

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN



CHURCH IN GERMANTOWN

EASTER SUNDAY  
APRIL 21, 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.

April 21, 2018

Easter Sunday

## ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP AT 10:00 AM

### GATHERING AS GOD'S FAMILY

Prelude: *Prelude and Fugue in E-Flat Major ("St. Anne")*

J.S. Bach

Welcome and Announcements

Introit: *The Lord Liveth*

Jesse Padgett

The Lord liveth and blessed by my Rock. The Lord liveth and let the God of my salvation be exalted! -Ps. 18:46

†\*Call to Worship

Leader: It is the Lord, in the dawning, in the renewal, in the arrival, in the new day,

**People: It is the Lord,**

Leader: In the crowds, in the church, in the conversation, in the crisis,

**People: It is the Lord,**

Leader: in our joys, in our sorrows, in our sickness, in our health,

**People: It is the Lord,**

Leader: In the stable, in the humble, in the stranger, in the poor.

**People: It is the Lord,**

Leader: Risen and returned, alive for evermore, giving us new life, saving us in strife.

**All: It is the Lord! Alleluia!**

\*Hymn 123: *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

EASTER HYMN

### CONFESSING OUR SINS TO GOD

Prayer of Confession

**God of new life, where there is despair, rise up in us with hope. When we are buried in the tomb of our sin, rise up in us with mercy and grace. Bloom forth with grace in our lives, that we might burst in promise, and live with resurrection faith each and every day. With Easter joy, we pray. Amen.**

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.”)

Sung by the Chancel Choir

### **PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD**

Prayer for Illumination

Liz Drum

The First Lesson: Ezekiel 37:1-14

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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

\*Hymn 118: *The Day of Resurrection*

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The Second Lesson: Luke 24:1-12

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Leader: God, we thank you for your Word.

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

Sermon: **AN IDLE TALE**

The Rev. Rebecca Segers

### **RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD**

A Time for Meditation on the Word

Anthem: *Hallelujah Chorus (from Messiah)*

G.F. Handel

\*Affirmation of Faith—Apostle’s 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 cruci-  
fied, 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 ev-  
erlasting. 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 tempta-  
tion, 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: *O Clap Your Hands*

Ralph Vaughan Williams

O clap your hands, all ye people; shout unto God with the voice of triumph. For the  
Lord most high is terrible. He is a great King over all earth. God is gone up with a  
shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet. Sing praises to God. Sing praises to our



**COFFEE HOUR:** This week's host: CDFC. Next week's host: Ingrid Harris/Carolyn & Ernie Freeman. Many thanks to The Congregational Development and Fellowship Committee and the men of the church who did the cooking for a delicious Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast. If you love to bake, buy or share hospitality, we need you to host this important time of fellowship! Please see Delores Solomon if you feel called to provide snacks or hands-on support.

**COMMUNICATIONS MANAGEMENT FELLOW:** We welcome Cherese Akers to the FPCG staff as our new Communications Management Fellow. Cherese will be handling all of the church's communications. The personnel committee requests that going forward you do not refer to Lois Bethea for anything communications (especially please allow her to enjoy coffee hour unhindered!) Cherese can be reached at [Communications@fpcgermantown.org](mailto:Communications@fpcgermantown.org).

**DO YOU WANT TO DANCE?** Rev. Rebecca is planning an opportunity for Liturgical Dance in May. If you are interested please speak to her after worship or email her at [rsegers@fpcgermantown.org](mailto:rsegers@fpcgermantown.org).

**APRIL CHALLENGE OFFERING:** Since 1949, Presbyterians have joined with millions of other Christians through One Great Hour of Sharing to share God's love with people experiencing need. Your gifts support ministries of disaster response, refugee assistance and resettlement, food for the hungry, and community development that helps people find safe refuge, start new lives, and work together to strengthen their families and communities. To learn more about One Great Hour of Sharing, visit [pcusa.org/oghs](http://pcusa.org/oghs).

**23<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL WALK AGAINST HUNGER TO BE HELD ON APRIL 27** Germantown Avenue Crisis Ministry joins communities across Philadelphia to help end hunger one step at a time, both in Northwest Philadelphia and across the region. Hosted by the Philadelphia Coalition Against Hunger, the Walk Against Hunger will support the efforts of GACM and hundreds of other agencies to eradicate hunger in our community. GACM encourages family and friends of all ages to form teams to support GACM and register to walk. To register to walk, see <https://hungercoalition.salsalabs.org/walkagainsthunger2018registrationcopy1/index.html> and use the code FOOD5 to receive a discount. For more information about the Walk Against Hunger and how you can support GACM, contact Hope Primas at 215-681-9554 or [hprimas@crisisministry.org](mailto:hprimas@crisisministry.org).

**PUERTO RICO SERVICE TRIP** Planning meeting on Sunday, April 28th immediately following worship in the Finney Room. This year's trip will be for adults only and return to Anasco to continue offering support in rebuilding in the community. For more information on dates, dollars and more, please join Reverend Rebecca and Sheila Heyer-Rivera and bring your questions and enthusiasm.

**IHN RETURNS TO FPCG SUNDAY APRIL 28<sup>TH</sup>.** For years FPCG has been the favorite host site for the homeless families in the program. Many volunteer opportunities are available including preparing a dinner meal, providing lunch foods and snacks and over night hosting. More information is on the literature table or you can speak to Eileen Jones or Delores Solomon during today's Pancake Breakfast.

