

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN



CHURCH IN GERMANTOWN

NOVEMBER 08, 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.*

November 08, 2020

*"So if you stay ready, you ain't gotta get ready, and that is how I run my life." - Will Smith*

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

**GATHERING AS GOD'S FAMILY**

Prelude: Adoration

Florence Price

Welcome and Announcements

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Faith Lewis

†\*Call to Worship

Rev. Kevin Porter

One: Wait for the Lord.

**Many: God is as near to us as our very breath.**

One: Wait for God's wisdom.

**Many: Wisdom is planted in our very souls.**

One: Prepare for the coming of Christ.

**Many: Christ lives in our very lives.**

One: Wait, prepare, be ready to celebrate.

**All: God is here, Christ has come. Love is present here and now.**

\*Hymn 15: *Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers*

LLANGLOFFAN

Rejoice, rejoice, believers, and let your lights appear; The evening is advancing, and darker night is near. The Bridegroom is arising and soon he will draw nigh; up, watch in expectation! At midnight comes the cry.

See that your lamps are burning, replenish them with oil; Look now for your salvation, the end of sin and toil. The marriage feast is waiting, The gates wide open stand; Arise, O heirs of glory, The Bridegroom is at hand!

Our hope and expectation, O Jesus, now appear; arise, Thou Sun so longed for, above the shadowed sphere. With hearts and hands uplifted, we plead, O Lord, to see the day of earth's redemption, And ever be with Thee!

**CONFESSING OUR SINS TO GOD**

Prayer of Confession

**Majestic and merciful God, we come to you a wayward people. We have forgotten your intentions for us; we have rejected the way of Christ; we have disregarded the power of your Spirit; and we have worshipped ourselves and the things we have made. Forgive us, restore us in the knowledge of whose we are, and make us alive to serve you with faith, hope, and love; through Jesus Christ we pray.**

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

Martin Lagunsad

The First Lesson: Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

Pages 517-518 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:

The Second Lesson: Matthew 25:1-13

Rev. Rebecca Segers  
Pages 191-192 NT

Leader: God, we thank you for your Word.

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

Sermon: **READINESS IS ALL**

Rev. Rebecca Segers

### RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

A Time for Meditation on the Word

\*Hymn 2130: *The Summons*

KELVINGROVE

<https://wordtoworship.com/song/9563>

\*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 391: *Take My Life*

HENDON

Take my life, and let it be Consecrated, Lord, to Thee; Take my moments and my days, Let them flow in ceaseless praise. Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move At the impulse of Thy love; Take my feet, and let them be Swift and beautiful for Thee. Swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing Always, only, for my King; Take my lips, and let them be  
Filled with messages from Thee. Filled with messages from Thee.

Take my silver and my gold: Not a mite would I withhold; Take my intellect, and use Every  
power as Thou shalt choose. Every power as Thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it Thine: It shall no longer be mine; Take my heart it is Thine own:  
It shall be Thy royal throne. It shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love, my Lord, I pour At Thy feet its treasure store; Take myself and I will be  
Ever, only, all for Thee, Ever, only, all for Thee.

\*Charge and Benediction

Rev. Rebecca Segers

Postlude: Placare Christe Servulis (O Christ, placate thy servants)

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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