

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN



CHURCH IN GERMANTOWN

JANUARY 19, 2020

ALIVE,

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.

January 19, 2020

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Weekend

"I know for sure that love saves me and that it is here to save us all." - Maya Angelou

ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP AT 10:00 AM

GATHERING AS GOD'S FAMILY

Prelude: *Two Spirituals*

Charles Callahan

Steal Away to Jesus

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands

Welcome and Announcements

Introit: *Softly and Tenderly*

Gospel/arr. Thurman

†*Call to Worship

Rev. Kevin Porter

One: I waited patiently for the Lord. God inclined to me and heard my cry.

Many: God drew me up from the pit, and made my steps secure.

One: God put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.

All: Many will see and believe, and put their trust in the Lord!

*Hymn 476: *O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!*

LYONS

CONFESSING OUR SINS TO GOD

Prayer of Confession

We come back to you, O Holy One, to renew our commitment. We confess that pride has led us to embrace false gods. We spend more time with our hobbies than with your cause. We pay more attention to our toys than to your truth. Your law is no longer in our hearts. We have neglected the spiritual gifts entrusted to us. We have forgotten that we have been named and baptized and commissioned for service. O God, bring us back to yourself.

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

Pete Smith

The First Lesson: Psalm 40:1-11

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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: *Precious Lord*

Spiritual/arr. Roy Ringwald

Precious Lord, take my hand, bring me home through the night,

Through the dark, through the storm, to thy light.

I have been to the mount, I have seen the promised land:

Precious Lord, take my hand.

Precious Lord, take my hand, bring thy child home at last,

Where the strife and the pain all are past;

I have dreamed a great dream that thy love shall rule our land:

Precious Lord, take my hand.

Precious Lord, take my hand, take thy child unto thee,

With my dream of a world that is free.

For that day when all flesh, joins the glory thou hast planned,

Precious Lord, take my hand.

The Second Lesson: John 1:29-42

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Leader: God, we thank you for your Word.

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

Sermon: **STAYING POWER!**

Rev. Rebecca Segers

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

A Time for Meditation on the Word

*Hymn 2212: *My Life Flows On* (Sing The Faith)

HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

*Affirmation of Faith (from *The Westminster Confession*)

God hath all life, glory, goodness, blessedness, in and of himself; and is alone in and unto himself all-sufficient, not standing in need of any creatures which he hath made, nor delivering any glory from them, but only manifesting his own glory in, by, unto, and upon them: he is the alone fountain of all being, of whom, through whom, and to whom, are all things; and hath most sovereign dominion over them, to do by them, for them, or upon them, whatsoever himself pleaseth. In his sight all things are open and manifest; his knowledge is infinite, infallible, and independent upon the creature; so as nothing is to him contingent or uncertain. He is most holy in all his counsels, in all his works, and in all his commands. To him is due from angels and men, and every other creature, whatsoever worship, service, or obedience he is pleased to require of them. 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: *One in the Spirit*

Marvin Mills

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord.
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord.
And we pray that our unity will one day be restored:
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand.
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand.
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.
We will work with each other, we will work side by side,
And we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride:
Let us praise God together, let us praise God,
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.
All praise to our Creator, from whom all things come,
All praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son,
And all praise to the Spirit who makes us One:
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.
Praise the Creator, praise the Son, praise the Spirit; we are one.
They'll know we are Christians by our love!

*Congregational Response 592: *Doxology*

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Prayer of Dedication

GOING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn 369: *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

I'M GONNA LIVE

*Charge and Benediction

Rev. Rebecca Segers

*Congregational Response : #587

Jester Hairston

Postlude: *Sinfonia (from Cantata 29)*
We Thank You, God

J.S Bach

IN MEMORIAM

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

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: John Orandosh. 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.

2020 STEWARDSHIP: Our 2020 Vision Discipleship/Stewardship Campaign is off to a good start with 60 pledges received for a total of \$243,383.00. We still have a significant way to go, so if you haven't taken the opportunity to commit your time, talent, and treasure to the First Presbyterian Church in Germantown yet, please pick up a pledge card on the literature table (or use the one that was mailed to you), fill it out, and place it in the box on the literature table or in Bookkeeper Cindy Osborne's box in the Church Office. Thank you for your gift and the covenant you're making with the Lord and the church in this offering!

THE MUSIC: On this Martin Luther King Jr. holiday weekend, our service music has been selected to reflect Dr. King's "great dream" and to inspire us to service in our community and beyond. Through donations to our Crisis Ministry, tomorrow's meal packing event, random acts of kindness and generosity, First Church members and friends are living out what it means to be disciples of the Christ Child born in Bethlehem. *Softly and Tenderly* was sung at Dr. King's funeral and is heard as the Introit today in a new setting. We hear the words of Dr. King echoed in the anthem, and the call to service in Marvin Mills's arrangement of the popular 1960s hymn, *We Are One in the Spirit*. We are honored to have Marvin sharing his music with us and playing the organ postlude today. The Philadelphia native is organist at St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Kensington, Md. He is also music director of the National Spiritual Ensemble, and guest artist with the Ritz Chamber Players, based in Jacksonville, Fla. His earliest association with First Church was attending choral concerts organized and conducted by Robert Carwithen.

