

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN



CHURCH IN GERMANTOWN

SEPTEMBER 6, 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 6, 2020

The Lord's Supper

"For Christians, who believe they are created in the image of God, it is the Godhead, diversity in unity and the three-in-oneness of God, which we and all creation reflect." - Desmond Tutu

ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP AT 10:00 AM

GATHERING AS GOD'S FAMILY

Prelude: *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

John Innes

Welcome and Announcements

†*Call to Worship

Rev. Kevin Porter

One: It is time.

Many: Time to wake from sleep.

One: It is time.

Many: Time to lay aside laziness and inattentiveness.

One: It is time.

Many: Time to look up and see Christ's shining hope.

One: It is time.

Many: Time to live in the shimmer of God's wisdom.

One: It is time.

Many: Time to put on love as the clothing of life.

One: Time to worship as the people of God!

*Hymn 461: *God Is Here!*

ABBOT'S LEIGH

<https://www.hopepublishing.com/find-hymns-hw/hw3243.aspx>

CONFESSING OUR SINS TO GOD

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, help us become the people you have created us to be. We yearn to build communities of love, but it is easier to tear down than to build up. We long for the healing of the nations, but it is easier to harm than to heal. We want to bear our grief with dignity, but it is satisfying to parade our wounds for all to see. Bind up our spirits, Gracious One, that we might reconcile with those who have caused us pain. Help us cast aside the things that chain our spirits, that we might be free to care for one another and fulfill your law of love.

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: Romans 13:8-14

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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: *Embracing the Other*

The Work of the People

The Second Lesson: Matthew 18:15-20

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

People: The story of your grace.

Sermon: **WE CAN WORK IT OUT**

Rev. Rebecca Segers

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

A Time for Meditation on the Word

*Hymn 504: *Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether*

UNION SEMINARY

<http://adventisthymns.com/lyrics/259-draw-us-in-the-spirits-tether>

*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.

Offering Our Gifts

The Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.

The Words of Institution

Prayer After Communion

GOING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn 358: *Help Us Accept Each Other*

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<https://www.hopepublishing.com/find-hymns-hw/hw3521.aspx>

*Charge and Benediction

Rev. Rebecca Segers

Postlude: *All Things Bright and Beautiful*

17th Century Melody

GUEST MUSICIAN: Abigail LaVecchia is a pianist based in Philadelphia. She has been the organist and choir accompanist at Morrisville United Methodist Church since 2014. She is on faculty at Temple University's Boyer College of Music as a collaborative pianist, working for the Voice and Opera departments. She teaches piano at Friends Select School and is the principal pianist for the Pennsylvania Girlchoir and Montgomery County Chorale and Orchestra. Originally from Bucks County, PA, Abigail now lives in South Philadelphia with her husband, Patrick, and dog, Wolfgang.



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