEED**

The Rev. Rebecca Segers

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

A Time for Meditation on the Word

*Hymn 398: *There’s a Sweet, Sweet Spirit*

SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT

Ordination and Installation of Officers

Presentation

As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

There is one body and one Spirit, just as we were called to the one hope of our calling.

In baptism, Dhyan Cassie, Rhonda Highsmith, Dani Howard, Marc DiNardo, Ingrid Harris, Bob Seed, and Jason Williams were clothed with Christ, and are now called by God through the voice of the church to enter into ministries of service and governance, announcing in word and deed the good news of Jesus Christ.

We remember with joy our common calling to serve Christ, and we celebrate God’s particular call to our brothers and sisters.

Ordination and Installation

There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.

God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God’s purpose that is accomplished.

To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.

Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.

Statement on Ordination and Installation

Profession of Faith

With the whole church, let us confess our faith. Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

Constitutional Questions

Do you trust in Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit? **I do.**

Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal, and God's Word to you? **I do.**

Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God? **I do and I will.**

Will you fulfill your office in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions? **I will.**

Will you be governed by our church's polity, and will you abide by its discipline? Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit? **I will.**

Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world? **I will.**

Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church? **I do.**

Will you pray for and seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love? **I will.**

To deacons: Will you be a faithful deacon, teaching charity, urging concern, and directing the people's help to the friendless and those in need, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ? **I will.**

To elders: Will you be a faithful ruling elder, watching over the people, providing for their worship, nurture, and service? Will you share in government and discipline, serving in councils of the church, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ? **I will.**

The Clerk of Session addresses members of the congregation: Do we, the members of the church, accept Dhyran Cassie, Rhonda Highsmith, Dani Howard, Marc DiNardo, Ingrid Harris, Bob Seed and Jason Williams as deacons or ruling elders, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ? **We do.**

Do we agree to pray for them, to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ who alone is Head of the Church? **We do.**

Prayer of Ordination

Declaration of Ordination (and Installation)

Prayers of the People

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: *Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated*

Emma Lou Diemer

*Congregational Response 592: *Doxology*

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Prayer of Dedication

GOING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn 525: *Here I Am, Lord*

*Charge and Benediction

Congregational Response 585: *Threefold Amen*

McNeil Robinson II

Postlude: *God of Grace, and God of Glory*

Paul Manz

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: The organ solos in the Prelude, Offertory, and Postlude were selected to compliment the ordination and installation of church officers today. All three were composed by 20th-21st-century American composers and based on familiar hymn tunes. All (hymn nos. 326, 391, and 420) raise prayers to God, culminating in a joyous acclamation, "Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, that we fail not them nor thee!" played on our commanding Tuba Mirabilis organ stop at the close of the service.

We give thanks for Sara Carter-Blanford and the faithful members of our Gospel Choir, who complete their season of singing in worship today. All of our church choirs will be back in September. On Sunday, June 17, we invite the men from the congregation to unite their voices in a Father's Day Men's Chorus. Rehearsals will be on Sunday, June 10, from 11:30-12:30 and Sunday, June 17 from 9-9:30 in the Sanctuary. Over the summer months, there will be opportunities for vocal soloists and ensembles as well as instrumentalists to offer their gifts in worship. To participate, please e-mail music.fpcgermantown@gmail.com or call the church office, 215-843-8811.

COFFEE HOUR: This week's host: CDFC. Next week's host: Open. Thank you to the Administration and Finance Committee for supplying the munchies last week. **Next Sunday during Coffee Hour: Puerto Rico Mission Trip Piña Colada Sale!**

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED to attend the ordination and installation of Peter Ahn on Saturday, June 9 at 1 p.m. at Olivet Covenant Presbyterian Church, 608 North 22nd Street, 19130.

WINDOWS: The deadline to submit material for the summer (July/August) issue of Windows is June 13. Items can be emailed to Deborah Thompson at fpcgwindows@gmail.com or placed in Deborah's mailbox in the church office.

MEN'S BREAKFAST—MARK YOUR CALENDARS for the Christian Education Committee Men's Breakfast on Saturday June 23 at 8:30 a.m. Enjoy fellowship, a hearty breakfast, and our own David Cassie speaking about his experiences in Cuba. Hope to see you there!

SAVE THE DATE: The Fred J. Cooper Memorial Organ Day at the Kimmel Center will include a performance by the Opera Philadelphia chorus, including our own Evelyn Santiago and Rob Phillips, accompanied by FPCG Music Director Tony Thurman on Saturday, June 23. The day-long celebration of the organ begins at 11 a.m. The organ and opera performance will be at 1:15 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

JUNE CHALLENGE OFFERING: *FRIENDS OF VERNON PARK* Just outside the windows of the First Presbyterian Church in Germantown you will see green leafy trees and colorful flowers in bloom, children playing, dogs and their owners strolling the paths and folks enjoying a conversation or book as they sit on the benches. Vernon Park, the 'Emerald of Germantown' is nestled in between commercial corridors and residential streets and serves as a connector, interlude and green oasis in our neighborhood. The Friends of Vernon Park is a group of dedicated volunteer stewards of this vital community resource, ensuring that the Park is vibrant, welcoming and a positive environment for all. We are able to accomplish this joyful work with the help of our community. The financial support provided by First Presbyterian Church has enabled us to tend to gardens, create thoughtful programming for families and invest in (limited but consistent) maintenance during the Philadelphia Parks and Recreation off-season. The Park looked and felt great all winter—and welcomed spring once it (finally!) arrived—ready for picnicking, Easter egg hunting and all sorts of fun. To learn more about Friends of Vernon Park, please visit www.friendsofvernonpark.org. Thank you, FPCG friends, for all you do to lift up our community.

