

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN



CHURCH IN GERMANTOWN

ALIVE,

JULY 7, 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 7, 2019

Closest Sunday to the 4th of July

*"Being brave means to know something is scary, difficult, and dangerous, and doing it anyway, because the possibility of winning the fight is worth the chance of losing it." - Emilie Autumn*

## ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP AT 10:00 AM

### GATHERING AS GOD'S FAMILY

Prelude: *Aria*

Gerald Curry

Welcome and Announcements

†\*Call to Worship

Rev. Kevin Porter

One: Sing praise to God, who changes our mourning to dancing.

**Many: Sing praise to Christ, who offers healing to our sickness.**

One: Sing praise to the Spirit, who brings peace to our turmoil.

**Many: Sing praise to God, who gives us strength for the journey.**

One: Singing God's praises

**All: We come to worship and pray.**

\*Hymn 2164: *Sanctuary (2x) (from Sing the Faith)*

SANCTUARY

### CONFESSING OUR SINS TO GOD

Prayer of Confession

**Mysterious One, you send us into the world, like lambs into the midst of wolves, to proclaim your peace; you move within our hearts, stirring us to seek the welfare of those who have done us harm; you instruct us to reach out in gentleness to those who have gone astray. Sometimes, O God, we do not feel up to it. It is hard to love our enemy. It is difficult to understand those who have advocated violence, much less love them. It is humbling to learn of your love for those we have been taught to despise. Forgive us. Teach us anew to follow your ways, that we too may be made whole.**

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

Don Carlin

The First Lesson: Isaiah 66:10-14

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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: *Amazing Grace: New Orleans Style*

arr. Craig Curry

Gayle Martin, piano

The Second Lesson: Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

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Leader: God, we thank you for your Word.

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

Sermon: **THIS IS L.I.T.!**

Rev. Rebecca Segers

### **RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

A Time for Meditation on the Word

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

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\*Affirmation of Faith (from *The Heidelberg Catechism*)

**Since we are redeemed from our sin and its wretched consequences by grace through Christ without any merit of our own, why must we do good works? Because just as Christ has redeemed us with his blood he also renews us through his Holy Spirit according to his own image, so that with our whole life we may show ourselves grateful to God for his goodness and that he may be glorified through us; and further, so that we ourselves may be assured of our faith by its fruits and by our reverent behavior may win our neighbors to Christ. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory: *Fanfare*

Aaron Copland

\*Congregational Response 592: *Doxology*

OLD HUNDREDTH

\*Prayer of Dedication

## GOING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

\*Hymn 429: *Lord, You Give the Great Commission*

ABBOT'S LEIGH

\*Charge and Benediction

Rev. Rebecca Segers

\*Congregational Response : #585

McNeil Robinson II

Postlude: *March in G Major*

Francis Hopkinson

**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 delighted to have Gayle Martin offering her gifts to the glory of God. A native of Houston, Gayle has performed around the globe and was a finalist in the International Tchaikovsky Piano Competition in Moscow. In honor of Independence Day, our musical selections pay tribute to American composers and styles that are unique to our country. As a representative of New Jersey, Francis Hopkinson was a signer of the Declaration of Independence, and in 1787, participated in the convention that framed the new United States Constitution. He claimed to be the first native of the United States to produce a musical composition.

**SUMMER MUSIC:** Over the summer months, there are opportunities for members of the congregation to share their talents in worship. Please e-mail [mu-sic.fpcgermantown@gmail.com](mailto:mu-sic.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.

**FREEDOM SCHOOL:** Tomorrow begins the third week of Freedom School. Our Servant leaders and scholars have hit a rhythm and things are operating smoothly. Bible study begins (who is my neighbor), exploring the familiar good Samaritan parable. The scholars read and enjoyed several books this week including *Just Us Women* by Jeanette Caines and Pat Cummings, *Getting Through Thursday* by Melrose Cooper, *Romeo and Juliet for Kids* by Lois Burdett, *The Boy and His Violin* by Gavin Curtis, and *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian* by Sherman Alexie.

**MEET THE SCHOLARS AND SUPPORT THE 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.

**JULY CHALLENGE OFFERING SUNDAY BREAKFAST RESCUE MISSION:**

Founded in 1878, the Sunday Breakfast Rescue Mission, has reached out to the homeless in Philadelphia for more than 130 years. Originally named the Sunday Breakfast Association, its 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.

**TRIP TO SMITHVILLE NEW JERSEY:** Smithville, N.J. is located about 15 miles north-inland from Atlantic City. There are brick paths shaded by oak and pine trees and lined by shops and boutiques on each side. Smithville began as a simple stagecoach stop, It is now a welcoming and thriving community. Cobblestone walkways with places to sit and rest, footbridges and beautiful grounds are some of the historic sites the town has to offer. Smithville is a shoppers paradise as it features over 50 shops, a delicious bakery and a winery. The winery offers tastings as well as a wide variety of wines to purchase. A day in the town of Smithville will be a day well spent. The van will leave the church parking lot at 10:00am sharp on July 25, 2019 and will return at approximately 4:00pm. If you are interested in attending please contact Gloria Bethea (215) 473-1672 or Faith Lewis (267) 816-9911 for further information.

**Upcoming at First Church**

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***

Sunday, July 20th

***Freedom School Fundraiser***

Saturday, July 27th

***Beach Day***

**WINDOW ON THE WEEK**

<b>Sunday, July 7</b>	10:00 AM 10:15 AM	Worship—Rev. Rebecca Segers preaching Sunday School Grades K-5
<b>Monday, July 8</b>	<b>Freedom School—Mon-Fri</b>	
<b>Tuesday, July 9</b>	6:30 PM 6:30 PM	Personnel Committee Meeting—Finney Room Christian Education Meeting—Upstairs Office
<b>Wednesday, July 10</b>	10:00 AM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Staff Meeting—Upstairs Office Friends of Vernon Park—Finney Room Vision of the Future Team—Upstairs Office
<b>Thursday, July 11</b>	7:00 PM	Property Committee Meeting—Finney Room
<b>Friday, July 12</b>	6:30 PM	Middle/High School Youth Group—Youth Lounge, Gym
<b>Saturday, July 13</b>	6:15 AM 10:00 AM 10:00 AM	Puerto Rico Trip Departure—East Parking Lot Mission & Outreach Committee Meeting—Jennings Room Open Gym—Youth Lounge, Gym
<b>Sunday, July 14</b>	10:00 AM 10:15 AM	Worship—Rev. Kevin Porter preaching 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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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
Parish Visitor	Heidi Mercado-Littles
Building Manager	Terry Boyer
Communications Management Fellow	Cherese Akers
Bookkeeper	Cindy Osborne
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