

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN



CHURCH IN GERMANTOWN

ALIVE,

AUGUST 4, 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 4, 2019

Freedom School Sunday

*"Mine? Mine? Mine?" - the seagulls in Finding Nemo*

## ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP AT 10:00 AM

### GATHERING AS GOD'S FAMILY

Prelude: Two Spiritual Arrangements Charles Callahan  
*Steal Away to Jesus*  
*He's Got the Whole World in His Hands*

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Kevin Porter

†\*Call to Worship Scholar Kelsi Scott Lundy, Level 2

One: May the peace of God rest upon our busy lives so that we may be quieted into prayer.

**Many: May the love of God flow through our worship words that they may be alive with opportunities for service.**

One: May the grace of God seek out our every need and may the restless gospel set our hearts afire.

**All: Amen and Amen.**

Praise Dance: *My World Needs You* KIRK FRANKLIN  
Dancers: Scholar Alyse Hill, Level 2 & Aaliyah Hill, parent

Show me your face, Fill up this space, My world needs you right now  
I can't escape, Being afraid, Fill me with you right now,

Power fall down, Bring with it a sound, That points us to you right now, Erase substitutes right now

Fix what I see, And God please fix me, Let us see you right now  
Every heart in the world, God, needs you to rescue, Storms have come and torn our hearts in two  
Storms may come but when we call your name, All things change, Kingdoms fall, one thing  
Forever reigns is your name. The anchor that holds me in my pain stays the same  
Oh how sweet to know that your great name, Will never change

(That's why I'm not ashamed to say), Jesus, (power is in the name Jesus), you have all of the authority, only you are the great I am, you're the king of kings, you're the lord of lords

Show me your face, Come fill this space  
My world needs you right now, My world needs you right now

\*Hymn 142: *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

CORONATION

## CONFESSING OUR SINS TO GOD

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Kevin Porter

**Generous, compassionate God, you call us to live in peace with one another, sharing the good gifts you give us with all of your creation. Yet, we hang on tightly to our possessions, fearing that we will not have enough. You call us to remember that we are one in Christ, and to treat one another with love and respect. Still, we argue over little things, expecting you to tell us that we are right and that others are wrong. You call us to rely on you, and to put our trust in your eternal love. Forgive us when we turn away from you.**

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

The Time for Parents

Rev. Rebecca Segers

Freedom School Presentation

Scholar Evan Black, Level 3

The Lesson: Luke 12:13-21

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Scholar Jayla Paige, Level 3

**Leader:** God, we thank you for your Word.

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

Sermon: **LORD OF THE 7 RINGS**

Rev. Rebecca Segers

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

A Time for Meditation on the Word

\*Hymn 404: *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

PRECIOUS LORD

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

Rev. Kevin Porter

**In life and in 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 one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. 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. 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. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Give thanks to the Lord who is good.

Scholar Trinity Brown, Level 3

**God's love is everlasting.**

Come, let us praise God joyfully.

**Let us come to God with thanksgiving.**

For the good world; for things great and small, beautiful and awesome; for seen and unseen splendors;

**Thank you, God.**

For human life; for talking and moving and thinking together; for common hopes and hardships shared from birth until our dying;

**Thank you, God.**

For work to do and strength to work; for the comradeship of labor; for exchanges of good humor and encouragement;

**Thank you, God.**

For family; for living together and eating together; for family amusements and family pleasures;

**Thank you, God.**

For children; for their energy and curiosity; for their brave play and startling frankness; for their sudden sympathies;

**Thank you, God.**

For the young; for their high hopes; for their irreverence toward worn-out values; for their search for freedom;

**Thank you, God.**

For growing up and growing old; for wisdom

Scholar Kyle Scott Jr., Level 2

deepened by experience for rest in leisure; and for time made precious by its passing;

**Thank you, God.**

For your help in times of doubt and sorrow; for healing our diseases; for preserving us in temptation and danger;

**Thank you, God.**

For the church into which we have been called; for the good news we receive by Word and Sacrament; for our life together in the Lord;

**We praise you, God.**

Above all, O God, for your Son Jesus Christ, who lived and died

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and lives again for our salvation; for our hope in him; and for the joy of serving him;

**We thank and praise you, Eternal God, for all your goodness to us.**

Give thanks to the Lord, who is good.

All

**God's love is everlasting.**

The Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory: *Adoration*

Florence B. Price

\*Congregational Response 592: *Doxology*

OLD HUNDREDTH

\*Prayer of Dedication

Scholar Elijah Burnley, Level 2

**GOING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME**

\*Hymn 371: *Lift High the Cross*

CRUCIFER

\*Charge and Benediction

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**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 organ music is drawn from African-American heritage. Spirituals like *Steal Away* were written not only to express faith in God, but also contained hidden messages for slaves to run away on their own or through the Underground Railroad. Germantown was a leader in the anti-slavery movement in the U.S. Florence Price was the first African-American woman to enjoy success as a symphonic composer. The Arkansas native studied organ and piano at the New England Conservatory of Music. The symphonic influence in her organ compositions can be heard in the offertory. Listen for the orchestral strings, French horns, and chimes, all of which evoke an invitation to the Divine. Adolphus Hailstork enjoys a distinguished career as a composer and educator. He earned a doctorate in music composition from Michigan State University, a master's degree from the Manhattan School of Music, and studied composition with Nadia Boulanger at the American Institute in Fontainebleau, France. He is professor of music and composer-in-residence at Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Va.

