

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN



CHURCH IN GERMANTOWN

ALIVE,

AUGUST 11, 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.

August 11, 2019

Communion Sunday

"We are a continuum. Just as we reach back to our ancestors for our fundamental values, so we, as guardians of that legacy, must reach ahead to our children and their children. And we do so with a sense of sacredness in that reaching," - Paul Tsongas

ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP AT 10:00 AM

GATHERING AS GOD'S FAMILY

Prelude: *Chorale-Prelude on Dunlap's Creek*

Raymond H. Haan

Welcome and Announcements

†*Call to Worship

Rev. Kevin Porter

One: In faith, Abraham and Sarah set out for a new land.

Many: In faith, we seek to follow God in our lives.

One: In faith, the church seeks to discern the future to which God calls us in our age.

Many: In faith, we gather now to worship, seeking new life in Christ.

All: God of present, past, and future, guide us now to a new season of promise.

*Hymn 2032: (from Sing The Faith) *My Life Is in You, Lord*

MY LIFE

CONFESSING OUR SINS TO GOD

Prayer of Confession

God of all words, whose presence in our world we celebrate in Jesus Christ, lead us to deeper faith, fuller trust, and greater responsiveness. May we hear your knock, answer your call, and serve where we are sent. We long to share in your promises, claim the homeland you offer, and extend to all we meet the invitation to believe and obey. Forgive us when we fall short and help us to move forward more faithfully in the way you would have us go.

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 worshippers, 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

The First Lesson: Genesis 15:1-6

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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: *By Faith*

Townend and Getty
Chisholm and Runyan
Arr. Lloyd Larson

By faith we see the hand of God in the light of creation’s grand design,
In the lives of those who prove his faithfulness, who walk by faith and not by sight.
By faith the prophets saw a day when the longed-for Messiah would appear
With the power to break the chains of sin and death, and rise triumphant from the grave.
We will stand as children of the promise; we will fix our eyes on Christ, our souls’ reward;
Till the race is finished and the work is done, we’ll walk by faith and not by sight.
By faith the church was called to go in the power of the Spirit to the lost,
To deliver captives, and to preach good news to every corner of the earth.
By faith this mountain shall be moved, and the power of the gospel shall prevail;
For we know in Christ all things are possible for all who call upon his name.
Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided, great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!
By faith we see the hand of God. By faith this mountain shall be moved.
We’ll walk by faith and not by sight. We’ll walk by faith!

Evelyn Santiago, soprano

The Second Lesson: Hebrews 11:1-3 & 8-16

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Leader: God, we thank you for your Word.

People: The story of your grace.

Sermon: **THE LONG GAME**

Rev. Rebecca Segers

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

A Time for Meditation on the Word

*Hymn 399: *We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight*

DUNLAP’S CREEK

*Affirmation of Faith—Apostle’s Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection

of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory: *In Remembrance*

Buryl Red/arr.Larson

Text: Ragan Courtney

In remembrance of me, eat this bread. In remembrance of me, drink this wine.

In remembrance of me, pray for the time when God's own will is done.

In remembrance of me, heal the sick. In remembrance of me, feed the poor.

In remembrance of me, open the door and let your brother in, let him in.

Take, eat, and be comforted; drink, and remember too,

That this is my body and precious blood shed for you.

In remembrance of me, search for truth. In remembrance of me, always love.

In remembrance of me, don't look above but in your heart, look for God.

Do this in remembrance of me.

*Congregational Response 592: *Doxology*

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Prayer of Dedication

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord who is good.

People: God's love is everlasting.

Leader: Come, let us praise God joyfully.

People: Let us come to God with thanksgiving.

Leader: Eternal God, by your Holy Spirit, you breathed life into human form, and set us on the earth to praise and serve you. When we wander from your ways and are in need of healing and hope, you are there to love us and lead us back to you. In the fullness of time, you sent your Son to deliver us from sin and rescue us from evil. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels and all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Congregational Response: *Holy, Holy, Holy*

F. Anthony Thurman

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly —

Lord, God of pow - er and might. Hea - ven and earth are filled_ with your

glo - ry. Ho - san - na in_ the_ high - est! Bles - sed is he who

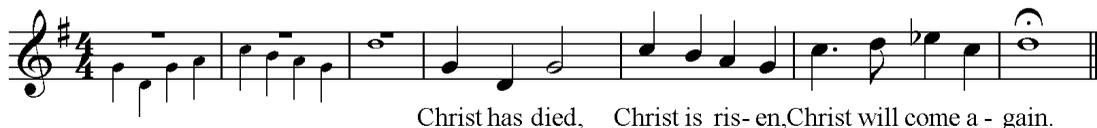
comes in the name_ of the Lord. Ho - san - na in_ the_

high - est; Ho - san - na in_ the_ high - est!

