

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN



CHURCH IN GERMANTOWN

MAY 17, 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.*

May 17, 2020

"Sometimes I just sit still and enjoy God's presence." - Joyce Meyer

ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP AT 10:00 AM

GATHERING AS GOD'S FAMILY

Prelude: *Blest Be the Tie that Binds*

Seth Bingham

Welcome and Announcements

†*Call to Worship

Rev. Kevin Porter

One: God made the world and everyone in it.

Many: Our life and breath come from God.

One: God made all nations under heaven.

Many: We are all God's offspring.

One: Search for God in our time of worship.

All: When we search, we find God near.

*Hymn 288: *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

ELLACOMBE

I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise, that spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies. I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day; the moon shines full at God's command, and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord that filled the earth with food; God formed the creatures with his word and then pronounced them good. Lord, how thy wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eyes, if I survey the ground I tread or gaze upon the skies.

There's not a plant or flower below but makes thy glories known, and clouds arise and tempests blow by order from thy throne; while all that borrows life from thee is ever in thy care, and everywhere that we can be, Thou, God, are present there.

CONFESSING OUR SINS TO GOD

Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, in our searching and groping to find you, we have settled for idols made of gold, silver, and stone. We have put our faith in our money, placed our hope in institutions of brick and mortar, and trusted our weapons of war to keep us safe. We have sought after our own comfort and ease, rejected calls for personal and national sacrifice, and belittled calls challenging us to aim higher. Forgive us. Help us give an accounting of the hope that is in us—the hope nurtured by our life in Christ, the hope found in your commandment of love, the hope that comes from being your offspring and abiding in your Spirit.

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

Chris Scott Jr.

The First Lesson: Psalm 66:8-20

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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

Anthem: Make a Joyful Noise to God!

Psalm 66

Make a joyful noise to God! All creation sings your praise!
Great your wonders here displayed, unexcelled throughout our days.
Glorious is your sacred name, ages old, yet still the same.
Bless the Lord, our refuge sure; let our songs of praise be heard!
By whose justice, we are tried; by whose grace, our guild deferred.
When our life's sure end shall come, bring us to your heavenly home.

Dugan Morgridge, tenor
Kristi Morgridge, piano

The Second Lesson: Acts 17:22-31

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

People: The story of your grace.

Sermon: **OUR CREATIVE CREATOR**

Rev. Rebecca Segers

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

A Time for Meditation on the Word

*Hymn 438: *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

DENNIS

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love; the fellowship of kindred minds is
like to that above.

Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers; our fears, our hopes, our aims are
one, our comforts and our cares.

We share our mutual woes, our mutual burdens bear, and often for each other flows the
sympathizing tear.

From sorrow, toil, and pain, and sin, we shall be free; and perfect love and friendship reign
through all eternity.

*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 276: *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

FAITHFULNESS

https://hymnary.org/text/great_is_thy_faithfulness_o_god_my_fathe

*Charge and Benediction

Rev. Rebecca Segers

*Congregational Response: #585

McNeil Robinson II

Postlude: *Promenade in G Major*

Robinson

WINDOW ON THE WEEK

Sunday, May 17	10:00 AM	Online Worship—Rev. Rebecca Segers preaching
	11:15 AM	Sunday School Grades K-5
	12:15 PM	Confirmation Class
	2:00 PM	Online Bible Study (Jonah Chapter 2)
Tuesday, May 19	7:00 PM	Personnel Committee Meeting
Wed, May 20	10:00 AM	Staff Meeting
	7:00 PM	Property Committee Meeting
Thursday, May 21	10:00 AM	GACM Food Distribution (10-12pm)
	12:00 PM	Online Bible Study (Jonah Chapter 3)
	6:30 PM	Admin & Finance Committee Meeting
	8:00 PM	Messiah Watch Party & Discussion
Friday, May 22	6:30 PM	Elementary School Youth Group
	8:00 PM	Middle/High School Youth Group
Sunday, May 24	10:00 AM	Online Worship—Rev. Rebecca Segers preaching
	11:15 AM	Sunday School Grades K-5
	12:15 PM	Confirmation Class
	2:00 PM	Online Bible Study (Jonah Chapter 3)
	3:30 PM	Deacons Meeting



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