

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN



CHURCH IN GERMANTOWN

ALIVE,
CELEBRATING
& SERVING
THE LIVING LORD!

MAY 19, 2019

*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.

May 19, 2019

Congregational Meeting

"To me, beauty is inclusion - every size, every color - that's the world I live in."
- Prabal Gurung, Fashion Designer

ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP AT 10:00 AM

GATHERING AS GOD'S FAMILY

Prelude: *Chorale-Prelude on LLANFAIR*

McNeil Robinson

Welcome and Announcements

Introit: *Sing Unto the Lord a New Song*

Thurman

†*Call to Worship

One: Risen Lord, live in us that we may live in you.

Many: We gather to thank you that in your resurrection we are renewed and transformed.

One: Like the butterfly, we unfold and fly free,

Many: Free from the cocoon, free from all the graveclothes that have bound us—our prejudices, our fears, our angers, our self-centeredness, our loneliness.

One: We thank you that in your resurrection all those who have died who are dear to us now live with you.

Many: In you they have victory over suffering, peace never known on earth, and the joy of your presence always.

One: We thank you that in your resurrection we ourselves may hope for the end of pain, grief, tears, weakness, and for everlasting life in the beauty of your spirit.

All: Alleluia, Christ is Risen! Our worship today celebrates the new life we share in resurrection!

*Hymn 481: *Praise the Lord, God's Glory Show*

LLANFAIR

CONFESSING OUR SINS TO GOD

Prayer of Confession

We admit, holy God, that we find it hard to hear your promise of new life. Even when we are dissatisfied with our lives, it is easier to cling to what we know than to risk the unknown. You challenge us to accept people who are

different from us, but we are not eager to associate with them. You command us to love one another, but some people are not lovable. O God, melt our defenses so we can accept your love and let it flow through us. Grant us courage to embrace newness, we pray.

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.")

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Marney Hague

The First Lesson: Acts 11:1-18

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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!

The Time for Children

Anthems *Climbin' up the Mountain*

Spiritual/arr. Mark Patterson

Climbin' up the mountain children, didn't come here for to stay,
If I nevermore see you again, gonna meet you at the judgment day.
Moses went down into Egypt land; he told ol' Pharoah
That the good Lord sittin' on his heavenly throne said:
"Let my people go!" good Lord, "Let my people go."
Daniel looked up from the lion's den; he did begin to pray
And the angel of the Lord locked the lion's jaw,
That sure was a mighty day, good Lord.

Children's Choir; Evelyn Santiago, director

The Second Lesson: Revelation 21:1-6

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Leader: God, we thank you for your Word.

People: The story of your grace.

Sermon: **HOLEY, WHOLLY, HOLY**

Rev. Rebecca Segers

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

A Time for Meditation on the Word

*Affirmation of Faith (from *A Brief Statement of Faith*)

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory: *The Holy City*

Stephens Adams

Last night I lay a-sleeping, there came a dream so fair;
I stood in old Jerusalem, beside the Temple there.
I heard the children singing, and ever as they sang,
Me thought the voice of angels from Heaven in answer rang.
Jerusalem, Jerusalem, lift up your gates and sing
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna to your King!
And then me thought my dream was changed, the streets no longer rang,
Hushed were the glad Hosannas the little children sang.
The sun grew dark with mystery, the morn was cold and chill,
As the shadow of a cross arose upon a lonely hill.
Jerusalem, Jerusalem, Hark! How the angels sing
Hosanna in the Highest! Hosanna to your King!
And once again the scene was changed, new earth there seemed to be!
I saw the holy city beside the tideless sea.
The light of God was on its street, the gates were open wide;
And all who would might enter, and no one was denied.
No need of moon or stars by night, nor sun to shine by day;
It was the new Jerusalem, that would not pass away!
Jerusalem, Jerusalem, sing for the night is o'er
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna for evermore!