Leader: You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Jesus was born into human form, to live as we live, and to experience our joys and our challenges, to show us the way to eternal life. He came to teach us, to guide us, to heal us, to forgive us. Through his death and resurrection, Jesus broke the power of death and led the way to be with you eternally. Great is the mystery of faith:

Congregational Response: *Memorial Acclamation*

Thurman



Leader: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, and upon these gifts of bread and fruit of the vine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. By your Spirit unite us with the living Christ, binding us to you and one another, receiving our gratitude as we pray the prayer Jesus taught us:

Congregational Response: *The Great Amen*

Thurman



The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

The Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

(We will come to the table to receive the elements of bread and wine/juice. Come forward using the center aisle, partake of the elements as you receive them, and return to your seat by the side aisle. Remember that the cups on the outside ring of the tray hold grape juice and the cups within the outside ring contain wine.)

Prayer After Supper

O God, you have so greatly loved us, long sought us, and mercifully redeemed us. Give us grace that in everything we may yield ourselves, our wills and our works, a continual thank-offering to you; through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, now and forever. Amen.

GOING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn 379: *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

SOLID ROCK

*Charge and Benediction

Rev. Rebecca Segers

*Congregational Response : #587

Jester Hairston

Postlude: *Festive Trumpet Tune*

David German

IN MEMORIAM

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God
in loving memory of George M. Parker

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: Our soloist today is Evelyn Santiago, soprano section leader in our Chancel Choir and director of our Children's Choir and Voices in Bronze Handbell Choir. Evelyn is winner of the Metropolitan Opera District Auditions in Puerto Rico and a frequent soloist with Opera Philadelphia's mainstage productions and community outreach performances. Equally at home on the concert stage, Ms. Santiago has been soloist with the Philadelphia Orchestra, Chamber Orchestra of Philadelphia, Lancaster Symphony, the Symphonic Orchestra of Bayamon (Puerto Rico), and Philomusica Chorale. She is a graduate of Westminster Choir College and St. Joseph's University and lives in Voorhees, N.J., with her husband Dale.

COFFEE HOUR: This week's host: CDFC. Next week's host: Open. Many thanks to John Orandosh and Christopher Torrence 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: Thank you to everyone who has prayed for the program, attended or supported the Flapjack Fundraiser, Freedom School Sunday, and the closing ceremony. Kuddos to the staff under the leadership of the amazing program director Contina Lundy. Look for more information about the program in the September newsletter.

CAMPING AT RICKETTS GLEN: An invitation is extended to anyone interested in taking in God's glorious creation by joining FPCG on a camping trip on August 16-18th. The cost is **\$15 per person**. Each participant should bring their own food for the trip but a side dish or two to share as meals are semi-communal. The church has a few tents and will bring a grill and a cooktop that can be shared but people who have their own tents, camp cooking gear and supplies are strongly encouraged to bring their own. Ricketts Glen has hiking trails, a lake with boats and kayaks available for rent, and a swimming pool. Those who want to hike should bring sturdy shoes, those who want to be on the water bring money to rent, and those wanting to swim please make sure to pack your bathing suit. See or call Christian Heyer-Rivera 267-972-5662 for more details and to sign up.

SEPTEMBER WINDOWS DEADLINE: The submission deadline for the September issue of the Windows is the end of the day on Monday, August 19th. Please email Chereese at communications@fpcgermantown.org if there is anything you'd like to have published.

AUGUST CHALLENGE OFFERING PAR RECYCLE WORKS: PAR Recycles Works is a social enterprise, which means it is operated as a traditional business, but with a strong social purpose and mission. The mission creates a significant amount of "financial friction" that prevents us from being profitable from our recycling revenue alone. PAR currently generates almost 2/3 of their needed total revenue, but depends on the generosity of individuals, organizations, and foundations to cover the shortfall. As a 501(c)(3) tax-

exempt organization, we are able to accept tax-deductible contributions. As a traditional employer, the objective is to stabilize newly returning citizens and help them develop the skills and habits that will make them successful in mainstream, full-time employment. Assistance is needed to make connections with organizations that can serve as employers and benefit from the trained and motivated individuals that come out of our program. Also, waste electronics such as computers, servers, monitors, and printers are the raw materials of our business that enable us to create jobs. You can assist by making introductions and connections to companies that use and replace computers as well as entities that may want to host a community e-Waste collection. To discuss further please contact (267) 335-5455 or mqjones@par-recycleworks.org.

Upcoming at First Church

Sunday, August 11th

Communion Sunday

Friday, August 16th - Sunday, August 18th

Camping Trip

WINDOW ON THE WEEK

Sunday, August 11	10:00 AM 10:15 AM	Communion Sunday Worship—Rev. Rebecca Segers preaching Sunday School Grades K-5
Tuesday, August 13	6:30 PM	Christian Education Meeting—Upstairs Office
Wed, August 14	10:00 AM 5:30 PM 6:00 PM	Staff Meeting—Upstairs Office GACM Board Meeting—Jennings Room Friends of Vernon Park—Finney Room
Thursday, August 15	8:00 AM 6:00 PM	Rev. Rebecca at Uncle Bobbie’s, 5445 Germantown Ave. (8-10 a.m.) Admin & Finance Meeting—Finney Room
Friday, August 16	8:00 AM	Camping Trip (Fri-Sun)
Saturday, August 17	10:00 AM	Back To School Drive & Fair—Lovett Park
Sunday, August 18	10:00 AM 10:15 AM	Worship—Rev. David Cassie preaching Sunday School Grades K-5

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