

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN



CHURCH IN GERMANTOWN

ALIVE,

JULY 8, 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.

July 8, 2018

Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP AT 10:00 AM

GATHERING AS GOD'S FAMILY

Prelude: *When in Our Music God Is Glorified*

McNeil Robinson

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Kevin Porter

†*Call to Worship (From Psalm 48)

Leader: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised in the city of our God.

**People: Beautiful in elevation, is the joy of all the earth,
Mount Zion, in the far north, the city of the great King.**

Leader: As we have heard, so have we seen
in the city of the Lord of hosts, in the city of our God,
which God establishes forever.

**People: We ponder your steadfast love, O God,
in the midst of your temple.**

Leader: Your name, O God, like your praise, reaches to the ends
of the earth. Your right hand is filled with victory.

**People: Let Mount Zion be glad,
let the towns of Judah rejoice because of your judgments.**

*Hymn 88: *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

CONFESSING OUR SINS TO GOD

Prayer of Confession

Merciful and righteous God, we notice the more foolish and morally lax crowd around us, and tend to get smug and self-righteous about our own behavior. Create in us a clean heart, and renew a right spirit within us. At times we allow ourselves to be unduly influenced by those who always seem sure of themselves, and let their approval rule us. Create in us a clean heart, and renew a right spirit within us. We sometimes become frightened of the liberty you have given us, and fall back into legalistic attitudes and actions. Create in us a clean heart, and renew a right spirit within us.

God of Christ Jesus and our God, we ask forgiveness for our sins, a purging of our motives, a changing of our attitudes, a raising of our sights, and a strengthening of our will to love and serve you with all our heart, soul, mind and strength. Through Christ our Savior. Amen.

Silent Meditation

Assurance of Pardon

†*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.")

†*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.

Children's Time

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

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Annie Kotto, Reader

The First Lesson: Ezekiel 2:1-5

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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: *Jesus Loves Me*

arr. Michael T. Smith

Evelyn Santiago, soprano

The Second Lesson: Mark 6:1-13

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Leader: God, we thank you for your Word.

People: The Story of your grace.

Sermon: **WHAT DOES IT 'PROPHET' A PRESBYTERIAN?**

The Rev. Dr. Allison K. Seed

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

A Time for Meditation on the Word

*Hymn 340 Glory to God Hymnal: *This Is My Song*

FINLANDIA

This is my song, O God of all the nations, a song of peace for lands afar and mine. This is my home, the country where my heart is; here are my hopes, my dreams, my sacred shrine. But other hearts in other lands are beating, with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

My country's skies are bluer than the ocean, and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine. But other lands have sunlight too and clover, and skies are everywhere as blue as mine. O hear my song, O God of all the nations, A song of peace for their land and for mine.

This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's kingdoms: Thy kingdom come; on earth thy will be done. Let Christ be lifted up till all shall serve him, and hearts united learn to live as one. O hear my prayer, thou God of all the nations; myself I give thee, let thy will be done.

Text: vv. 1-2 Lloyd Stone (1912-1993), v.3 Georgia Harkness (1939)

Tune: FINLANDIA 11 10. 11 10. 11 10, by Jean Sibelius (1865-1957)

Affirmation of Faith: *Declaration on Where We Stand* (adopted at the 223rd General Assembly)

As confessing Christians, we trust God, whom we know through Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray as others pray in other names. We are obligated to declare our concerns about the direction towards autocracy that our country is taking. We say Yes to God's power of love and justice for the neighbor as well as the self; and we say No to demonic power that urges hate of the other, scatters blame, and creates civic discord. We say Yes to our imperfect democracy with one person, one vote, and No to any corruption of our elections. We say Yes to universal health care and No to care based on the ability to pay. We say Yes to safe schools, houses of worship, and public gathering places; and No to civilian access to assault and/or military-style weapons. We say Yes to core human values and No to dividing our humanity by ideology and partisanship. We say Yes to bridges and preservation of families and No to walls. We say Yes to affirming and celebrating the full spectra of human identity and No to discrimination and bigotry. We say: "In life, and in death we belong to God."