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

Robert M. Aiken, Jr.  
Robert M. Aiken Sr.  
George & Julia Abbott  
Jamie Alexander  
Mr. & Mrs. John L. Asher, Sr.  
John L. Asher, Jr.  
Mr. & Mrs. Earl J. Ball, Jr.  
Keith Alan Benjamin  
Eleanore S. Berrington  
Mary Bethea  
Irene & Gordon Benson  
Romeo Cascarino  
Joseph D. Casimir Sr.  
Capt. Michael P. Cassidy, USA  
Robert & Vera Cato  
Sandra Cato Gohr  
John A. Chandler  
Clifford David  
Mr. & Mrs. Edward M. David  
Sunny David Gerber  
Mr. & Mrs. William M. David  
Alma E. Deas  
Samuel M. Deas  
Vera R. Deas  
Elma Devine  
Ann DiNardo  
Mattie Drum  
Winnie Fahs  
Lenore Finger  
Bill & Bea Gardner  
Margery W. Guenthoer  
Jason Guggolz  
Betty A. Henze  
Annie Jackson  
Horace Jackson  
Myrtle Jackson  
Rev. Freddie Jackson  
Dr. James Jackson  
Reginald Jackson  
William Jackson  
Charles & Ora Kaylor  
Mr. & Mrs. Paul W. Keibler

Mr. & Mrs. Harry W. Kleiser  
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Joseph J. Leube, Sr.  
Margaret M. Leube  
Irene & Joseph Liberty  
Virginia Linden  
Virginia Miller  
Esther Nafziger  
Carolyn M. Nagel  
Rose Neuringer  
William H. Oldach Jr. & Betty Oldach  
Michael R. Parks  
Eleanor C. Parker  
George & Margaret Parker  
Gloria & Bennie Patterson  
Mr. & Mrs. Charles W. Reisse  
Mr. & Mrs. Jack H. Rosensteel  
Miss Ethel Odgen Royce  
Jeannette S. Schwartz  
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Earl Steffy  
Fred W. Thurman  
Elizabeth H. Thompson  
George Paul Thompson  
H. George Thompson  
Hilma E. Thompson  
Patricia Ann Thompson  
Mr. & Mrs. William G. Young

***In Honor Of***

Rev. Rebecca Segers  
F. Anthony Thurman

**WINDOW ON THE WEEK**

**Sunday, Apr. 21**

**Easter Sunday**

9:00 AM Chancel Choir—Sanctuary  
9:40 AM Easter Prelude  
10:00 AM Easter Worship—The Rev. Rebecca Segers preaching

**Tuesday, Apr. 23**

12:00 PM CYChoirs Program Staff Meeting  
2:30 PM Sunday Suppers  
3:00 PM GSSD—Jennings Room  
5:30 PM Percussion  
6:30 PM Nominating Committee—Upstairs  
6:30 PM Personnel Committee Meeting—Offsite

**Wednesday, Apr. 24**

10:00 AM Staff Meeting—Finney Room  
4:00 PM Keystone State Boychoir—Rehearsal  
7:00 PM Property Committee Meeting—Finney Room

**Thursday, Apr. 25**

8:00 AM Rev. Rebecca at Uncle Bobbie's,  
5445 Germantown Ave. (8-10 a.m.)  
6:00 PM Keystone State Boychoir—Jennings Room, Longstreth Aud.  
6:00 PM Admin & Finance Committee Meeting—Finney Room  
6:30 PM Gospel Choir—Sanctuary  
7:45 PM Voices in Bronze—Choir Room

**Friday, Apr. 26**

3:30 PM Drop-in Center—Youth Lounge, Gym  
5:00 PM Keystone State Boychoir Small Ensemble Group—Choir Rm.  
6:30 PM Middle/High School Youth Group—Youth Lounge, Gym

**Saturday, Apr. 27**

8:00 AM Keystone State Boychoir—Choir Room, Primary, Sanctuary  
Finney Room, Longsteth Auditorium  
9:00 AM Coming To The Table—Jennings Room  
10:00 AM Open Gym

**Sunday, Apr. 28**

9:00 AM Chancel Choir—Sanctuary  
10:00 AM Worship—Sacrament of Baptism  
The Rev. Rebecca Segers preaching  
10:15 AM Sunday School Grades K-5  
11:15 AM Puerto Rico Planning Meeting—Finney Room  
11:45 AM Confirmation Class—Christian Education Middle Room

# Church Officers

## Elders

### 2019

Ingrid Harris  
Joseph Leube  
Delores Solomon

### 2020

Gloria Bethea  
Andrea Overton  
J. Randall Rosensteel

### 2021

Marc DiNardo  
Robert Seed  
Jason Williams

Clerk of Session:  
Robert Seed

## Deacons

### 2019

Ruth Cato  
OPEN  
Dick Liberty

### 2020

Randy Clever  
John Orandosh  
Carolyn Tarver

### 2021

Dhyan Cassie  
Rhonda Highsmith  
Dani Howard

## First Church Staff

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Director of Adult Education and Community Life	Pastor	Rebecca Segers
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Director of Music		Eileen Jones
Director of the Gospel Choir		F. Anthony Thurman
Director of the Handbell and Children's Choirs		Sara Carter-Blanford
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