

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN



CHURCH IN GERMANTOWN

COMMUNION  
MARCH 3, 2019

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.

March 3, 2019

The Transfiguration of the Lord

*"I feel safe even in the midst of my enemies; for the truth is powerful and will prevail."*

Sojourner Truth

## ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP AT 10:00 AM

### GATHERING AS GOD'S FAMILY

Prelude: *Adoration*

Florence B. Price

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission

Dominique Bobo-Peden

Introit: *We Gather for a Holy Feast*

Text by Carolyn Lott Monohan

†\*Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord reigns; let the people tremble!  
He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

**People: The Lord is great in Zion. He is exalted over all the people.  
Let them praise thy great and terrible name!  
Holy is he!**

Leader: Mighty King, lover of justice, thou hast established equity;  
thou hast executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

**People: Extol the Lord our God, and worship at his holy mountain,  
for the Lord our God is holy.**

\*Hymn 75: *O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair*

DEO GRACIAS

### CONFESSING OUR SINS TO GOD

Prayer of Confession

**Almighty God, we confess we are still setting our mind on worldly things even though you give us glimpses of the heavenly kingdom. You show us great love and mercy but we are unwilling to show love and mercy to others. You share with us a vision of eternal life but we are focused on our lives now and worldly gains in this lifetime. Forgive us for being shortsighted. Renew in us the call to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you, so we may also live in the kingdom now, with eternal life that begins now. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.**

Silent Meditation

Assurance of Pardon

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\*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.")

A Time for Children

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

Gospel Choir: *All That You Need*

Carol Cymbala

All that you need is Jesus. All that you need is God. Cast your every care on him who answers prayer. All that you need is God. When all the strength you have is gone and friends that you've depended on can't hear the cries you've tried to hide, or feel the pain you keep inside, all you really need is Jesus. When clouds arise and light grows dim, he calls to you to look to him. Your simple prayer will reach his heart, his perfect peace, he will impart. All you really need is Jesus.

### **PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD**

Lesson: Luke: 9:28-37

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**Leader:** God, we thank you for your Word.

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

Sermon: **GLORY**

The Rev. Dr. Allison K. Seed

### **RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

A Time for Meditation on the Word

\*Hymn 2153: *Transform Us* (from *Sing the Faith* hymnal)

PICARDY

\*Affirmation of Faith: *Apostles Creed*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Offering of Our Gifts and Lives

Offertory: *Come and Taste*

Alice Parker

Come and taste along with me, consolation running free, from the Father's wealthy throne, sweeter than the honey comb. I'll praise God and you praise God, and we'll all praise God together; we'll praise the Lord for the work that he has done, and we'll bless his name forever. All that come with free good will make the banquet sweeter still; now I go to Mercy's door, asking for a little more. Goodness, running like a stream through the new Jerusalem, by a constant breaking forth sweetens earth and heaven both. O return, ye sons of grace, turn and see God's smiling face. Hark, he calls backsliders home, then from him no longer roam.

\*Prayer of Dedication

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: It is indeed right to give you our thanks and praise, O God, for you remove the veil from our minds and transfigure us in the wondrous light of your glory. At creation your word lit up the sun and stars and dispelled the chaos to form the earth. You revealed your glory to your servant, Moses, and, from the cloud, made a covenant with your people. In the timeless presence of Moses and Elijah you transfigured your Son, Jesus, allowing his terrified followers to witness his glory and hear your voice from the awesome cloud. He was killed by those whose minds were hardened, but, by your mercy, his exodus through the waters of death led to resurrection life and freedom. Now, you have called us to listen to him and through your Holy Spirit, you are transforming us into his image and clothing us with honor and majesty. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with heavenly choirs and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Congregational Response: *Sanctus*

F. Anthony Thurman

Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho - ly—  
 Lord, God of pow-er and might. Hea-ven and earth are filled with your  
 glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est! Bles - sed is he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the  
 high - est; Ho - san - na in the high - est!

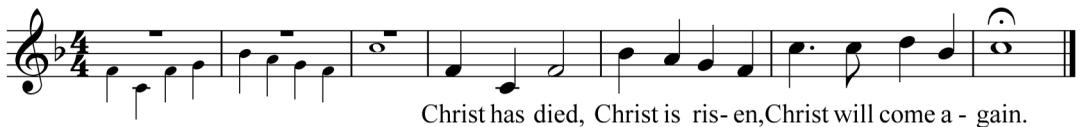
Leader: God our Holy Friend, we pray that your light in Christ, unencumbered by the faults of your worshippers, may be seen and trusted by the people of the world. When there is trembling and superstition, timidity, and a shrinking into deeper error and blindness of the spirit; let the light shine. When there are none to stand up for the weak and the neglected, when good people fear to get involved and even the voice of the church is muted; wherever there is darkness, let the light shine. When people struggle on without hope, or suffer without being loved, or die without any faith; wherever there is darkness, let the light shine. When two or three gather in Christ's name, when the needs of the world seem enormous and church resources meagre; wherever there is darkness, let the light shine.

