

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN



CHURCH IN GERMANTOWN

ALIVE,

JULY 28, 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.

July 28, 2019

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

"He who knows that enough is enough will always have enough" - Lao Tzu

ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP AT 10:00 AM

GATHERING AS GOD'S FAMILY

Prelude: *My Heart Is Ever Faithful*

J.S. Bach

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission

Ernie Freeman

†*Call to Worship

Rev. Kevin Porter

One: Restore us again, O God of our salvation.

Many: Revive us again, so that your people may rejoice in you.

One: Show us your steadfast love, O Lord,

Many: And grant us your salvation.

One: You, Lord, will give us what is good,

All: And your righteousness will make a path for us to follow.

*Hymn 276: *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

FAITHFULNESS

CONFESSING OUR SINS TO GOD

Prayer of Confession

Faithful God, all we have needed your hand has provided, and yet too often we fail to recognize your many gifts to us. Too often we complain, or we mistake our wants for our needs. Too often we are anxious about today and tomorrow, failing to put our full trust in you-the One who promises us our daily bread. Merciful God, forgive us, and give us eyes to see that your mercies are new every morning-your mercies to us, and your mercies to all whom you call us to love and to serve. 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.")

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Rhonda Highsmith

The First Lesson: Genesis 18:20-33

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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: Two Hymn Arrangements:

Blessed Assurance

It Is Well With My Soul

Phoebe Knapp

Philip Bliss

Daniel Conner, soprano saxophone; Matthew Reisse, alto saxophone

The Second Lesson: Luke 11:1-13

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Leader: God, we thank you for your Word.

People: The story of your grace.

Sermon: **ENOUGH FOR TODAY**

Don Carlin

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

A Time for Meditation on the Word

*Hymn 281: *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

CWM RHONDDA

*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 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: *Amazing Grace*

American Melody

*Congregational Response 592: *Doxology*

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Prayer of Dedication

GOING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn 555: *Now Thank We All Our God*

NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

*Charge and Benediction

Don Carlin

*Congregational Response : #585

McNeil Robinson II

Postlude: *Now Thank We All Our God*

Bach

IN MEMORIAM

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God
in loving memory of Charles G. Kaylor

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 are blessed to have Daniel Conner and Matthew Reisse offering their talents in worship today. The saxophone is in the family of wind instruments and most commonly associated with concert band, wind ensemble, and jazz repertoire. Since it was first introduced by Adolphe Sax in the middle of the nineteenth century, the instrument has received nine permutations ranging from Sopranissimo (the highest pitched) to Subcontrabass (the lowest pitched). We will hear the soprano and alto saxophones played in worship today.

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

FREEDOM SCHOOL: This week our scholars had the opportunity to hear from author Michelle Locket. She read her self-published book, "Little Me Wants To Be" during Harrambee. Lessons this week were on making a difference in the world. They read the following books: *The Day GoGo* Voted by Elinor Sisulu, *Whoever You Are* by Mem Fox, *Talking About Bessie* by Nikki Grimes, and *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian* by Sherman Alexie. On Friday, the scholars went to iFly Indoor Skydiving and had a STEM workshop. They also had their own personal flights. It was a fun time by scholars and staff

alike. This week our guests from The Philadelphia Project were from Narbeth Presbyterian Church (EPC). The scholars and their family will be joining us for worship next week.

REV REBECCA SEGERS is still in Puerto Rico. She served with fellow FPCG participants in service in Añasco through July 21 and is now participating in the PCUSA Fossil Free Delegation through July 31. She will not be at Uncle Bobbie's on Thursday mornings until August. First Church's ministry in Puerto Rico will be the focus of worship on Sunday, September 22nd.

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.

JULY CHALLENGE OFFERING SUNDAY BREAKFAST RESCUE MISSION: Founded in 1878, Sunday Breakfast Rescue Mission, have reached out to the homeless in Philadelphia for more than 130 years. Originally named the Sunday Breakfast Association, their name was changed a few years ago to reflect their expanded services as a Rescue Mission. Rescue Missions are similar to a traditional homeless shelter, but focus on caring for the spiritual needs in addition to the practical needs of people. Sunday Breakfast Rescue Mission, a non-profit organization, exists to minister in the name of Jesus Christ to the physical and spiritual needs of homeless and disadvantaged people in the Philadelphia area. Sunday Breakfast Rescue Mission aims to transform lives by the power of God; so that those who have been loved, rescued and trained would become those who love, rescue and train. Sunday Breakfast Rescue Mission serves the homeless through two locations in Philadelphia: a meal service program serving three meals a day to anyone in need and men's shelter in Center City and a transitional home for women in the Germantown neighborhood of Philadelphia. The Center City shelter also houses a long-term recovery program for men. The Mission does not receive government funding and relies on the generous contributions of caring individuals, families, churches and businesses.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION SESSION: Come out on August 8, 6-8pm, and learn how to use the new voting machines for Philadelphia elections. This information session will be hosted at FPCG by State Representative Stephen Kinsey. Representatives from the Philadelphia City Commissioner's office will demonstrate how the new machines operate. There are flyers located on the literature table for your convenience.

Upcoming at First Church

Monday, June 24th - Friday August 9th

Freedom School

Sunday, August 4th

Freedom School Sunday

Sunday, August 11th

Communion Sunday

Friday, August 16th - Sunday, August 18th

Camping Trip

WINDOW ON THE WEEK

Sunday, July 28	10:00 AM	Worship—Don Carlin preaching
	10:15 AM	Sunday School Grades K-5
Monday, July 29	Freedom School—Mon-Fri	
Wednesday, July 31	10:00 AM	Staff Meeting—Upstairs Office
Friday, August 2	6:30 PM	Elementary School Youth Group—YL, Gym
Saturday, August 3	10:00 AM	Open Gym—Gym
Sunday, August 4	Freedom School Sunday	
	10:00 AM	Worship—Rev. Rebecca Segers preaching
	10:15 AM	Sunday School Grades K-5

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