

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN



CHURCH IN GERMANTOWN

ALIVE, JUNE 23, 2019
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.

June 23, 2019

"Who you gonna call? - Ghostbusters

ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP AT 10:00 AM

GATHERING AS GOD'S FAMILY

Prelude: *Two Psalm Impressions*

Douglas E. Wagner

Meditation (after Ps. 42:1)

Hymn (after Ps. 42:8)

Welcome and Announcements

†*Call to Worship

One: The Holy Spirit has given us life and pours on us the power to become new people!

Many: The winds of the spirit have given us breath and the fire of the spirit has enkindled in us a love for God and each other.

One: Come here in faithfulness and be ready for the surprises that God's Spirit brings.

All: We open our lives to the presence of God and trust God's promise to us that we can live new lives of freedom and grace. May God help us to be true people, letting the Holy Spirit fill our days!

*Hymn 464: *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

HYMN TO JOY

CONFESSING OUR SINS TO GOD

Prayer of Confession

Lord of the ages, in our busy lives, we do not always make time to love, pray, or to sing your praises. We want to be strong, yet we often feel out of control: buffeted by the winds of change, rocked by the earthquakes in our relationships, burned by the fires of doubt. Forgetting what we cannot see, we ask, "Why have you forgotten me?" Help us trust your presence, even when we feel utterly alone, trapped in our dark night of soul. With the promise of Christ as our hope, lead us from our own wilderness wanderings into the well-tended garden of your love.

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

Marc DiNardo

The First Lesson: Psalm 42

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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

Anthem: *Your Still, Small Voice*

Wagner

Your still, small voice, Lord, let me hear it in this frantic world.

Your still, small voice, calm my restless spirit;

Speak to me until I find my rest in you.

Lord, I heard you not in the thunder, nor the fire, nor the whirlwind's blast;

But perhaps in silent wonder, you will touch my life at last.

In the quiet peace of the morning, when the day is fresh and clear,

Speak to me, Lord, I will listen, call to me and I will hear.

Margaret Mezzacappa, mezzo soprano; Jesse Padgett, baritone

The Second Lesson: 1 Kings 19:1-15a

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Leader: God, we thank you for your Word.

People: The story of your grace.

Sermon: **WHAT YOU GONNA DO?**

Rev. Rebecca Segers

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

A Time for Meditation on the Word

*Hymn 2025: *As the Deer (2x) (from Sing the Faith)*

AS THE DEER

*Affirmation of Faith (from *The Confession of 1967*)

In each time and place, there are particular problems and crises through which God calls the church to act. The church, guided by the Spirit, humbled by its own complicity and instructed by all attainable knowledge, seeks to discern the will of God and learn how to obey in these concrete situations. God's redeeming work in Jesus Christ embraces the whole of man's life: social and cultural, economic and political, scientific and tech-

nological, individual and corporate. It includes man's natural environment as exploited and despoiled by sin. It is the will of God that his purpose for human life shall be fulfilled under the rule of Christ and all evil be banishes from his creation. Amen.

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory: *Praise Him*

Craig Courtney

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him for his mighty acts.

Praise him in the firmament of his power.

Praise him according to his excellent greatness.

I will extol the Lord, my God, and I will bless his name forever.

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised.

The Lord is righteous and holy.

The Lord is gracious and kind; full of compassion, slow to anger;

His tender mercies are over all his works;

The Lord is good to all. Praise him!

Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him for his mighty acts.

Praise him in the firmament of his power.

Let ev'rything that hath breath praise the Lord!

*Congregational Response 592: *Doxology*

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Prayer of Dedication

GOING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn 415: *Come, Labor On*

ORA LABORA

*Charge and Benediction

Rev. Rebecca Segers

*Congregational Response : #585

McNeil Robinson II

Postlude: *Hymn to Joy*

Albert L. Travis

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 soloists are Margaret Mezzacappa and Jesse Padgett, section leaders in our Chancel Choir. We are blessed to have their talents offered to the Glory of God. A native of Ohio, Margaret rose to prominence in the opera world as the Grand Prize Winner of the Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions. She made her Carnegie Hall debut in 2012 and later performed Beethoven's *Symphony No. 9* with the Philadelphia Orchestra. She is a graduate of Baldwin Wallace College and Philadelphia's Academy of Vocal Arts. Recent solo engagements include Verdi's *Requiem* with the Columbus Symphony, Handel's *Messiah* and Brahms's *Alto Rhapsody* with the Germanton Oratorio Choir & Or-

chestra, and Mahler's *Das Lied von der Erde* with the Phoenix Symphony. In addition to being an accomplished singer, Jesse is a published composer whose works are distributed internationally through J.W. Pepper. The North Carolina native received his Master of Music degree from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and is adjunct faculty at West Chester University, where he teaches private voice and is the vocal director for their musicals. **Summer Music:** Over the summer months, there are opportunities for members of the congregation to share their talents in worship. Please e-mail music.fpcgermantown@gmail.com or speak with Tony Thurman if you are interested in singing or playing a sacred solo during worship.

