

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN



CHURCH IN GERMANTOWN

ALIVE, JUNE 30, 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 30, 2019

Third Sunday after Pentecost

*"Human will does not by liberty obtain grace, but by grace obtains liberty." - John Calvin*

## ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP AT 10:00 AM

### GATHERING AS GOD'S FAMILY

Prelude: *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart*

Frederick Swann

Welcome and Announcements

†\*Call to Worship

One: We keep the Lord always before us; because God is at our right hand, we shall not be moved.

**Many: Therefore, our hearts are glad and our souls rejoice; our bodies also rest secure.**

One: For you do not give us up to the grave, nor let your faithful ones see the pit.

**All: You show us the path of life, and in your presence there is fullness of joy.**

\*Hymn 411: *Arise, Your Light Is Come!*

FESTAL SONG

### CONFESSING OUR SINS TO GOD

Prayer of Confession

**God of freedom, set at liberty we who are captive, and grant us absolution as we confess our sin. Prisoners of self-interest, we disregard neighbors. We bolster our own egos at others' expense. When slander is rampant, we seldom stop it. When rumors are rife, we seek not the source. Help us to check our destructive ways, lest we consume one another, and cause us to use our freedom in more loving ways.**

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

Dhyan Cassie

The First Lesson: Luke 9:51-62

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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: *The Summons*

Music: Scottish Melody

Text: John L. Bell

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown? Will you let my name be known?  
Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?  
Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?  
Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?  
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean and do such as this unseen,  
And admit to what I mean in you and you in me?  
Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,  
Through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?  
Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.  
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

The Second Lesson: Galatians 5:1, 13-25

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Leader: God, we thank you for your Word.

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

Sermon: **SET FREE FROM, AND SET FREE TO BE!**

Christian Heyer-Rivera

### RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

A Time for Meditation on the Word

\*Hymn 2146: *His Eye Is on the Sparrow (from Sing the Faith)*

SPARROW

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

**In life and death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. 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 the 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, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. 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: *I Then Shall Live*

Music: Jean Sibelius  
Text: Gloria Gaither

I then shall live as one who's been forgiven;  
I'll walk with joy to know my debts are paid;  
I know my name is clear before my Father;  
I am his child and I am not afraid.  
So, greatly pardoned, I'll forgive my brother;  
The law of love I gladly will obey.  
I then shall live as one who's learned compassion;  
I've been so loved that I'll risk loving, too.  
I know how fear builds walls instead of bridges;  
I'll dare to see another's point of view.  
And when relationships demand commitment,  
Then I'll be there to care and follow through.  
Your Kingdom come around and through and in me;  
Your power and glory – let them shine through me;  
Your hallowed name, oh, may I bear with honor,  
And may your living Kingdom come in me.  
The Bread of Life, oh, may I share with honor,  
And may you feed a hungry world through me.

\*Congregational Response 592: *Doxology*

OLD HUNDREDTH

\*Prayer of Dedication

## GOING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

\*Hymn 564: *O Beautiful for Spacious Skies*

MATERNA

\*Charge and Benediction

Rev. Kevin Porter

\*Congregational Response : #585

McNeil Robinson II

Postlude: *If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee*

J.S. Bach

**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 soloist is the Rev. Linda Jaymes. A native of Union, N.J., she started singing alto in the church choir when she was in the ninth grade. Linda is a graduate of Penn State University (1971) and Princeton Theological Seminary (1994) where she sang with the Seminary Singers and the Touring Choir. Her first call was to the Central Presbyterian Church in Chambersburg, Pa., where she served as the associate pastor from 1994-1998. In 1998 she was called to be the solo pastor of Olivet Covenant Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia where she served until her retirement from full-time ministry in 2017. Linda has two sons: John and Adam, and two grandchildren. She lives nearby in the Blue Bell Hill neighborhood and loves worshipping here at FPCG when she is not traveling or filling the pulpit somewhere else. Next Sunday: Pianist Gayle Martin will share her gifts in worship. **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](mailto:music.fpcgermantown@gmail.com) or speak with Tony Thurman if you are interested in singing or playing a sacred solo during worship.

**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.

**5TH @ 5:00 PM WORSHIP SERVICES:** We will worship tonight, June 30, 2019, at 5:00pm. The 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 Children's Choir and a shared meal afterward. Please invite your friends and come join us in the west transept as we praise the Lord together.