Holy Friend, by the which can never be smothered, by the light which is sufficient even for the foolish, by the light which bursts free from deepest tombs, guide our feet in the way everlasting as we celebrate this meal.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Congregational Response: *Memorial Acclamation*

Thurman



Leader: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and fruit of the vine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may nurture us and strengthen us as the body of Christ. Through Christ, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, with the power of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Congregational Response: *The Great Amen*

Thurman



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.**

The Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

(We will come to the table to receive the elements of bread and wine/juice. Come forward using the center aisle, partake of the elements as you receive them, and return to your seat by the side aisle. Remember that the cups on the outside ring of the tray hold grape juice and the cups within the outside ring contain wine.)

Prayer After Supper

**Holy God, before the passion of your beloved Son you revealed his glory on the holy mountain: grant that we who by faith behold the light of his face may be strengthened day by day to bear the cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through the same Jesus Christ who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forevermore. Amen.**

### GOING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

\*Hymn: *Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory* (see insert)

BATTLE HYMN

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Congregational Response: *Mine Eyes Have Seen the glory* (refrain)

Postlude: *March in D Major*

Elizabeth Turner

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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:** Today's service music and hymns were selected in honor of Women's History Month. Female composers and poets have contributed a vast repertoire to the church although many have been overshadowed by their male counterparts. Alice Parker (b. 1925) is best known for her association with the Robert Shaw Chorale in Atlanta, for which she composed and arranged music for 20 years. Parker attended Smith College (later receiving the Smith College Medal) where she earned double degrees in organ and composition, studied choral conducting at Juilliard, and was honored on the cover of *Time* magazine in 1947. She has more than 500 compositions to her credit.

**Looking ahead:** The Germantown Oratorio Choir will present a Brahms Festival Concert on Sunday, March 17, at 4 p.m. The program will feature the music of Brahms, Robert Schumann, and Clara Schumann in recognition of the bicentennial of Clara Schumann's birth. For more information or to participate, call the church office at 212-843-8811 or e-mail [music.fpcgermantown@gmail.com](mailto:music.fpcgermantown@gmail.com).

**Save the Date:** The College of William & Mary Women's Chorus will present a free concert at First Church on Friday March 29, at 7 p.m., as a part of their spring concert tour. Overnight hosts are needed. If you can provide a place in your home for two or more young ladies to sleep and breakfast the following morning, please let us know by calling the church office at 215-843-8811 or e-mail [music.fpcgermantown@gmail.com](mailto:music.fpcgermantown@gmail.com).

**COFFEE HOUR:** This week's host: Congregational Development and Fellowship Committee. Next week's host: Open. Thank you to Liz Drum and Marc DiNardo for providing the munchies last week.

**FEBRUARY CHALLENGE OFFERING: SHE (Securing Her Experience) ACADEMY.** SHE Academy is non-profit organization that, through literacy and other life-changing experiences, focuses on leadership development for girls in grades K-8 and, in the future, hopes to expand its program to include high school girls as well. SHE Academy's co-founders, Tiffany Davis and Dominique Bobo-Peden, are kin to our Freedom School program as both were servant leaders and, combined, have more than a decade's worth of Freedom School experience! Tiffany and Dominique are also National Ella Baker Trainers for the Children's Defense Fund Freedom Schools. Please give to our young women to help ensure their growth and commitment to leadership. Email [pleasesecureherexperience@gmail.com](mailto:pleasesecureherexperience@gmail.com) for more information and/or ways to volunteer for this worthwhile organization.

**SECOND ASHER LEGACY CONCERT ADDED!** Tickets for this afternoon's 4:00 p.m. concert have sold out. **Please note there will be a second concert at 6:00 p.m.**

**FAT TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER** at First Church on Tuesday, March 5 from 5 to 7 p.m. \$5 per person (ages 5 and under free; \$20 maximum per family) will include pancakes, syrup, sausage, coffee, orange juice and Mardi Gras beads. Make your own Mardi Gras mask! Proceeds go to sending our youth to the PC(USA) Triennium, a national Christ-centered youth conference.

**LENTEN WILDERNESS BIBLE STUDY** with Rev. Segers will begin on Sunday, March 10 following worship. The class will also be held on Tuesday evenings at 5:00 p.m. beginning March 12. We hope you can join us for this five-week program during which we'll wrestle with what the Bible has to say about "wilderness" times and issues in our lives.

**WINDOW ON THE WEEK:** Please see literature table for copies of the current *Window on the Week*.

### *Upcoming at First Church*

Sunday, March 3, 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. (4 p.m. concert sold out)

***Jack Asher Memorial Concert***

Tuesday, March 5, 5 to 7 p.m.

***Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper***

Wednesday, March 6, 7 p.m.

***Ash Wednesday Service***

Sunday, March 10 following worship

***Lenten Wilderness Bible Study with Rev. Segers begins***

Sunday, March 17, 4 p.m.

***Brahms Festival Concert***

Friday, March 29, 7 p.m.

***College of William and Mary Women's Chorus***

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