

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN



CHURCH IN GERMANTOWN

OCTOBER 18, 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.*

October 18, 2020

*"I have found that among its other benefits, giving liberates the soul of the giver." - Maya Angelou*

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

**GATHERING AS GOD'S FAMILY**

Prelude: Welcome Into This Place

Gary Oliver

Welcome and Announcements

†\*Call to Worship

Rev. Kevin Porter

One: O give thanks to God, who calls us here.

**Many: We will sing of God's glorious deeds.**

One: O listen for God's wisdom, that speaks to us now.

**Many: We will listen for inspiration and truth.**

One: O worship our God, who is holy and just.

**All: We will worship God with honor and praise!**

\*Hymn 430: *Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!*

DARWALL'S 148<sup>TH</sup>

<https://www.firstpreswh.org/daily-devotional/come-sing-o-church-in-joy-hymn-305/>

**CONFESSING OUR SINS TO GOD**

Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God, we come before you to confess our sins. When we have acted out of fear, when we have acted out of anger, when we have acted out of selfishness, we have sinned. When our thoughts have been small-minded, when our thoughts have been unruly, when our thoughts have been bitter, we have sinned. When our words have been unfeeling, when our words have been thoughtless, when our words have been admirable but empty, we have sinned. When we have wasted your gifts and possibilities, when we have not lived out of love, we have sinned. But you are the source of love and life, and we ask your forgiveness and your re-forming of our very selves, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Risen Savior.**

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

The First Lesson: Psalms 96:1-13

Pages 520-521 OT

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: Holy, Holy, Holy

Alvin Slaughter

The Second Lesson: Matthew 22:15-22

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

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

Sermon: **A NEW DAY, A NEW WAY**

Rev. Rebecca Segers

### **RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

A Time for Meditation on the Word

\*Hymn 422: *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

BEACH SPRING

<https://www.hopepublishing.com/find-hymns-hw/hw2976.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 467: *How Great Thou Art*

O STORE GUD

O Lord my God, When I in awesome wonder, Consider all the worlds Thy Hands have made; I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Then sings my soul, My Savior God, to Thee, How great Thou art, How great Thou art.  
Then sings my soul, My Savior God, to Thee, How great Thou art, How great Thou art!

When through the woods, and forest glades I wander, And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees. When I look down, from lofty mountain grandeur And see the brook, and feel the gentle breeze.

Then sings my soul, My Savior God, to Thee, How great Thou art, How great Thou art.  
Then sings my soul, My Savior God, to Thee, How great Thou art, How great Thou art!

And when I think, that God, His Son not sparing; Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in; That on a Cross, my burdens gladly bearing, He bled and died to take away my sin.

Then sings my soul, My Savior God, to Thee, How great Thou art, How great Thou art.  
Then sings my soul, My Savior God, to Thee, How great Thou art, How great Thou art!

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation, And take me home, what joy shall fill  
my heart. Then I shall bow, in humble adoration, And then proclaim: "My God, how great  
Thou art!"

Then sings my soul, My Savior God, to Thee, How great Thou art, How great Thou art.  
Then sings my soul, My Savior God, to Thee, How great Thou art, How great Thou art!

\*Charge and Benediction

Rev. Rebecca Segers

Postlude: Total Praise

Richard Smallwood

**GUEST MUSICIAN** is Sara C. Blanford. Sara is a sought after vocalist, musician and workshop clinician. She has been in music ministry all of her life. Her experience has not been limited to just local church music ministry, but has taken her across the country where she has shared the stage with well known Gospel artists. She is the former Music Director of Philadelphia's own Joy Unlimited Youth Mass Choir, a recording choir where she has had the opportunity to write several songs that were featured on their second album, "God Is There". Sara is a member of Grace Baptist Church of Germantown, where she serves as the director of the Cathedral Choir, Chancel Choir and the Praise and Worship team. Sara is married to the love of her life, Elridge Blanford and they reside in the Mt. Airy section of Philadelphia.



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### 2021

Marc DiNardo  
Robert Seed  
Jason Williams

### 2022

Ingrid Harris  
Joseph Leube  
Delores Solomon

### 2023

Drew Hood  
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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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