MCLEAN MEMORIAL ORGAN CENTENNIAL CONCERT SERIES: This afternoon at 4 p.m., Marvin Mills and the Philadelphia Brass will present the next concert in our series. Their program of works for organ and brass will commemorate the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday weekend and will include an organ solo by James Lee III, *Ascend the Mountain: A Walk with Dr. King*, which was inspired by Dr. King's "I've Been to the Mountaintop" sermon, and selections by Duke Ellington. The concert will be Internet livestreamed for those unable to attend. Visit the church website www.fpcgermantown.org or Facebook page for the livestream link.

RISE AGAINST HUNGER: Today following worship, there will be a table set-up to sign-up to volunteer and or donate to our goal. In honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day, we will be RISING AGAINST HUNGER for the 5th consecutive year. Join us on January 20, 2020 for our annual day of service as we participate in the mission to end world hunger by 2030. Our goal is to provide 25,000 meals to feed those who are in need around the world. Each meal cost 34 cents. If you would like to donate and or volunteer please use this link <http://events.riseagainsthunger.org/FPCG2020> or visit the table after worship. .

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 and we have held two programs around it thus far. One that focused on the book "Just Mercy", and a second that looked at Veterans with PTSD. During our January meeting we will focus on the next steps. Join us on Sunday, January 26, 2020 immediately following worship as we strive to discern how God is calling us to respond to this issue.

THE RACHEL CIRCLE, an arm of the Presbyterian Women USA, will hold its monthly meeting on Monday, January 27th at 11:00 a.m. in the Jennings Room. All women are welcome. Please bring your lunch. Drink and dessert will be provided.

JANUARY CHALLENGE OFFERING BIBLE BASED TRAUMA HEALING FOR AFRICA: January's Challenge Offering will be dedicated to Bible Based Trauma Healing for Africa. Africans have been experiencing conflict and trauma for decades. But 20 years ago, Bible-based trauma healing was pioneered in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Since then, hundreds of African pastors, counselors, and community leaders have launched ministries to help people who suffer deeply. Each healing group is led by a trained ministry leader using a simple curriculum. Based on foundational truths from God's Word, the lessons use art, stories, activities, and questions to help people engage deeply with themselves, with God, and with each other. 100% of all donations received will go directly to the Bible ministry. For more information or to give please visit americanbible.org.

LOOKING AHEAD: The Germantown Oratorio Choir, with concert pianist Gayle Martin, will present a Beethoven Festival Concert on Sunday, March 15, at 3 p.m. The program will feature the choral music of Beethoven, including the *Choral Fantasy*, in commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the composer's birth. Rehearsals are on Tuesdays from 7-9 p.m. in the Sanctuary. For more information or to participate, call the church office at 215-843-8811 or e-mail music.fpcgermantown@gmail.com.

Upcoming at First Church

Sunday, January 19th, 4:00pm

Marvin Mills & Philadelphia Brass Concert

Monday, January 20th, 9:00am

MLK Day of Service

Rise Against Hunger Meal Packaging Event

Sunday, January 26th, 11:30am

Act & Engage: The Criminal Justice System

Sunday, January 26th, 5:00pm

Faith @ 5:00 Alternative Worship Service

Followed by dinner

WINDOW ON THE WEEK

Sunday, Jan. 19	9:00 AM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal—Sanctuary
	10:00 AM	Worship—Rev. Rebecca Segers preaching
	10:15 AM	Sunday School Grades K-5
	11:30 AM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal—Choir Room
	11:30 AM	3rd Sunday Intergenerational Bible Study—Longstreth
	3:30 PM	KSB Rehearsal—Choir Room
	4:00 PM	Marvin Mills & Philadelphia Brass Concert—Sanctuary
Monday, Jan. 20	9:00 AM	MLK Day of Service—Longstreth Auditorium (Set-up is at 7:30am)
	1:00 PM	Elementary Youth Group “Dolittle” Movie Trip (Leaving from Church parking lot)
Tuesday, Jan. 21	7:00 PM	Oratorio Choir Rehearsal—Sanctuary
Wed, Jan. 22	10:00 AM	Staff Meeting—Upstairs Office
	3:30 PM	KSB Rehearsal—Sanctuary, Longstreth, Choir Room
	6:00 PM	Disciples Basketball Practice—Gym
Thursday, Jan. 23	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	Gospel Choir Rehearsal—Sanctuary
	7:30 PM	Voices in Bronze Rehearsal—Choir Room
Friday, Jan. 24	3:00 PM	Drop-In Center—Youth Lounge, Gym
	5:00 PM	KSB Small Group Ensemble—Choir Room
	6:30 PM	Middle/High School Youth Group—YL, Gym
Saturday, Jan. 25	8:00 AM	KSB Rehearsal—Longstreth (8-3pm)
	8:00 AM	KSB Rehearsal—Sanctuary (8-1pm)
	9:00 AM	Reader’s Choice—Offsite
	10:00 AM	Open Gym—Gym
	1:00 PM	Organ Rehearsal—Sanctuary
Sunday, Jan. 26	9:00 AM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal—Sanctuary
	10:00 AM	Worship—Rev. Rebecca Segers preaching
	10:15 AM	Sunday School Grades K-5
	11:30 AM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal—Choir Room
	11:30 AM	Deacons Meeting—Finney Room
	11:30 AM	Act & Engage; Criminal Justice—Jennings Room
	11:45 AM	Confirmation Class—CE Classroom upstairs
	1:30 PM	KSB Rehearsal—CR, Sanctuary, Jennings , Finney
	1:30 PM	Disciples Basketball Practice—Gym
	5:00 PM	Faith @ 5 Alternative Worship—Sanctuary, L

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2021

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2022

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