

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN



CHURCH IN GERMANTOWN

ALIVE,

NOVEMBER 11, 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.

November 11, 2018

Twenty-fifth Sunday After Pentecost

*"You want to pull people together, put them through hell.
You want to split them apart, give them a secret." – Deacon, "12 Monkeys" s3e7*

ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP AT 10:00 AM

GATHERING AS GOD'S FAMILY

Prelude: *We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight* Raymond H. Haan
Welcome and Announcements Rev. Kevin Porter
Introit: *Be Thou My Vision* John Carter

†*Call to Worship

Leader: We have been called here to face into God's gracious way of living.
We are to leave the past behind us
and walk into these new days of our ministry.

**People: Sometimes we'd rather remember how things used to be.
Sometimes we are afraid to be disciples.**

Leader: But this is a new day, and Christ is sharing freedom with us.
It is a day to put aside all fear, to leave doubting behind,
and to take courage in God's loving call.

**All: We will look to the new day,
and we will set ourselves on the faithful path.
We will be disciples of Christ, living in and sharing the Light,
renewing and healing the world around us.**

Leader: Let us worship the Lord!

*Hymn 470: *O Day of Radiant Gladness* ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVÖGELEIN

CONFESSING OUR SINS TO GOD

Prayer of Confession

God, we are poor and needy in matters of the spirit. You have offered us newness of life, but we are fearful of its cost. Your gifts place us in debts so vast that we can never repay. We are not worthy of your love and cannot earn your forgiveness. How is it that when we accept your grace we sense a freedom we have never before enjoyed? O God, we want to be dead to sin and alive to you. Help us!

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 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.")

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Peter Smith

The First Lesson: Romans 12:1-2 (The Message)

Leader: God's Word is a lamp to our feet, and a light to our path.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

The Time for Children

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

Anthem: *Treasures in Heaven*

Allen Pote

Lay not up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust corrupt, and where thieves break in and steal. But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. Give unto God with cheerfulness, not of necessity or with regret. But give from within your heart.

The Second Lesson: Matthew 10:16-20, 26-31

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Leader: God, we thank you for your Word.

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

Sermon: **SHARING THE LIGHT**

Rev. Rebecca Segers

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

A Time for Meditation on the Word

*Hymn 399: *We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight*

DUNLAP'S CREEK

*Affirmation of Faith (*Nicene Creed*)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and

glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Offering of Our Gifts and Lives

Offertory: *Jesus, Priceless Treasure*

J.S. Bach

*Congregational Response 592: *Doxology*

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Prayer of Dedication

GOING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn 425: *Lord of Light, Your Name Outshining*

ABBOT'S LEIGH

*Charge and Benediction

*Congregational Response 585: *Threefold Amen*

McNeil Robinson II

Postlude: *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

Johann C. Kittel

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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 LITURGY: While much of our worship is active: we sing, pray, respond, and actively listen, you might also notice there are moments during our time together in silence. After the Prayer of Confession, there is a time of Silent Meditation to ponder and lift up to the Lord our private confessions. After the sermon, there is a time for Meditation on the Word to ponder the scripture, the message and its claim on your life – how you might more fully become the person God is calling you to be. Sometimes there is a time of silence in the midst of the Prayers of the People as an opportunity for you to offer your supplications to God. Please take to heart and fully engage in these times of silence so they may powerfully enrich your worship and your life.

THE MUSIC: The choral anthem today is a setting of the familiar text from the sixth chapter of Matthew. The composer went on to include a paraphrase from 2 Corinthians 9, calling us to give cheerfully and without regret. These powerful texts also might cause us to ask, "What can I give him, poor as I am?" as the nineteenth-century poet Christina Rossetti wrote in her hymn text, *In the Bleak Midwinter*, in reference to the Holy Child in Bethlehem. The answer is quite simple. We give as we are able through what God has provided. No gift is too small nor too large to express our gratitude and faithfulness.

OUR MESSIAH IS COMING! The Germantown Oratorio Choir & Orchestra will perform excerpts from G.F. Handel's beloved oratorio *Messiah* on Sunday, December 2, at 4 p.m. Rehearsals are on Tuesday evenings in the Sanctuary from 7-9 p.m. For more information or to participate, call the church office at 215-843-8811 or e-mail music.fpcgermantown@gmail.com.

