

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN



CHURCH IN GERMANTOWN

SEPTEMBER 27, 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.*

September 27, 2020

*"The bottom line in the Christian life is obedience and most people don't even like the word."*

- Charles Stanley

## **ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP AT 10:00 AM**

### **GATHERING AS GOD'S FAMILY**

Prelude: *I Call to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ*

J.S. Bach

Welcome and Announcements

†\*Call to Worship

Rev. Kevin Porter

One: This is Sabbath—we seek deep within our restful selves for re-creation.

**Many: This is Sunday—we celebrate the bright resurrection and its good news.**

One: This is the day which God has made.

**All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

\*Hymn 411: *Arise, Your Light Is Come!*

FESTAL SONG

<http://www.traditionalmusic.co.uk/presbyterian-hymnal/arise-your-light-is-come-the-spirits.htm>

### **CONFESSING OUR SINS TO GOD**

Prayer of Confession

**God of second chances, you are always there for us. In the midst of our grumbling, we yearn to find strength of our convictions. In the course of our struggles, we long to soldier humbly on, forsaking positions of power and authority. We want to work gladly in your vineyard, without thought of reward or acknowledgment. Renew us in your compassion and grace, that our eyes may be opened to your presence and our minds may be filled with the very mind of Christ.**

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

Siena Williams

The First Lesson: Psalm 25:1-9

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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:

Leader: God, we thank you for your Word.

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

Sermon: **TO DO OR NOT TO DO**

Rev. Rebecca Segers

**RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

A Time for Meditation on the Word

\*Hymn 434: *Today We all Are Called to Be Disciples*

KINGSFOLD

<http://ehymnbook.org/CMMS/hymnSong.php?folder=p11&id=pd11263>

\*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 415: *Come, Labor On*

ORA LABORA

Come, labor on. Who dares stand idle on the harvest plain while all around us waves the golden grain? And to each servant does the Master say, "Go work today."

Come, labor on. Claim the high calling angels cannot share; to young and old the gospel gladness bear. Redeem the time; its hours too swiftly fly. The night draws nigh.

Come, labor on. Away with gloomy doubts and faithless fear! No arm so weak but may do service here. Though feeble agents, may we all fulfill God's righteous will.

Come, labor on. No time for rest, till glows the western sky, till the long shadows o'er our pathway lie, and a glad sound comes with the setting sun, "Well done, well done!"

\*Charge and Benediction

Rev. Rebecca Segers

Postlude: *The Heavenly Word proceeding forth*

Marcel Dupre

**GUEST MUSICIAN:** Jeremy Flood combines an avocation as an organist with his medical practice of endocrinology. He is an Associate Professor of Clinical Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania, with his clinical practice based at Penn Presbyterian Medical Center, where he is Chief of the Division of Endocrinology, Diabetes, and Metabolism. He studied the organ in his hometown of Poughkeepsie, New York and as an undergraduate at Cornell University. He has been an Assistant Wanamaker Grand Court Organist at Macy's in Center City Philadelphia since 2009. He was the organist at St. Mary's Church Hamilton Village (the Episcopal Church at Penn) for three years and more recently has been active as a substitute organist for churches throughout the Philadelphia area, frequently playing at the Church of the Annunciation on Lincoln Drive.



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# Church Officers

## Elders

### 2021

Marc DiNardo  
Robert Seed  
Jason Williams

### 2022

Ingrid Harris  
Joseph Leube  
Delores Solomon

### 2023

Drew Hood  
Andrea Overton  
Fatima Robinson

Clerk of Session:  
Robert Seed

## Deacons

### 2021

Dhyan Cassie  
Rhonda Highsmith  
Dani Howard

### 2022

Dick Liberty  
Dolores Shanks  
Stephanie Garrett

### 2023

John Orandosh  
Chris Scott Jr.  
Carolyn Tarver

## 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 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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