

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN



CHURCH IN GERMANTOWN

APRIL 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.*

April 19, 2020

"To my young friends out there: Life can be great, but not when you can't see it. So, open your eyes to life: to see it in the vivid colors that God gave us as a precious gift to His children, to enjoy life to the fullest, and to make it count. Say yes to your life." - Nancy Reagan

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

Prelude: *We Walk By Faith and Not By Sight*

Raymond H. Haan

Welcome and Announcements

†*Call to Worship

Rev. Kevin Porter

One: We come again to celebrate resurrection. God gives us new birth into a living hope.

Many: Death has no power over us.

One: Blessed be the God of our Savior Jesus Christ! Our faith, tested by fire, is renewed.

Many: Our hearts are glad, our souls rejoice. God shows us the path of life.

One: Again, Jesus says to us: Peace be with you. Come to receive life in Christ's name.

All: We rejoice in God's amazing good news. In God's presence, we find fullness of joy.

*Hymn 108: *Christ Is Alive!*

TRURO

<https://hymnary.org/hymn/PH1990/108>

CONFESSING OUR SINS TO GOD

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, you come offering us peace, but we hold onto our fears; you come offering us faith, but we cling to our doubts; you come offering us a future filled with promise, but we retreat to pleasant memories of the past. We want to believe that you offer us an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading. We want to see ourselves as you see us. We want to live as you would have us live. We want to believe that life is stronger than the death we see all around us. Help our unbelief, O God, that we may truly know and live your gift of resurrection.

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

Drew Hood

The First Lesson: Psalm 16

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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!

A Time for Children

The Second Lesson: John 20:19-31

Rev. Rebecca Segers

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Leader: God, we thank you for your Word.

People: The story of your grace.

Sermon: **BELIEVING IS SEEING**

Rev. Rebecca Segers

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

A Time for Meditation on the Word

*Hymn 117: *O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing!*

O FILII ET FILLIAE

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O sons and daughters let us sing! The King of heaven, the glorious King, O'er death and hell rose triumphing. Alleluia! Alleluia!

That night the apostles met in fear; Among them came their Lord dear, And said, "My peace be with you here." Alleluia! Alleluia!

When Thomas first the tidings heard, How they had seen the risen Lord, He doubted the disciples' word. Alleluia! Alleluia!

"My pierced side, O Thomas, see; My hands, My feet, I show to thee; Not faithless, but believing be." Alleluia! Alleluia!

No longer Thomas then denied, He saw the feet, the hands, the side; "Thou art my Lord and God!" he cried. Alleluia! Alleluia!

How blest are they who have not seen, And yet whose faith hath constant been, For they eternal life shall win. Alleluia! Alleluia!

*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.

GOING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn 121: *That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright*

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<https://hymnary.org/hymn/PH1990/121>

*Charge and Benediction

Rev. Rebecca Segers

*Congregational Response: #585

McNeil Robinson II

Postlude: *Promenade in G Major*

Robinson



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