COFFEE HOUR: This week's host: Pernell Jackson. Next week's host: Open. Thank you to John Orandosh for supplying the munchies last week. If you love to bake, buy or share hospitality, we need you to host this important time of fellowship! Please speak to Delores Solomon if you feel called to provide the snacks or hands-on support.

THIRD SUNDAY: MASON JAR SOUP MIX. Next Sunday we will fill to the brim mason jars with the raw ingredients for people to make their own delicious homemade soup! We look forward to having you join us as we help people fill their bellies and keep warm as the cold weather approaches.

RACHEL CIRCLE, an arm of the Presbyterian Women USA, will hold its monthly meeting on Monday, November 19, at 11:00 a.m. in the Jennings Room. All women are welcome. Please bring your lunch. Drink and dessert will be provided.

THANKSGIVING BASKETS: Every year, GACM provides holiday baskets for families in need. We will begin preparing the baskets this week. If you know of a member of our church community who would benefit from this assistance, please speak to Randy Clever or Eileen Jones. All requests are confidential.

BRIGHTEN UP SOMEONE'S DAY: Please consider contributing non-perishable food items to the *Brighten Up Someone's Day* box by the church office. The requested food items will change periodically and all donations will be given to the GACM food pantry. The current request is for canned fruits and vegetables. Many thanks in advance for your donations.

NOVEMBER BULLETIN DEADLINES: Please note the following deadline changes: The deadline for submissions for the November 18 bulletin will be **Wednesday, November 14 at 10:00 a.m.**; the deadline for submissions for the November 25 bulletin is **Tuesday, November 20 at 10:00 a.m.** Thank you.

NOVEMBER CHALLENGE OFFERING: *RISE AGAINST HUNGER* is an organization whose mission is to end hunger in our lifetime by providing food and life-changing aid to the world's most vulnerable and to create a global commitment to mobilize the necessary resources. *Hunger doesn't have to exist. Let's end it together!* Please consider giving generously to this worthwhile cause. Please note that on **Monday, January 21, 2019**, First Church will hold our third annual meal packing event.

DON'T HAVE ANY CASH? FORGOT YOUR PLEDGE ENVELOPE? We've got you covered! Now you can give online *from your pew*. There are new cards in the pew racks that have both a QR code and a bit.ly, either of which allow you to use your smart phone to take you directly to our secure giving page on the First Pres website. After giving, you may place the card in the Offering Plate, publicly acknowledging your gift along with those who are using envelopes or loose cash as we all share our gifts to the Lord.

THE CHURCH LIBRARY is free and open for business! A wide variety of books from Bible commentaries to spiritual poetry to the Gospel According to Peanuts and more has been collected in the upstairs office for your reading pleasure. If you would like to check out what we've got and then "check it out" to take home, please take a look and then sign the clipboard letting us know what you've borrowed.

ALASKA AND SCOTLAND TRIPS: An Alaskan cruise and a trip to Scotland are in the planning process. Experience the majesty of Alaska on the beautiful *Carnival Legend* August 20-27, 2019. Visit Skagway, Juneau and Ketchikan in Alaska and Victoria, British Columbia. See Gloria Bethea for more information. In 2020, travel to Scotland, the home of John Knox, who studied with Jon Calvin and thus brought us our denomination. Visit Edinburgh, Glasgow, the Isle of Skye, Inverness, the Orkneys, Arthur's Seat, Glen Coe, Loch Lomond, Loch Ness, Stirling Castle and Iona Abbey. And let's not forget the Harry Potter Train! See Glenna Hazeltine for details.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING—PART II

Today After Worship

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting, Part II, of the Congregation and Religious Corporation of the First Presbyterian Church in Germantown, in the County of Philadelphia, PA, will be held on Sunday, November 11, 2018, immediately following the worship service.

The following will be presented:

- Budget for the year 2019
- Pastor's Terms of Call

Any other business which properly comes before the Congregation may be transacted at this meeting.

