

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN



CHURCH IN GERMANTOWN

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CELEBRATING
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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 24, 2021

"True faith is focused in and on the Lord Jesus Christ and always leads to action." - David Bednar

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

Prelude: *Cantabile* from *Trois Pièces*

César Franck

Welcome and Announcements

†*Call to Worship

Rev. Kevin Porter

One: Christ calls: Drop your nets and come to God.

Many: We will follow with love.

One: Christ calls: Lay your worries down and rest in the Lord.

Many: We will follow with hope.

One: Christ call: Release your sorrows and the burden of your guilt.

Many: We will follow with faith.

One: The God of grace, the Christ of love, welcomes and calls us here.

*Hymn 466: *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

AZMON

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise, the glories of my God and
King, the triumphs of his grace!

Jesus! the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease, 'tis music in the sinner's
ears, 'tis life and health and peace.

Christ breaks the power of reigning sin, And sets the prisoner free; Christ's blood can make
the sinful clean, Christ blood availed for me.

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim, to spread through all the earth
abroad the honors of your name.

CONFESSING OUR SINS TO GOD

Prayer of Confession

**Forgive us, O God, for the harm we have caused others, for the times we have
turned away from you, for the ways we have rejected your love and mercy. Forty
minutes, forty days, or even forty years would not be sufficient to make up for all
the sins and errors of humankind. But your grace is sufficient for us. Your pres-
ence is all we need, each and every moment of our lives. Forgive us, O God, and
invite us to begin again. Call us to follow you, and we will leave our nets behind.
Invite us to begin again, and we will accept your loving offer, and become a new
creation, called and reclaimed in the Spirit of your 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

Denise Cowie

The First Lesson: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

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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: *Give us the Wings of Faith*

Ernest Bullock

*Give us the wings of faith to rise
within the veil, and see
the saints above, how great their joys,
how bright their glories be.
We ask them whence their victory came;
they with united breath
ascribe their conquest to the Lamb,
their triumph to his death.
They marked the footsteps that he trod,
his zeal inspired their quest;
and, following their incarnate God,
they reached the promised rest.
Our glorious Leader claims our praise,
for his own pattern given;
while the long cloud of witnesses
show the same path to heaven.*

***Rachael Lipson, Soprano
Laurice Kennel, Mezzo Soprano
Jason Brocious, Tenor
Rob Phillips, Bass***

The Second Lesson: Mark 1:14-20

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

People: The story of your grace.

Sermon: **NO TIME LIKE THE PRESENT**

Rev. Rebecca Segers

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

A Time for Meditation on the Word

*Hymn 377: *Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore*

PESCADOR DE HOMBRES

You have come up to the lakeshore, Looking neither for wise nor for wealthy. You only wanted that I should follow. O Lord, with Your eyes You have searched me, And, while smiling, have called out my name. Now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me, Now with You I will seek other seas.

You know that I own so little, In my boat there's no money nor weapons, You'll only find there my nets and labor. O Lord, with Your eyes You have searched me, And, while smiling, have called out my name. Now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me, Now with You I will seek other seas.

You need the caring of my hands, through my tiredness, may others find resting. You need

a love that just goes on loving. O Lord, with Your eyes You have searched me, And, while smiling, have called out my name. Now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me, Now with You I will seek other seas.

You, who have fished other oceans, ever longed for by souls that are waiting, My dear and good friend, as thus You call me. O Lord, with Your eyes You have searched me, And, while smiling, have called out my name. Now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me, Now with You I will seek other seas.

*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: *O Lord, Increase my Faith*

David Schelat

O Lord, increase my faith,
strengthen me and confirm me in thy true faith,
endue me with wisdom,
with charity, and patience.
In all my adversity,
teach me to say Amen.

Rachael Lipson, Soprano
Laurice Kennel, Mezzo Soprano
Jason Brocious, Tenor
Rob Phillips, Bass

GOING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn 434: *Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples*

KINGSFOLD

<http://hymnbook.org/CMMS/hymnSong.php?folder=p11&id=pd11263>

*Charge and Benediction

Rev. Rebecca Segers

Postlude: Festival Finale

Malcolm Archer

GUEST MUSICIANS:

Rachael Lipson, a Philadelphia native, enjoys frequent collaboration with churches and professional choirs located throughout the Tri-State area. She received her Bachelor of Music at Westminster Choir College, and went on to graduate with her Masters of Music in Voice Performance at the University of Delaware in 2016, where she studied under Noël Archambeault. Since then, she has explored diverse repertoire as both a soloist and as a choral scholar, and is currently a staff singer at St. Mark's Church, Philadelphia.

Laurice Simmons Kennel, Soprano, was born and raised in Southwestern Michigan. She now resides in Philadelphia, PA with her Husband. She received her Bachelor of Music in Vocal Performance from Michigan State University and her Master of Music in Vocal Performance from the University of Colorado at Boulder. Currently, Ms. Kennel studies privately with Sharon Sweet. Laurice has performed a wide range of operatic roles. She has sung the role of Mimi (La Boheme), Micaela (Carmen), Donna Anna (Don Giovanni), Violetta (La Traviata) and Suor Angelica (Suor Angelica). Ms. Kennel has sung with the Opera Company of Philadelphia, New York City Opera at Lincoln Center, Lyric Opera Company Los Angeles and Opera Delaware.

Tenor **Jason Brocius** sings with the Christ Church Choir of Christiana Hundred, the Brandywine Singers, and the Reading Choral Society. As a soloist, he also performs arias and art songs in concerts and recitals.

Jason is a CPA and lives in Collegeville with his wife Francine and their canine pal, Theia.

Robert Phillips attended Westminster Choir College in Princeton, New Jersey specializing in Vocal Performance. After performing for several seasons with The Westminster Choir at The Spoleto Festival of Two Worlds he then continued his studies in New York City. Presently, Mr. Phillips has been a member of many musical groups in the Philadelphia region including Opera Philadelphia, Choral Arts of Philadelphia, The Philadelphia Singers, and The Crossing. Church music has been a large part of Mr. Phillips musical life also having sung in choirs at First Presbyterian Chestnut Hill, St. Marks Church of Philadelphia and First Presbyterian Church Germantown.



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