

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN



CHURCH IN GERMANTOWN

ALIVE,

NOVEMBER 3, 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.

November 3, 2019

All Saints Day

*"Keep in mind that our community is not composed of those who are already saints, but of those who are trying to become saints. Therefore let us be extremely patient with each other's faults and failures."*

- Mother Teresa

## ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP AT 10:00 AM

### GATHERING AS GOD'S FAMILY

Prelude: *Elegy* George Thalben-Ball

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Discipleship Daniel Conner

Introit: *Be Thou My Vision* Irish Folk Melody  
arr. John Carter

†\*Call to Worship Rev. Kevin Porter

One: There are many who have walked the path toward God before us, showing us the way with their lives.

**Many: We give thanks for them.**

One: Christ lifts us up,

**Many: As they were called, so are we called to live as Jesus did, answering the call of God, saying, "Here I am! Send me."**

One: We come to ask for guidance and courage, for gratitude and grace.

**Many: We are, each of us, like those who have gone before us, a strange mixture of saint and sinner. God accepts us that way and fills us with the Spirit, who empowers us to act.**

**All: We come to worship the Holy God!**

\*Hymn 473: *For the Beauty of the Earth*

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### CONFESSING OUR SINS TO GOD

Prayer of Confession

**God of new beginnings, come to us in our need, for we are weary and afraid; hear our pleas for mercy, for we are beaten down by hatred and violence; respond to our longing for friendship, for we are lonely and depressed. God of endless love, visit our hearts this day, and shower us with forgiveness and**

\*congregation standing; †latecomers may be seated

mercy, that our lives may be mended and set on the path of salvation,  
through the glory of your Son.

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

Serafim Santos

The First Lesson: Habakkuk 1:1-5; 2:1-4

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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: *For the Beauty of the Earth*

John Rutter

For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies.

Lord of all, to thee we raise, this our joyful hymn of praise.

For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,  
Hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent child,  
Friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild.

For each perfect gift of thine to our race so freely given,  
Graces human and divine, flowers of earth and buds of heaven.

The Second Lesson: Luke 19:1-10

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Leader: God, we thank you for your Word.

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

Sermon: **20/20 VISION: HINDSIGHT**

Rev. Rebecca Segers

### RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

A Time for Meditation on the Word

\*Hymn 364: *I Sing a Song of the Saints of God*

GRAND ISLE

\*Affirmation of Faith—The Apostles' 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

**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.**

Offering

Offertory: *Nimrod*

Edward Elgar

\*Congregational Response 592: *Doxology*

OLD HUNDREDTH

\*Prayer of Dedication

### **GOING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME**

\*Hymn 526: *For All the Saints*

SINE NOMINE

\*Charge and Benediction

Rev. Rebecca Segers

\*Congregational Response : #526 (Alleluia)

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Postlude: *For All the Saints*

arr. Janet Linker

**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.

**COFFEE HOUR:** This week's host: CE Committee. Next week's host: Cherese Akers. Many thanks to the Mission & Outreach Committee, Ruth Cato and Randy Rosensteel 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.

**THE MUSIC:** Today's choral and organ music is drawn from the British Isles. Thalben-Ball was organist and choir director at Temple Church in London, a position he held for sixty years. A composer of both organ and choral music, *Elegy* is his best known work. It was played at the funeral of Princess Diana. Rutter's choral anthems are favorites of church choirs around the world. His *Requiem* was performed here at First Church before it was ever published. Elgar's *Nimrod* from the *Enigma Variations* is named after an Old Testament patriarch, a mighty hunter, of which Noah was a descendent. *Nimrod* is one of the most beloved orchestral excerpts to be transcribed for the organ. Filled with a sense of tension and

release, it evokes in the listener the imagery of the doors of heaven opening, and behind, the glorious presence of God surrounded by a heavenly host of saints adoring at God's throne.

**NOVEMBER CHALLENGE OFFERING RISE AGAINST HUNGER:** November's Challenge Offering will be dedicated to Rise Against Hunger (formerly Stop Hunger Now). Since 1998, Rise Against Hunger has been driven by the vision of a world without hunger. Their mission is to end hunger in our lifetime by providing food and life-changing aid to the world's most vulnerable and creating a global commitment to mobilize the necessary resource. Over 820 million people go to bed hungry every night. RAH's work is recognizing that ending hunger is more than just feeding people, which led RAH to focus its feeding programs in areas where they can have a real impact and expand its hunger-fighting programs beyond meal packaging and distribution. Since 2016, the friends and families of FPCG has risen to the occasion by participating in meal packing events that has packed over 40,000 meals!! On Monday, January 20, 2020, the First Presbyterian Church in Germantown continues our commitment to ending hunger with our 4th meal packing event. Hunger doesn't have to exist. Let's end it together!

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR:** Evelyn Santiago will resume rehearsals on Thursday nights at 6:30, beginning this Thursday, Nov. 7, in the Choir Room. For more information, e-mail Evelyn at [escoqui@msn.com](mailto:escoqui@msn.com).

