

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN



CHURCH IN GERMANTOWN

APRIL 18, 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.

## Maundy Thursday

April 18, 2019

6:30 pm

(Please turn off cell phones, or put them in vibrate mode. Thank you.)

(\* indicates where the congregation may rise -- in body or in spirit. Responses are in **bold font**.)

### WE GATHER AS FAMILY IN FAITH

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

This is a day to remember.

**We remember the Passover Jesus shared with his disciples.**

We remember his new covenant of broken bread and cup.

**We remember his night alone in the garden in prayer.**

We remember his arrest, his trial, his suffering, the denial by his friend.

**We remember this day and thank God for Jesus' presence with us then and with us now. Amen.**

\*HYMN 94: *An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare*

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#### EVENING PRAYER (in unison)

**Ever gracious God, we gather this evening hour as friends gathered with Jesus in an upper room long ago. We come bearing the marks of a bitter and broken world. We come from anonymous places, with dry and thirsty spirits. Remind us in the breaking of the bread of our need and of your sufficiency. Refresh us and make us whole with the cup of forgiveness. Draw us nearer to each other in mutual service and closer to you in the covenant of faithfulness and thanksgiving. As the night advances, deepen in us a sense of your steadfast love for us in Jesus Christ, our friend and redeemer. Amen.**

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

#### BLESSING BEFORE SUPPER

### WE SHARE SUPPER TOGETHER

Supper this evening is a choice of homemade Chicken Wild Rice or Vegetarian Black Bean Soup, served buffet style. You are invited to pass along the food line and return with your meal to the table and enjoy.

### WE STRIP THE TABLES

*After supper together, the mood of the evening shifts dramatically from a light casual fellowship to a grave solemnity, foreboding events that follow supper, continue through the night and culminate the next day at Jesus' crucifixion and the disciples' abandonment of their Master. Please clear your tables of all bowls, utensils, tablecloths - everything. At this point, all of your belongings should be with you at the*

*table so you can leave the Longstreth Auditorium immediately after the service.*

READING FROM SCRIPTURE - John 13:1-20, 31b-35

MESSAGE: **THE THINGS WE DON'T DO**

Rev. Rebecca Segers

ANTHEM: *How Beautiful*

Twila Paris/arr. Lloyd Larson

Duet by Marc DiNardo & Linda Jaymes

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - THE 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 at 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 life everlasting. Amen.**

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE INVITATION

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

THE PRAYER AFTER SUPPER (in unison)

**Fed at Christ's table, we have been strengthened. We are imbued with Christ who helps us to face life's tough realities. The broken bread has refreshed us; the cup of blessing has filled us with God's peace. As disciples, much will be expected of us. We cannot avoid the challenge of the cross. But Jesus is the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. He saw God's glory beyond the cross; death does not have the last word. We can live in confidence, upheld by God's love. We thank you, O Lord, for this meal, and for our lives. Amen.**

A READING OF PSALM 22

*Members of the Worship, Music, and Arts Committee will read this Psalm. Psalm 22 opens with the words that Jesus cried out from the cross and builds toward the coming of the kingdom of God.*

WE DEPART IN PEACE

Brothers and sisters, remember this night.

Remember the fellowship of the table; the broken bread and the shared cup.

Go into this night remembering and celebrating Christ's presence among us.

Go in peace!

**Amen.**

# 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 the Gospel Choir	Evelyn Santiago	Christian Heyer-Rivera
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