

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN



CHURCH IN GERMANTOWN

MARCH 22, 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.

March 22, 2020

Women's History Month

"As selfishness and complaint pervert the mind, so love with its joy clears and sharpens the vision." - Helen Keller

ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP AT 10:00 AM
GATHERING AS GOD'S FAMILY

Prelude: *Morning Has Broken*

Diane Bish

Welcome and Announcements

†*Call to Worship

Rev. Kevin Porter

One: God summons us to wake up and see. Light has come to lead us to all that is good.

Many: Our eyes have been opened to God's goodness. We seek to live as children of light.

One: God sees beyond our outward appearance. God knows the intent of our hearts.

Many: We are here to find out what is pleasing to God. We want to know what is right and true.

One: God listens to all who worship sincerely. Praise God with openness and obedience.

All: We seek to know and follow God's will. This is a day to do the works of God.

*Hymn 469: *Morning Has Broken*

BUNESSAN

CONFESSING OUR SINS TO GOD

Prayer of Confession

Forgiving God, in a world filled with so much pain, we would rather shut our eyes and be blind than see things as they really are. Grant us the courage to face the reality of our world, and give us the strength to bring your light to those who walk in darkness. Help us see others as you see them, and forgive us when we do not trust you enough to open our eyes to the possibilities before us. Heal our self-inflicted blindness, O God, and lead us in the footsteps of the Light of the World, who reveals your glory in his life, his teachings, and his love. In Jesus' holy name, we pray.

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

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Rev. Kevin Porter

The First Lesson: Ephesians 5:8-14

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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 Second Lesson: John 9:1-41

Rev. Rebecca Segers
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Leader: God, we thank you for your Word.

People: The story of your grace.

Sermon: **GOD'S LOVE MADE VISIBLE**

Rev. Rebecca Segers

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

A Time for Meditation on the Word

*Hymn 2133: *Give Me a Clean Heart (2x) (Sing the Faith)*

DOUROUX

*Affirmation of Faith (from *The Confession of 1967*)

Biblical visions and images of the rule of Christ, such as a heavenly city, a father's house, a new heaven and earth, a marriage feast, and an unending day culminate in the image of the kingdom. The kingdom represents the triumph of God over all that resists his will and disrupts his creation. Already God's reign is present as a ferment in the world, stirring hope in us and preparing the world to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption. With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God. 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.

GOING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn 332: *Live Into Hope*

TRURO

*Charge and Benediction

Rev. Rebecca Segers

*Congregational Response:

Wertsch

Nancy Wertsch



A - men, a - men, a - men, a - men.

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Postlude: *If You But Trust God*

J.S. Bach



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