

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN



CHURCH IN GERMANTOWN

MAY 24, 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 24, 2020

Memorial Day Weekend

"Keep moving forward." - Walt Disney

ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP AT 10:00 AM

GATHERING AS GOD'S FAMILY

Prelude: *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

Johann C. Kittel

Welcome and Announcements

†*Call to Worship

Rev. Kevin Porter

One: God holds out to us the promise of new life.

Many: Life as unpredictable, as unrehearsed, as challenging, as terrifying and new as life at the very beginning.

One: God calls us to respond to this gift with creativity, with joy, and with courage.

Many: In worship, we can begin to accept this gift of new life in Jesus Christ.

All: Come, let us worship the Lord!

*Hymn 464: *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

HYMN TO JOY

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love; Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, Opening to the sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; Drive the dark of doubt away; Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day!

All Thy works with joy surround Thee, Earth and heaven reflect Thy rays, Stars and angels sing around Thee, Center of unbroken praise; Field and forest, vale and mountain, Flowery meadow, flashing sea, Chanting bird and flowing fountain, Call us to rejoice in Thee.

Mortals, join the mighty chorus, Which the morning stars began; Love divine is reigning o'er us, Joining all in heaven's plan. Ever singing, march we onward, Victors in the midst of strife; Joyful music leads us sunward In the triumph song of life.

CONFESSING OUR SINS TO GOD

Prayer of Confession

Bringer of glory, author of everlasting life, when Jesus' disciples watched as their friend and teacher was carried away to heaven, they felt bereft and alone. In your mercy, you sent angels to comfort them. We too need your winged messengers of hope, O God, for we also feel bereft and alone. We long to be like Peter, James, and John, and Mary the mother of Jesus, who devoted themselves to prayer. But in our isolation, we forsake community, and resign ourselves to loneliness and loss. Teach us once more that we are yours and you are ours. Remind us again that eternal life comes from knowing you and being known by you. Open us to prayer. Open us to hope. Open us to life in your holy name.

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

Robert Seed

The First Lesson: Act 1:6-14

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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!

A Time for Children

Anthem: *Be Thou My Vision*

Irish Folk Hymn

David Kellett, tenor

The Second Lesson: 1 Peter 4:12-13; 5:6-11

Rev. Rebecca Segers

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Leader: God, we thank you for your Word.

People: The story of your grace.

Sermon: **LOOK AHEAD**

Rev. Rebecca Segers

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

A Time for Meditation on the Word

*Hymn 2025: *As the Deer* (2x) from *Sing The Faith*

<https://genius.com/Religious-music-as-the-deer-lyrics>

*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 142: *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!*

CORONATION

All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall. Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all. Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!

O seed of Israel's chosen race now ransomed from the fall, hail him who saves you by his

grace, and crown him Lord of all. Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him
Lord of all!

Let every kindred, every tribe responsive to his call, to him all majesty ascribe, and crown
him Lord of all. To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!

Oh, that with all the sacred throng we at his feet may fall! We'll join the everlasting song
and crown him Lord of all. We'll join the everlasting song and crown him Lord of all.

*Charge and Benediction

Rev. Rebecca Segers

*Congregational Response: #585

McNeil Robinson II

Postlude: *Hymn to Joy*

Albert Travis



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