Prayers of the People

The Rev. Kevin 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: *He's Got the Whole World in His Hand*

arr. Margaret Bonds

*Prayer of Dedication

*Congregational Response 592: *Doxology*

OLD HUNDREDTH

GOING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn 268: *God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens*

HOLY MANNA

*Charge and Benediction

God has shown you, O mortal, what is good. What does the Lord require of you?
To do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with your God.

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

Congregational Benediction Response 586: *Threefold Amen*

Danish

Postlude: *When in Our Music God Is Glorified*

Robinson

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: John Orandosh. Next week's host: Open. Thank you to the Praise & Evangelism Committee for supplying the munchies last week.

THE REV. DR. ALLISON K. SEED was ordained by Miami Presbytery in June 1977 and joined the Board of Pensions in January 2011. Previously, she served 15 years as pastor of Trinity Presbyterian Church in Independence, Missouri, as well as churches in South Carolina, Colorado and Missouri. She has also done stints in campus ministry at Furman University and Lander College in South Carolina.

Among her various assignments and appointments in the presbytery and Synod of Mid-America, Allison served as Moderator of Heartland Presbytery and two terms as Chair of the Heartland Presbytery Council. She served two years as Chair of the General Assembly Council. Allison was also on the Review Committee of the Whole of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) (*Six Agency Review Committee*) and the Review Committee for the Presbyterian Publishing Corporation.

Allison holds a bachelor's from Duke University (Phi Beta Kappa), Master of Divinity from Princeton Theological Seminary, and Doctor of Ministry from Erskine Theological Seminary. Her region comprises presbyteries in Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New York, and New Jersey, and the Presbytery of Philadelphia.

Her dearest loves are her husband Bob, elder at FPCG, her adult children Noelle and Andrew, and golden retriever Scout.

THE MUSIC: Our soloist today is Evelyn Santiago, soprano section leader in our Chancel Choir and director of our Children's Choir and Voices in Bronze handbell choir. Evelyn is winner of the Metropolitan Opera District Auditions in Puerto Rico and a frequent soloist with Opera Philadelphia's mainstage productions and community outreach performances. Equally at home on the concert stage, Ms. Santiago has been soloist with the Philadelphia Orchestra, Chamber Orchestra of Philadelphia, Lancaster Symphony, the Symphonic Orchestra of Bayamon (Puerto Rico), and Philomusica Chorale. She is a graduate of Westminster Choir College and St. Joseph's University and lives in Voorhees, N.J., with her husband Dale.

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 send an e-mail to music.fpcgermantown@gmail.com or call the church office, 215-843-8811.

TWO MORE BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS IN JULY: The *Searching for Happiness* book discussion group will meet to discuss Chapter Two on Tuesday, July 10 at 5 p.m. in the Finney Room. A group will meet at the home of Leah and Drew Hood, 328 West Duval St., 19144 on **Thursday, July 12**. Enjoy a potluck dinner at 5:30 p.m., followed by a discussion on chapters one and two at 6:30 p.m. Please email the Hoods at leah@throwinglight.com to let them know if you will be attending and, if so, what you will bring to the potluck.

FREEDOM SCHOOL: This past week, our scholars read the following curriculum books: Level 1—*Ma Dear Apron* by Patricia C. McKissack; Level 2—*Uncle's Jed Barbershop* by Margaree King Mitchel and *Romeo and Juliet for Kids* by Lois Burdett and, of course, William Shakespeare!; Level 3—*Joseph* by Sharon Draper. Our Level 3 scholars enjoyed a fun-filled math lesson with Bruce MacCullough, PCUSA minister and teacher at William Penn Charter School. We all enjoyed a special treat (literally!) - a tasty and nutritious trail mix provided by *Einstein Medical, A Better Start, Families Understand In Nutrition (F.U.N.)*

We are very excited about beginning our weekly swimming this coming week! We will swim every Wednesday at the Department of Recreation pool at the Mastery Charter School. We are also looking forward to our **Annual Flapjack Fundraiser** on Saturday July 21 at Applebee's in Jenkintown. We hope you can join us!