**MCLEAN MEMORIAL ORGAN CENTENNIAL CONCERT SERIES:** Two events are planned in November in celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our church organ. On Nov. 10, *Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza* for children and youth will be offered at 4 p.m. This will include a demonstration of our organ, a tour of the pipe chambers, and pizza dinner for all those attending. R.S.V.P. by calling the church office at 215-843-8811 or e-mail [music.fpcgermantown@gmail.com](mailto:music.fpcgermantown@gmail.com). On Nov. 17 at 4 p.m., the 1927 academy award winning *Wings*, a WWI silent movie, will be screened with improvised organ accompaniment by Peter Krasinski. Both events are free and open to the public through generous contributions from members and friends of First Church. Additional support is provided by the American Guild of Organists and the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, a state agency funded by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency.

**ACT & ENGAGE:** Act & Engage is a new initiative that offers the opportunity to wrestle with important issues as followers of Christ: to listen, to learn, to engage through the lens of our Christian faith. Our first topic is Criminal Justice. Join us Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup> or Tuesday November 19<sup>th</sup> when we discuss "Just Mercy" by Bryan Stevenson. Critics say "The book provides readers a window into the justice system... The stories told within... hold the potential to transform what we think we mean when we talk about justice." Books are \$8 and available for purchase during coffee hour. Following this introduction, two additional Act and Engage events on Criminal Justice will more narrowly focus on Veterans, specifically, those involved in the justice system and dealing with PTSD and other mental health issues.

**2020 CALENDAR SALE TO BENEFITS THE DEACONS:** After a three year hiatus, the Deacons will be selling 2020 Calendars featuring photography by Heidi Mercado-Littles. Calendars are \$15 and will be available in time for Christmas. You can see a sample

and place your order during Coffee Hour through Sunday, November 24, 2019. Thank you for supporting the work of the Deacons.

**MESSIAH CONCERT:** Save the date! The Germantown Oratorio Choir & Orchestra will present our annual Messiah concert on Sunday, December 1, at 3 p.m. A dessert reception will be offered in Longstreth Auditorium following the concert. Rehearsals are on Tuesdays from 7-9 p.m. For more information or to participate, please call the church office at 215-843-8811 or e-mail [music.fpcgermantown@gmail.com](mailto:music.fpcgermantown@gmail.com). This concert is made possible by generous gifts from members and friends of First Church. Additional support is provided by the City of Philadelphia Office of Arts, Culture, and the Creative Economy.

**PARKING LOT PROJECT:** The project was tentatively scheduled to begin in late August or early September but has been delayed due to new regulations and increased construction costs. It is likely to happen in 2020. More information about this project and storm water management is available on the Literature Table.

**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.

### NOTICE OF ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Congregational Meeting, Part I, of the Congregation of the First Presbyterian Church in Germantown, in the County of Philadelphia, PA, will be held on Sunday, November 10, 2019, immediately following the worship service.

The following will be presented:

- Annual Report 2019
- Preliminary Budget 2020
- Pastor's Terms of Call 2020

Any other business which properly comes before the Congregation may be transacted at this meeting.

Attest: Robert Seed, Clerk of Session

Rev. Rebecca L. Segers, Moderator

**WINDOW ON THE WEEK**

<b>Sunday, Nov. 3</b>	9:00 AM	Chancel Choir—Sanctuary
	10:00 AM	Worship—Rev. Rebecca Segers preaching
	10:15 AM	Sunday School Grades K-5
	11:30 AM	Chancel Choir—Choir Room
	11:30 AM	Praise & Evangelism Meeting—Finney Room
	12:00 PM	Organ Tuning—Sanctuary
	12:30 PM	3rd Sunday Planning Meeting—Finney Room
	1:30 PM	KSB Rehearsal—Choir Room, Jennings, Longstreth
<b>Monday, Nov. 4</b>	1:00 PM	Ladies Teen Challenge
<b>Tuesday, Nov. 5</b>	7:00 PM	Oratorio Choir Rehearsal—Sanctuary, Choir Room
<b>Wed, Nov. 6</b>	10:00 AM	Staff Meeting—Upstairs Office
	3:30 PM	KSB Rehearsal—Sanctuary, CR, Longstreth
	7:00 PM	Session Meeting—Finney Room
<b>Thursday, Nov. 7</b>	8:00 AM	Rev. Rebecca at Uncle Bobbie's, 5445 Germantown Ave. (8-10 a.m.)
	5:00 PM	KSB Rehearsal—Jennings Room
	6:30 PM	Children's Choir Rehearsal—Choir Room
	6:30 PM	Gospel Choir Rehearsal—Sanctuary
	7:30 PM	Voices in Bronze Rehearsal—Choir Room
<b>Friday, Nov. 8</b>	3:30 PM	Drop-in Center—Youth Lounge, Gym
	5:00 PM	KSB Small Group Ensemble—Choir Room
	6:30 PM	All Youth Group Festival Planning—YL, G, Longstreth
<b>Saturday, Nov. 9</b>	8:00 AM	KSB Rehearsal—Sanctuary (8-12pm)
	8:00 AM	KSB Rehearsal—Longstreth, Choir Room (8-12pm)
	10:00 AM	Mission & Outreach Committee Meeting—Jennings
	10:00 AM	Open Gym—Gym
	1:00 PM	Organ Rehearsal—Sanctuary
<b>Sunday, Nov. 10</b>	9:00 AM	Chancel Choir—Sanctuary
	10:00 AM	Worship—Rev. Rebecca Segers preaching
	10:15 AM	Sunday School Grades K-5
	11:30 AM	Chancel Choir—Choir Room
	11:30 AM	Congregational Meeting/Annual Report
	4:00 PM	Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza—Sanctuary, Jennings, Finney, L

# 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
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