

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN



CHURCH IN GERMANTOWN

AUGUST 16, 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.*

August 16, 2020

"(S)peaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ." - Ephesians 4:15

## ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP AT 10:00 AM

### GATHERING AS GOD'S FAMILY

Prelude: *Amazing Grace*

Gerald Near

Welcome and Announcements

†\*Call to Worship

Rev. Kevin Porter

One: When hatred and division separate us,

**Many: God's love binds us together.**

One: When quarrels estrange us from one another,

**Many: Christ's light shows us the way to reconciliation.**

One: When we feel excluded and left out,

**Many: The Spirit's peace eases our pain.**

One: When all hope of fellowship seems lost,

**Many: God's grace restores our hope.**

**All: Come! Let us worship God, who makes us one.**

\*Hymn 280: *Amazing Grace*

AMAZING GRACE

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound! That saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but  
now am found; Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears relieved. How precious did  
that grace appear The hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares I have already come. 'Tis grace has brought me  
safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures; He will my shield and por-  
tion be As long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun, We've no less days to  
sing God's praise Than when we'd first begun.

### CONFESSING OUR SINS TO GOD

Prayer of Confession

**God our Creator, we come to you a rebellious people. We have denied your intentions for us; we have sought our own ways rather than the way of Christ. We have refused to learn the lessons of the past, and still we remain bound up with past offenses. We dream of what cannot be and yet do not devote ourselves to laying a foundation for genuine hope. Forgive what we have been, amend what we are, and direct what we shall be in order to rise with Christ and serve you with trust and joy.**

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

Allison Seed

The First Lesson: Psalm 133

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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: *One in the Spirit*

Spiritual/arr. Marvin Mills

The Chancel Choir  
Marvin Mills, organ

The Second Lesson: Matthew 15:10-20

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

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

Sermon: **ALL TOGETHER NOW**

Rev. Rebecca Segers

### RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

A Time for Meditation on the Word

\*Hymn 335: *Though I May Speak*

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<https://www.hopepublishing.com/find-hymns-hw/hw3990.aspx>

\*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.**

Offering Our Gifts

## GOING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

\*Hymn 402: *Now Praise the Hidden God of Love*

DICKINSON COLLEGE

<http://adventisthymns.com/lyrics/548-now-praise-the-hidden-god-of-love>

\*Charge and Benediction

Rev. Rebecca Segers

\*Congregational Response: #585

Thurman



Postlude: *Hymn to Joy*

Albert Travis



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# Church Officers

## Elders

### 2020

Gloria Bethea  
Andrea Overton  
J. Randall Rosensteel

### 2021

Marc DiNardo  
Robert Seed  
Jason Williams

### 2022

Ingrid Harris  
Joseph Leube  
Delores Solomon

Clerk of Session:  
Robert Seed

## Deacons

### 2020

Randy Clever  
John Orandosh  
Carolyn Tarver

### 2021

Dhyan Cassie  
Rhonda Highsmith  
Dani Howard

### 2022

Dick Liberty  
Dolores Shanks  
OPEN

## First Church Staff

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Pastor	Rebecca Segers
Director of Adult Education and Community Life	Kevin L. Porter
Director of Urban Ministry	Eileen Jones
Director of Music	F. Anthony Thurman
Director of the Gospel Choir	Sara C. Blanford
Director of the Handbell and Children's Choirs	Evelyn Santiago
Director of Christian Education	Christian Heyer-Rivera
Parish Visitor	Heidi Mercado-Littles
Building Manager	Terry Boyer
Communications Management Fellow	Cherese Akers
Bookkeeper	Cindy Osborne
Sextons	Tony Nixon, David Slaughter, Clinton (CJ) Cotton

## Ministers of Word and Sacrament, Honorably Retired

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David Cassie, Linda Jaymes, Allison Seed

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