PAPER SHREDDING AND ELECTRONIC RECYCLING EVENT: The Mission and Outreach Committee is making it possible for you to bring to the church parking lot on July 14 materials to be shredded and electronic devices to be recycled. Electronics will be accepted from 9:00 a.m. until early afternoon. Shredding will run from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The cost is \$5. The following electronic items will be accepted: computer towers, laptop computers, tablets, servers, flat screen monitors, phone systems, game consoles, flat screen TVs, stereos/radios, small appliances, cell phones/calculators. However, because of environmental issues that call for safe disposal, additional fees from \$35 to \$85 are necessary for certain larger electronics: CRT monitors, conventional TVs, projection TVs. For a fee of \$15, air conditioners and dehumidifiers will be accepted. Also on that day, church committees are invited to sponsor a flea market table, the proceeds of which will go to the committees. For more information, please see Gloria Bethea during Coffee Hour.

CHECK OUT OUR UP-DATED WEBSITE! Have you been on the church's website lately? If not, you are in for a treat. First, thank you Marc DiNardo for all the work you have put into updating content and uploading sermons. Next, thank you Dhyan Cassie for keeping the calendar up-to-date.

With help from our website host, archived copies of *Windows* are up-to-date and easily available under **Community Life**, as are archived copies of weekly bulletins. The last two issues of *Windows* and the 2018 Church Directory have been sent out from the website through a feature called MailChimp. MailChimp allows large files with graphics to be easily distributed to hundreds of people and makes it easier for us to keep mailing lists up-to-date. Anyone who is interested in *Windows* can now sign up to receive it on the website!

Two issues we are currently working on are making the website easier to use on a mobile phone and setting up the church Program Calendar to post on Facebook the same time it posts on the website. We hope to have these issues resolved by the time you are reading this.

Please let us know how you like the website. If you came to town, would you come to our church based on the website? If not, why not?

Upcoming

Saturday, July 14

Presbytery of Philadelphia Meeting

Oxford Presbyterian Church, 9:30 a.m.

Saturday, July 14

Shredding & Recycling Event

Saturday, July 21

Freedom School Flapjack Fundraiser

at Applebee's in Jenkintown

Saturday, July 21-28

Puerto Rico Mission Trip

WINDOW ON THE WEEK

Sunday, July 8

10:00 AM

Worship—The Rev. Dr. Allison K. Seed preaching

10:15 AM

Sunday School Grades K-5

Monday, July 9

1:00 PM

Freedom School

Ladies Teen Challenge—Gymnasium

Tuesday, July 10

5:00 PM

Freedom School*Searching for Happiness* Book Discussion Group—Finney Room**Wednesday, July 11**

10:00 AM

Freedom School

Staff Meeting

5:00 PM

Keystone State Boychoir Auditions—Choir Room

5:30 PM

GACM Board Meeting—Jennings Room

6:00 PM

Christian Education Committee—Upstairs Office

7:00 PM

Session—Finney Room

Thursday, July 12

8:00 AM

Freedom School

Pastor Rebecca at Uncle Bobbie's, 5445 Germantown Ave. (8-10 a.m.)

5:30 PM

Searching for Happiness Book Discussion Group—

Home of Leah and Drew Hood, 328 West Duval Street, 19144

Friday, July 13

6:30 PM

Freedom School

Middle/High School Youth Group

Saturday, July 14

9:00 AM

Paper Shredding and Electronic Recycling Event—church parking lot

9:30 AM

Presbytery of Philadelphia Meeting—Oxford Presbyterian Church,
8501 Stenton Avenue, 19150

10:00 AM

Open Gym

Sunday, July 15

10:00 AM

Worship—The Rev. Rebecca Segers preaching

10:15 AM

Sunday School Grades K-5

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