NEW RAINBOW FISH SYMBOL and DISCUSSIONS ON INCLUSION: You may have noticed the rainbow fish symbol on our sign outside. A member of our congregation brought the idea to the Praise & Evangelism Team (P&E) as a way to show First Church's commitment to love and inclusivity, and putting up the symbol was unanimously approved by the Session at its May 2018 meeting. In addition, on Sundays, June 17 and June 24, we will be holding studies after worship entitled *A Scriptural Dialogue on Homosexuality*, during which we will discuss FPCG's values of inclusion and hospitality. We welcome those who might find these conversations affirming as well as those who might find them challenging.

Conversations About Race

SATURDAY, JUNE 16, 2018

9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

CONVERSATIONS ABOUT RACE is a monthly event held at FPCG and sponsored by the Presbytery of Philadelphia and the *Coming to the Table* organization (CTT). The next conversation will be on Saturday, June 16.

CTT is a nation-wide organization dedicated to acknowledging and healing the wounds of racism by creating a safe space for participants to deepen their understanding of racism, strengthen community and take action. Discussions will be led by CTT-trained facilitators and are **free of charge**. Pre-registration is not necessary—you can register at the event.

COFFEE, REGISTRATION AND FELLOWSHIP will begin at 9:30 a.m. and the program will start promptly at 10 a.m. **All are welcome!** If you have any questions, please contact Cheryl Pynch at cpynch@summitpres.net or 215-438-2825.

WINDOW ON THE WEEK

Sunday, June 3

- 10:00 AM Worship—The Rev. Rebecca Segers preaching
 Ordination and Installation of Officers
- 10:15 AM Sunday School for grades K-5
- 11:30 AM Book Discussion with Pastor Segers: *Searching for Happiness*—Finney Room
- 11:45 AM Confirmation Class
- 12:00 PM Deacons Meeting—Primary Room
- 5:00 PM Keystone State Boychoir Grad Concert

Monday, June 4

- 1:00 PM Ladies Teen Challenge—Gymnasium

Tuesday, June 5

- 12:00 PM Commonwealth Choirs Administration Meeting—Finney Room
- 5:00 PM Book Discussion with Pastor Segers: *Searching for Happiness*—Finney Room
- 5:30 PM Sunday Suppers—Kitchen, Longstreth Auditorium, Jennings Room

Wednesday, June 6

- 8:30 AM GACM Thrive Program Graduation—Jennings Room
- 10:00 AM Staff Meeting—Finney Room
- 12:00 PM Commonwealth Choirs Program Meeting—Primary Room
- 4:00 PM Keystone State Boychoir—Sanctuary, Choir Room
- 6:30 PM Personnel Committee—Upstairs Office
- 7:00 PM Session—Finney Room

Thursday, June 7

- 8:00 AM Pastor Rebecca at Uncle Bobbie's, 5445 Germantown Avenue (8-10 a.m.)
- 9:30 AM Greene Street Friends School Graduation Rehearsal—Sanctuary
- 6:00 PM Keystone State Boychoir—Longstreth Auditorium, Primary Room

Friday, June 8

- 3:30 PM Drop-in Center—Youth Lounge, Gymnasium
- 4:00 PM Greene Street Friends School Graduation—Sanctuary, Jennings Room,
 Longstreth Auditorium
- 5:00 PM Keystone State Boychoir Small Ensemble Group—Choir Room
- 6:30 PM Middle/High School Youth Group—Youth Lounge

Saturday, June 9

- 8:00 AM Keystone State Boychoir
- 10:00 AM Open Gym
- 1:00 PM Ordination and Installation of Peter Ahn
 Olivet Covenant Presbyterian Church, 608 N. 22nd St., 19130

Sunday, June 10

- 10:00 AM Worship—The Rev. Kevin Porter preaching
- 10:15 AM Sunday School for grades K-5
- 11:30 AM Fathers Day Choir Rehearsal—Sanctuary
- 11:45 AM Confirmation Class

Church Officers

Elders

2018

Marc DiNardo
Robert Seed
Ted Walkenhorst

2019

Joseph Leube
Delores Solomon
Deborah Thompson

2020

Gloria Bethea
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2018

Don Carlin
Vera Harrison
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2019

Ruth Cato
Diane Filter
Dick Liberty

2020

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First Church Staff

Pastor	Rebecca Segers
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Director of Urban Ministry	Eileen Jones
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Director of the Handbell and Children's Choirs	Evelyn Santiago
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