Attest: Madeline Valentine, Clerk of Session
Rev. Rebecca L. Segers, Moderator

WINDOW ON THE WEEK: As you can see, our calendar is ever expanding!

WINDOW ON THE WEEK

Sunday, Nov. 11	9:00 AM	Chancel Choir - Sanctuary
	10:00 AM	Worship—The Rev. Rebecca Segers preaching
	10:15 AM	Sunday School—Grades K-5
	11:15 AM	Congregational Meeting
	11:45 AM	Chancel Choir—Choir Room
	11:45 AM	Confirmation Class
	11:45 AM	<i>Animate</i> —Finney Room
	11:45 AM	Community Advocacy Meeting—Primary Room
	12:30 PM	Children's Choir—Choir Room
	1:30 PM	Disciples Basketball Team Practice—Gym
Monday, Nov. 12	1:00 PM	Ladies Teen Challenge—Gym
	5:00 PM	<i>Animate</i> —Finney Room
Tuesday, Nov. 13	12:00 PM	Commonwealth Choirs Staff Meeting—Finney Rm.
	2:00 PM	Philadelphia Presbytery Meeting <i>Wallingford Presbyterian Church, 110 E. Brookhaven Road, Wallingford, PA 19086</i>
	2:30 PM	Sunday Suppers—Kitchen, Longstreth, Jennings
	7:00 PM	Oratorio Choir—Sanctuary

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WINDOW ON THE WEEK (continued)

Wednesday, Nov. 14	10:00 AM	Staff Meeting—Finney Room
	12:00 PM	Commonwealth Choirs Program Meeting—Primary
	2:00 PM	Christian Education Committee—Upstairs Office
	4:00 PM	Keystone State Boychoir—Sanctuary, Choir Room
	5:30 PM	GACM Board Meeting—Jennings Room
	6:00 PM	Friends of Vernon Park—Finney Room
	6:30 PM	<i>Third Sunday</i> Planning Team Meeting—Upstairs Office
Thursday, Nov. 15	7:30 AM	Germantown Friends School Diversity Day <i>Longstreth Auditorium, Room 212</i>
	8:00 AM	Rev. Segers at Uncle Bobbies, <i>5445 Germantown Ave., 8-10 a.m.</i>
	9:00 AM	Thanksgiving Basket Prep—Finney Room, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.
	6:00 PM	Keystone State Boychoir—Primary Room, Longstreth
	6:00 PM	Disciples Basketball Team Practice—Gym
	6:30 PM	HOLD Voter Registration Volunteers—Jennings, Longstreth
	6:30 PM	Gospel Choir—Sanctuary
	7:45 PM	Voices in Bronze—Choir Room
Friday, Nov. 16	9:00 AM	Thanksgiving Basket Distribution <i>Finney Room, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.</i>
	3:30 PM	Drop-in-Center—Youth Lounge, Gym
	5:00 PM	Keystone State Boychoir Small Ensembles—Choir Room
	6:30 PM	Elementary School Youth Group—Youth Lounge
Saturday, Nov. 17	8:00 AM	Keystone State Boychoir
	9:30 AM	Coming to the Table Anti-Racism Workshop <i>Jennings, Primary Rooms</i>
	9:30 AM	Worship, Music and the Arts Committee—Upstairs Office
	10:00 AM	Open Gym
Sunday, Nov. 18	Generosity Sunday	
	9:00 AM	Chancel Choir—Sanctuary
	10:00 AM	Worship—The Rev. Rebecca Segers preaching
	10:15 AM	Sunday School—Grades K-5
	11:30 AM	Chancel Choir—Choir Room
	11:30 AM	<i>Third Sunday</i> Bible Activity—Longstreth Auditorium
	11:45 AM	Confirmation Class
	12:00 PM	Praise and Evangelism Team—Jennings Room
	12:30 PM	Children’s Choir—Choir Room
	1:30 PM	Disciples Basketball Team Practice—Gym

Church Officers

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2019

Ingrid Harris
Joseph Leube
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2020

Gloria Bethea
Andrea Overton
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2021

Marc DiNardo
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2019

Ruth Cato
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2020

Randy Clever
John Orandosh
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2021

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First Church Staff

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