Soloists: David Kellett, tenor; Margaret Mezzacappa, mezzo soprano;
Evelyn Santiago, soprano

*Congregational Response 592: *Doxology*

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Prayer of Dedication

GOING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn 311: *We Meet You, O Christ*

NORMANDY

*Charge and Benediction

Rev. Rebecca Segers

*Congregational Response: #585

Robinson

Postlude: *Trumpet Processional in G Major*

David German

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: We give thanks to Evelyn Santiago, director of our Children's Choir and Voices in Bronze Handbell Choir, and all of the participants in each choir. The bell choir finished their season last Sunday; the children conclude their season today. Both groups will resume regular rehearsals in the fall. On Sunday, June 16, we invite the men from the congregation to unite their voices in a Father's Day Men's Chorus. Rehearsals will be on Sunday, June 9, from 11:30-12:30 and Sunday, June 16 from 9-9:30 in the Sanctuary. **Save the date!** Our Gospel Choir will join their voices with the Grace Baptist Church Cancel Choir in a Gospel Concert in our Sanctuary on Sunday, June 23, at 4 p.m. The concert will be led and directed by Sara C. Blanford.

COFFEE HOUR: This week's host: CDFC. Next week's host: Open. Many thanks to the Raymond 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 see Delores Solomon if you feel called to provide snacks or hands-on support.

OUR FINAL 3RD SUNDAY Intergenerational interactive Bible Study is today immediately following the congregational meeting. Please vote to elect our new officers and nominating committee and then join us in community to study and discern how Jesus calls us to welcome one another as God's children.

THE FIRST LITURGICAL DANCE REHEARSAL is this Thursday, May 23rd at 5:30pm. They continue on Saturday, May 25th at 9:00am, and then every Thursday at 5:30pm and Saturday at 10am through Sunday, June 30th date when the dance will be ministered. The first two Saturday dates (cancellation and time change) are due to scheduling conflicts. If you are interested please speak to Rev. Rebecca after worship or email her at rsegers@fpcgermantown.org.

BIRTHDAY CARDS: You may have noticed that the deacons have offered an opportunity to sign birthday cards during coffee hour. This is going to happen twice a month. If your birthday is in the beginning of the month your card will be available to sign the 1st time. If your birthday is at the end of the month, you will notice your birthday card the 2nd time around.

WELCOME IHN With the worsening economy, Philadelphia's shelter system is stretched beyond capacity. There is no simple solution or quick fix however, the IHN approach is highly effective. 92% of IHN families have succeeded in permanently overcoming home-

lessness. <http://philashelter.org> FPCG can share in the credit. Since IHN's inception in 1991, every fall and spring, FPCG has opened its door to house IHN families. Today marks week three hosting our PIHN guests. Lots of opportunities remain for you to prepare a meal, provide snacks or serve as an overnight host. See Eileen Jones or Delores Solomon during coffee hour. The families leave us Sunday May 26. To volunteer see Eileen Jones or Delores Solomon during coffee hour.

MAY CHALLENGE OFFERING BEACON CHURCH IN KENSINGTON:

Beacon is a church plant of the PCUSA that serves as a missionary to the neighborhood of Fishtown/Kensington. Many of its neighbors were raised Catholic or have grown up without any church influence at all. Beacon's mission is to build bridges across the divisions of socio-economic status, culture, and politics. Beacon strengthens the social fabric of its neighborhood by gathering for worship that is explanatory and accessible to all people, regardless of faith background, and hosting family art workshops that utilize visual art to build connection between neighbors and families. Over and over again, neighbors have experienced personal and community healing in and through art-making. Beacon worships every Sunday at 5pm (with a dinner afterwards on the first Sunday monthly). The members of Beacon would love to connect with their siblings in the faith at FPCG. For more information about Beacon, check out their website: thewordatbeacon.org, social media: @thewordatbeacon or email info@thewordatbeacon.org.

THE RACHEL CIRCLE, an arm of the Presbyterian Women USA, will hold its monthly meeting tomorrow, Monday, May 20th at 11:00 a.m. in the Jennings Room. All women are welcome. Please bring your lunch. Drink and dessert will be provided.

ELECTION DAY: Don't forget Tuesday May 21, 2019 is election day. Deacon Carolyn Tarver serves as a committee woman for ward 59-18 which FPCG is included under. She is responsible for the seniors rides to the polls program and is offering FREE transportation to the voting polls. If you are in need of a ride or know someone who will need a ride or would like to volunteer to drive please contact Carolyn Tarver at 267-582-1216 or via email carolyn-tarver1951@gmail.com. Please leave a message or text before Saturday May 18, 2019. This election is very important as we elect a new mayor, judges, and city council candidates. Don't forget! Your vote is your voice!!!