GOSPEL CHOIR CONCERT: Today our Gospel Choir will join their voices with the Grace Baptist Church of Germantown's Chancel Choir in a free Gospel Concert in our Sanctuary this afternoon at 4 p.m. The concert will be directed and led by Sara C. Blanford. It will also be internet livestreamed at www.fpcgermantown.org/gospel-2019. Please join as we support our Gospel Choir and are uplifted by their music!

COFFEE HOUR: This week's host: CDFC. Next week's host: Open. Many thanks to the CDFC 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.

PINA COLADA/BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER: There will be a Pina Colada/Bake Sale Fundraiser for the Puerto Rico Service Trip today, June 23rd immediately following worship. Purchase a sweet treat and support FPCG's mission in Puerto Rico this summer.

5TH @ 5:00 PM WORSHIP SERVICES continue on Sunday, June 30, 2019. this service theme is "Pass It On", as we consider the ways in which God moves in our lives, and how we are called to pass those gifts on to others. There will be liturgical dance, special music from the Los Angeles Boy Choir and a shared meal afterward. Please invite your friends and come join us in the west transept as we praise the Lord together.

THE LITURGICAL DANCE REHEARSALS CONTINUE: Rehearsal will be held every Thursday at 5:30pm and every Saturday at 10am through Sunday, June 30th date when the dance will be ministered. Thursday rehearsals are held in the Sanctuary and Saturday rehearsals are held in the Youth Lounge. If you are interested please speak to Rev. Rebecca after worship or email her at rsegers@fpcgermantown.org.

JUNE CHALLENGE OFFERING FRIENDS OF VERNON PARK: Just outside the windows of the First Presbyterian Church in Germantown you will see green leafy trees and colorful flowers in bloom, children playing, dogs and their owners strolling the paths and folks enjoying a conversation or book as they sit on the benches. Vernon Park, the 'Emerald of Germantown' is nestled in between commercial corridors and residential streets and serves as a connector, interlude and green oasis in our neighborhood. The Friends of Vernon Park is a group of dedicated volunteer stewards of this vital community resource, ensuring that the Park is vibrant, welcoming and a positive environment for all. We are able to accomplish this joyful work with the help of our community. The financial support provided by First Presbyterian Church has enabled us to tend to gardens, create thoughtful programming for families and invest in (limited but consistent) maintenance during the Philadelphia Parks and Recreation off-season. The Park looked and felt great all winter—and welcomed spring once it (finally!) arrived—ready for picnicking, Easter egg

hunting and all sorts of fun. To learn more about Friends of Vernon Park, please visit www.friendsofvernonpark.org. Thank you, FPCG friends, for all you do to lift up our community.

FPCG ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIPS: Applications for our annual scholarships 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.

Upcoming at First Church

Sunday, June 23, 4:00 p.m.

Gospel Choir Concert

Sunday, June 30, 5:00 p.m.

5th @ 5:00 Worship "Pass It On"

Monday, June 24th - Friday August 2nd

Freedom School

Sunday, July 13th - Sunday July 20th

Puerto Rico Service Trip

Tuesday, July 16th - Sunday, July 20th

Youth Triennium

Saturday, July 27th

Beach Day

WINDOW ON THE WEEK

Sunday, June 23	10:00 AM	Worship—The Rev. Rebecca Segers preaching
	10:15 AM	Sunday School Grades K-5
	4:00 PM	Gospel Choir Concert—Sanctuary
Monday, June 24	7:30 AM	First Day of Freedom School
Tuesday, June 25	5:30 PM	Percussion—Choir Room, Sanctuary
Wednesday, June 26	10:00 AM	Staff Meeting—Upstairs Office
	6:00 PM	PIHN Annual Meeting—Chestnut-hill Friends
Thursday, June 27	8:00 AM	Rev. Rebecca at Uncle Bobbie's, 5445 Germantown Ave. (8-10 a.m.)
	5:30 PM	Liturgical Dance Rehearsal—Sanctuary
	7:00 PM	Vision for the Future Team—Upstairs Office
Friday, June 28	6:30 PM	Middle/High School Youth Group—Youth Lounge, Gym
Saturday, June 29	9:00 AM	Readers Choice—Offsite
	10:00 AM	Liturgical Dance Rehearsal—Sanctuary
Sunday, June 30	10:00 AM	Worship—Christian Heyer-Rivera preaching
	10:15 AM	Sunday School Grades K-5
	5:00 PM	5th @ 5 Worship—Sanctuary & Longstreth Aud.

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