

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN



CHURCH IN GERMANTOWN

JANUARY 17, 2021

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.*

January 17, 2021

"To know me is to love me." - Unknown

"I know for sure that love saves me and that it is here to save us all." - Maya Angelou

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

Prelude: *Wondrous Love: Variations on a Shape Note Hymn*

Samuel Barber

Welcome and Announcements

†*Call to Worship

Rev. Kevin Porter

One: Jesus calls to us:

Many: "Follow me."

One: We have questions:

Many: "How do you know us? Will we be okay?"

One: Jesus sees us as we are.

All: And through Jesus' eyes, we see love.

*Hymn 276: *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

FAITHFULNESS

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father, There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt
be. Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I
see; All I have needed Thy hand hath provided; Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest, Sun, moon and stars in their courses
above, Join with all nature in manifold witness To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.
Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided; Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, Blessings all mine, with ten thousand be-
side! Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I
see; All I have needed Thy hand hath provided; Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

CONFESSING OUR SINS TO GOD

Prayer of Confession

**O God, our lives are an open book to you. Help us to recognize in ourselves
what you have seen there. Remove the distortions that keep us from acknowl-
edging our sin. Awaken in us a sorrow over the wrong we have done and the
good we have neglected. Create in us an earnest desire to change. O God, we are
in touch with the pain we have caused and the pain within us. Because of your
love and care, we can face and overcome the sins we here confess.**

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

Charles Bethea

The First Lesson: Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

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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: *O Love, How Deep*

Everett Titcomb

O love, how deep, how broad, how high!

How Passing thought and fantasy,
that God, the Son of God, should take
our mortal form for mortals' sake.

For us he prayed, for us he taught,
for us his daily works he wrought,
by words and signs and actions thus
still seeking not himself but us.

All glory to our Lord and God,
for love so deep, so high, so broad;
the Trinity whom we adore
forever and forevermore.

The Second Lesson: John 1:43-51

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

People: The story of your grace.

Sermon: **ON BEING KNOWN**

Rev. Rebecca Segers

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

A Time for Meditation on the Word

*Hymn 335: *Though I May Speak*

O WALY WALY

Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift of all inspire, and have not love,
my words are vain, as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess, but not be given by love
within, the profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control, our spirits long to be made whole. Let inward love
guide every deed; by this we worship, and are freed.

*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

Offertory: *Jesu, Lover of My Soul*

arr. Henry Coleman

Jesu, lover of my soul,
Let me to Thy bosom fly,
While the nearer waters roll,
While the tempest still is high:
Hide me, O my Savior, hide,
Till the storm of life is past;
Safe into the haven guide;
O receive my soul at last.

Other refuge have I none,
Hangs my helpless soul on Thee;
Leave, oh, leave me not alone,
Still support and comfort me.
All my trust on Thee is stayed,
All my help from Thee I bring;
Cover my defenseless head
With the shadow of Thy wing.

Plenteous grace with Thee is found,
Grace to cover all my sin;
Let the healing streams abound;
Make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art,
Freely let me take of Thee;
Spring Thou up within my heart,
Rise to all eternity.

GOING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn 294: *Wherever I May Wander*

NEW ENGLAND

Wherever I may wander, wherever I may be, I'm certain of my Maker's love; God's care is over me. God made the great high mountains, And made the wide blue sea; God made the sky where airplanes fly; God made the world, and me.

Throughout the whole creation I see God's loving care For everyone in every land, God's children everywhere. Wherever I may wander, Wherever I may be, I'm certain of my Maker's love; God's care is over me.

*Charge and Benediction

Rev. Rebecca Segers

Postlude: Finale from *St. Wilfrid's Suite*

Andrew Carter

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