JUNE WINDOWS SUBMISSION: Please note that the submission deadline for the June issue of Windows was the end of the day on May 15th. If you did not submit your Windows information and would like it to be published in the June Windows, please send it to Chereese no later than this Tuesday, May 21st via email at communications@fpcgermantown.org. This will be the absolute final deadline for the June issue.

THE 5TH SUNDAY PLANNING TEAM meets on Saturday, May 25th at 10am in the Finney Room. All those who are helping to make the Sunday June 30th worship service at 5:00pm special and meaningful, please join us then and there.

FPCG ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP: Applications for our annual scholarship are now available for church members, active program members and friends of the church. Scholarships are for trade school degrees, undergraduate degrees, and graduate studies. Applications are in the church office. If you'd like to have an application electronically please contact Christian Heyer-Rivera at Christianaheyer@yahoo.com. The application deadline is June 30th.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING—PART I

Notice is hereby given that the Congregational Meeting, Part I, of the Congregation of the First Presbyterian Church in Germantown, in the County of Philadelphia, PA, will be held on Sunday, May 19, 2019, immediately following the worship service.

The following will be presented:

- Hearing Report of Nominating Committee
- Election of Church Officers Class of 2022 and Nominating Committee Class of 2020

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

Attest: Robert Seed, Clerk of Session

Rev. Rebecca L. Segers, Moderator

WINDOW ON THE WEEK

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| Sunday, May. 19 | 9:00 AM | Chancel Choir—Sanctuary |
| | 10:00 AM | Worship—The Rev. Rebecca Segers preaching |
| | 10:15 AM | Sunday School Grades K-5 |
| | 11:00 AM | Congregational Meeting—Sanctuary |
| | 11:30 AM | Chancel Choir—Choir Room |
| | 11:30 AM | Third Sunday Interactive Intergenerational Bible Study Longstreth Auditorium |
| | 3:00 PM | KSB Concert—Sanctuary, Longstreth Auditorium |
| | 6:00 PM | KSB Concert—Sanctuary, Longstreth Auditorium |
| Monday, May 20 | 11:00 AM | Rachel Circle—Jennings Room |
| Tuesday, May 21 | 1:30 PM | Presbytery Meeting—Sanctuary |
| Wednesday, May 22 | 10:00 AM | Staff Meeting—Finney Room |
| | 4:00 PM | Keystone State Boychoir—Rehearsal |
| | 7:00 PM | Personnel Committee Meeting—Offsite |
| Thursday, May 23 | 8:00 AM | Rev. Rebecca at Uncle Bobbie's, 5445 Germantown Ave. (8-10 a.m.) |
| | 2:00 PM | Sunday Suppers—Kitchen, Longstreth, Finney Room |
| | 5:30 PM | Liturgical Dance Rehearsal—Sanctuary |
| | 6:00 PM | Keystone State Boychoir—Jennings Room, Longstreth Aud. |
| | 6:30 PM | Gospel Choir—Sanctuary |
| Friday, May 24 | 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, May 25 | 8:00 AM | Keystone State Boychoir—Choir Room, Primary, Sanctuary Finney Room, Longstreth Auditorium |
| | 9:00 AM | Liturgical Dance Rehearsal—Finney Room |
| | 10:00 AM | Open Gym |
| | 10:00 AM | 5th Sunday Worship Planning Meeting—Finney Room |
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| Sunday, May 26 | 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 | Deacons Meeting—Finney Room |
| | 11:30 AM | Chancel Choir—Choir Room |
| | 11:45 AM | Confirmation Class—Christian Education Middle Room |
| | 2:00 PM | KSB—Sanctuary, Longstreth Auditorium |

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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| Pastor | Rebecca Segers |
| Director of Adult Education and Community Life | Kevin L. Porter |
| Director of Urban Ministry | Eileen Jones |
| Director of Music | F. Anthony Thurman |
| Director of the Gospel Choir | Sara C. Blanford |
| Director of the Handbell and Children's Choirs | Evelyn Santiago |
| Director of Christian Education | Christian Heyer-Rivera |
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