

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN



CHURCH IN GERMANTOWN

NOVEMBER 15, 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 15, 2020

"Love is not only something you feel, it is something you do." - David Wilkerson

**ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP AT 10:00 AM
GATHERING AS GOD'S FAMILY**

Prelude: There Is A Balm In Gilead

arr. Mark Hayes

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Generosity

Randy Clever

†*Call to Worship

Rev. Kevin Porter

One: Lift up your eyes, seeking to know your God. Attune your spirit to the One in whom we dwell.

Many: God's love surrounds us here today. God calls us to be children of light.

One: We belong to the day when we have faith. We live confidently in the hope of salvation.

Many: We seek to be faithful to the best we know. We want to invest the talents God gives us.

One: Faithfulness gives us a sense of greater abundance. Doing justice adds to our sense of worth and dignity.

All: We are here to build up one another. May our worship encourage each of us today.

*Hymn 487: *When Morning Gilds the Skies*

LAUDES DOMINI

When morning gilds the skies, My heart awaking cries, May Jesus Christ be praised! Alike at work and prayer, To Jesus I repair; May Jesus Christ be praised!

Does sadness fill my mind? A solace here I find: May Jesus Christ be praised! Or fades my earthly bliss? My comfort still is this: May Jesus Christ be praised!

Let earth's wide circle round In joyful notes resound May Jesus Christ be praised! Let air, and sea, and sky From depth to height reply, May Jesus Christ be praised!

Be this, while life is mine, My canticle divine, May Jesus Christ be praised! Be this this eternal song Through all the ages long, May Jesus Christ be praised!

CONFESSING OUR SINS TO GOD

Prayer of Confession

Giver of gifts, you know the true value of the talents you bestow upon us. Open our eyes to see the possibilities they hold for our world. Transform us that we might turn our gifts into signs of our commitment to bring light and love to every task we do. Transform our understanding of our potential, that we may shine forth: as children of light, as people of faith, and bearers of hope, through Christ our Lord, who loves and strengthens us.

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

Erika Littles

The First Lesson: Psalm 123

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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: Abundance & Equality

The Work of the People

The Second Lesson: Matthew 25:14-30

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

People: The story of your grace.

Sermon: **WHAT I GOT**

Rev. Rebecca Segers

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

A Time for Meditation on the Word

*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!"

*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 392: *Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord*

HALL

Take Thou our minds, dear Lord, we humbly pray: Give us the mind of Christ each passing day; Teach us to know the truth that sets us free; Grant us in all our thoughts to honor Thee.

Take Thou our hearts, O Christ, they are Thine own; Come Thou within our souls and claim Thy throne; Help us to shed abroad Thy deathless love; Use us to make the earth like heaven above.

Take Thou our wills, most High! Hold Thou full sway; Have in our inmost souls Thy perfect way; Guard Thou each sacred hour from selfish ease; Guide Thou our ordered lives as Thou dost please.

Take Thou ourselves, O Lord, heart, mind and will; Through our surrendered souls Thy plans fulfill. We yield ourselves to Thee, time, talents, all! We hear, and henceforth heed Thy sovereign call.

*Charge and Benediction

Rev. Rebecca Segers

Postlude: Let There Be Praise

arr. Dick Tunney

GUEST MUSICIAN: Jesse Padgett is a native of Statesville, NC. He holds a Master's of Music from UNC-Greensboro and a double-bachelor's in Music Education and Vocal Performance from Appalachian State University. He moved to Philadelphia a month after 9/11 to work with Walnut Street Theatre. He has performed nationally as a vocal soloist, and made his Broadway debut in March 2005 in a tribute to Stephen Sondheim. He teaches voice part-time at West Chester University and is a published composer for Hinshaw Music. His works are distributed world-wide through J.W. Pepper.



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