

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN



CHURCH IN GERMANTOWN

JANUARY 31, 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 31, 2021

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

Prelude: *Allegretto* from Sonata no. 4

Felix Mendelssohn

Welcome and Announcements

†*Call to Worship

Christian Heyer-Rivera

One: Give thanks to God with all your heart.

Many: We come full of awe at God's marvelous works.

One: Give thanks to God with all your mind.

Many: We come to learn God's wisdom and righteousness.

One: Give thanks to God with all your strength.

Many: We come to live in God's mercy and grace.

One: Let us worship God with all that we are!

*Hymn 280: *Amazing Grace*

AMAZING GRACE

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound! That saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
now am found; Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears relieved. How precious did
that grace appear The hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares I have already come. 'Tis grace has brought me
safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures; He will my shield and por-
tion be As long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun, We've no less days to
sing God's praise Than when we'd first begun.

CONFESSING OUR SINS TO GOD

Prayer of Confession

**God our Creator, we confess that we are broken, sinful creatures. You spoke to
us through the prophets, yet we have not kept your commands. You give us a
new teaching through Jesus, yet we fail to obey your living Word. Forgive us,
God of grace. Set us free from the grip of sin, cast out all that is evil and fearful
within us, and bring us ever closer to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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

Ingrid Harris

The First Lesson: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

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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: *How Lovely are the Messengers*

Felix Mendelssohn

How lovely are the Messengers that preach us the gospel of Peace.

To all the nations is gone forth the sound of their words.

To all the nations is gone forth the sound of their words,

Throughout all the lands their glad tidings.

How lovely are the Messengers that preach us the gospel of Peace.

Rachael Lipson, Soprano

Laurice Kennel, Mezzo Soprano

Jason Brocious, Tenor

Rob Phillips, Bass

The Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Rev. Kevin Porter

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Leader: God, we thank you for your Word.

People: The story of your grace.

Sermon: **HOW PROPHETS ARE FORGED**

Rev. Kevin Porter

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

A Time for Meditation on the Word

*Hymn 436: *We are Your People*

WHITFIELD

<https://digitalsongsandhymns.com/songs/5655#tab-lyrics>

*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: *A Prayer for Peace*

David Cherwien

O God of Love, O King of Peace,

Make wars throughout the world to cease.
The wrath of nations now restrain.
Give peace, O God, give peace again.
Remember, Lord, thy works of old,
the Wonders that thy people told;
Remember not our sin's dark stain
Give peace, O God, give peace again!
Whom shall we trust but thee, O Lord?
Where rest but on thy faithful word?
None ever called on thee in vain.
Give Peace, O God, give peace again.

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

GOING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn: *This Little Light of Mine*

This Little Light of Mine,
I'm Gonna let it shine.
This Little Light of Mine,
I'm Gonna let it shine.
This Little Light of Mine,
I'm Gonna let it shine.
Let it Shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Everywhere I go,
I'm Gonna Let it Shine.
Everywhere I go,
I'm Gonna Let it Shine.
Everywhere I go,
I'm Gonna Let it Shine.
Let it Shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Jesus Gave it to me,
I'm gonna let it shine.
Jesus Gave it to me,
I'm gonna let it shine.
Jesus Gave it to me,
I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

*Charge and Benediction

Rev. Kevin Porter

Postlude: *Allegro Maestoso* from Sonata no. 4

Felix Mendelssohn

GUEST MUSICIANS:

Rachael Lipson, a Philadelphia native, enjoys frequent collaboration with churches and pro-

fessional 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 OperaDelaware .

Tenor **Jason Brocious** 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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