**FPCG ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIPS:** The application deadline is today, June 30th. 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](mailto:Christianaheyer@yahoo.com).

**THE CHURCH WILL BE CLOSED** Thursday, July 4, Friday, July 5, and Saturday, July 6 due to the holiday.

**REV REBECCA SEGERS** will be in the office this week, Monday through Wednesday. She will not be at Uncle Bobbie's on Thursday.

**FREEDOM SCHOOL:** Freedom School 2019 began last week. Under the dynamic leadership of Contina Lundy, Program Director, 52 scholars and a staff of 11 have begun the fast-paced programs and activities of Freedom School. Unfortunately, the Department of Recreation Pool at Pickett Campus was closed due to a lack of staff so there was no swimming. But, there were highlights! Favorite books, *Day The Crayons Quit*, by Drew Daywalt, the story of when the crayons had enough! *Boy 21* by Matthew Quick, about a high school senior's coming of age. Want to know more? Ask a scholar or get the books. The week concluded with a fun trip to Erie Bowling Lanes. Pray that Week 2 goes well. Open pool, safety, learning and fun!

**FREEDOM SCHOOL FUNDRAISER:** One of the ways we hold down the cost of the 7 week summer program is to host this annual fundraiser at the Jenkintown Applebee's. Each Freedom School family is expected to sell 10 tickets and we also request support from our FPCG family. Join us Saturday, July 20th for a delicious breakfast. Tickets will be available for purchase during coffee hour today. Please see Eileen Jones or Contina Lundy.

**MESSAGE FROM THE DEACONS:** The Deacons started sending birthday cards to every member of our congregation. Deacons John Orandosh and Carolyn Tarver have spearheaded this effort, and now there's a way you can contribute as well, in addition to adding your well-wishing notes in the cards when you see them at coffee hours. If you receive greeting cards in the mail from various charities, please consider donating them to the Deacons. The Deacons would also welcome cards purchased for this purpose if you feel called to do so. Thank You.

**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](http://www.friendsofvernonpark.org). Thank you, FPCG friends, for all you do to lift up our community.

## *Upcoming at First Church*

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*

|                          |                                     |   |
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| <b>Sunday, June 30</b>   | 10:00 AM                            | Worship—Christian Heyer-Rivera preaching      |
|                          | 10:15 AM                            | Sunday School Grades K-5                      |
|                          | 5:00 PM                             | 5th @ 5 Worship—Rev. Rebecca Segers preaching |
| <b>Monday, July 1</b>    | <b>Freedom School—Mon-Wed</b>       |   |
| <b>Wednesday, July 3</b> | 10:00 AM                            | Staff Meeting—Upstairs Office                 |
|                          | 7:00 PM                             | KSB Rehearsal                                 |
| <b>Thursday, July 4</b>  | <b>Closed For Holiday—Thurs-Sat</b> |   |
| <b>Sunday, July 7</b>    | 10:00 AM                            | Worship—Rev. Rebecca Segers preaching         |
|                          | 10:15 AM                            | Sunday School Grades K-5                      |

# Church Officers

## Elders

### 2020

Gloria Bethea  
Andrea Overton  
J. Randall Rosensteel

### 2021

Marc DiNardo  
Robert Seed  
Jason Williams

### 2022

Ingrid Harris  
Joseph Leube  
Delores Solomon

Clerk of Session:  
Robert Seed

## Deacons

### 2020

Randy Clever  
John Orandosh  
Carolyn Tarver

### 2021

Dhyan Cassie  
Rhonda Highsmith  
Dani Howard

### 2022

Dick Liberty  
Dolores Shanks  
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## First Church Staff

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|--|------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Director of Adult Education and Community Life | Pastor                 | Rebecca Segers              |
| Director of Urban Ministry                     | Kevin L. Porter        | Eileen Jones                |
| Director of Music                              | F. Anthony Thurman     | Sara C. Blanford            |
| Director of the Gospel Choir                   | Evelyn Santiago        | Christian Heyer-Rivera      |
| Director of the Handbell and Children's Choirs | Christian Heyer-Rivera | Heidi Mercado-Littles       |
| Director of Christian Education                | Parish Visitor         | Terry Boyer                 |
| Building Manager                               | Cherese Akers          | Cindy Osborne               |
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