**COFFEE HOUR:** This week's host: John Orandosh and Christopher Torrence. 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:** This week's focus was making a difference through hope, action and education. The scholars read books to encourage civil action and to use their voices for the change they wish to see in the world. They read *Thomas and the Library Lady* by Pat Mora and *Three R's: Reuse, Reduce, Recycle* by Nuria Roca. Fun highlights included karaoke (Freedom School Style), Staff versus Parents Basketball game and a trip to The Franklin Institute and the Marvel: Universe of Super Heroes. Our Read Alouds included parents and Christian Heyer Rivera. Our final week will be packed with fun activities including an ice cream social and our scholar favorite, Freedom School Prom. It is our hope that you join us on Wednesday August 7 at 6:45 PM to experience our own FPCG Freedom School Awards Closing Ceremony.

**CAMPING AT FRENCH CREEK:** 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. French Creek has hiking trails, a lake with boats and kayaks available for rent, and a swimming pool so 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](mailto:communications@fpcgermantown.org) if there is anything you'd like to have published.

# Freedom School Staff

## Servant Leader Interns (SLI)

### Level 1

#### SLI Aquilah Ohemeng

Aria Ahn  
Trinity Caldwell  
Shiloh Canty  
Kendi Easterling  
Zaniyah Howard  
Austin Jones  
Paige Kearse  
Austin Richardson  
Caleb Scott  
Kendall White  
Dominick Wideman

### Level 2

#### SLI Christopher Bowman

Elijah Burnley  
Mckayla Davis  
Morgan Ebo  
Makaylah Fitzgerald  
Kamille Gibson  
Langston Jones  
Taylor Lewis  
Joshua Murray  
Daniel Norwood  
Destiny Smith  
Zoe Thompson  
Kameron White

### Level 2

#### SLI Camari Fitzgerald

Raelle Brown  
Zayla Childs  
Kasseem Clowney  
Dawn Dirl Jones  
Aman Easterling  
Justin Garner  
Allen Oglesby  
Kelsi Scott Lundy  
Kyle Scott Jr  
Amelia Worsley

### Level 3

#### SLI Kai Burton

Kamsi Akutah  
Evan Black  
Trinity Brown  
Dante Daniel  
Tamara Daniels  
Taleah Dixon  
Jayla Paige  
Ginelle Pajuelo  
Destiny Rushing  
Xavier Thompson

### Level 2

#### SLI Traci Benson

Nathan Ahn  
Chiaka Akutah  
David Daniel  
Faith Green  
Alyse Hill  
Mahkai Hobson  
Matthew Johns  
Sadie Shippen  
Leilani Welbeck  
Timothy Welbeck Jr

### Program Volunteers

Diamond Brown  
Madison Lundy  
Mary Lundy  
Andrea Overton  
Delores Solomon  
Mya Spearman  
Jalen Terrell  
Terrell Tilghman

Director of Urban Ministry	Eileen Jones
Program Director	Contina Lee Lundy
Afternoon Activities Coordinator	Melvin Brown III
Senior Servant Leader	Andre Brown
Bible Study Teacher	Christian Heyer-Rivera
Music Teacher	Sara C. Blanford
Music Support	Kayla Childs
Food Service Manager	Jeanne Meyers
Food Service Assistant	Koree Days

## *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, August 4**

10:00 AM

10:15 AM

**Freedom School Sunday**

Worship—Rev. Rebecca Segers preaching

Sunday School Grades K-5

**Monday, August 5**

**Freedom School—Mon-Fri**

**Tues, August 6**

7:00 PM

Vision For The Future

**Wed, August 7**

10:00 AM

7:00 PM

Staff Meeting—Upstairs Office

Freedom School Closing Ceremony

**Thurs, August 8**

8:00 AM

Rev. Rebecca at Uncle Bobbie's,  
5445 Germantown Ave. (8-10 a.m.)

6:00 PM

Rep. Kinsey Voting Machine Info Session—Jennings

**Friday, August 9**

6:30 PM

FPCG Youth Leaders Meeting

**Saturday, August 10**

10:00 AM

10:00 AM

10:00 AM

Open Gym—Gym

WMA Committee Meeting—Upstairs Office

Mission & Outreach—Jennings Room

**Sunday, August 11**

10:00 AM

10:15 AM

Worship—Rev. Rebecca Segers 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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