

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN



CHURCH IN GERMANTOWN

MARCH 07, 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.*

March 07, 2021

The Lord's Supper/Lent 3

"We all have a gift; we all have a passion - it's just about finding it and going into it. Being an asset to your family and your community." - Angela Bassett

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

Prelude: *Dies sind die heiligen zehn Gebot*

J. S. Bach

Welcome and Announcements

†*Call to Worship

(from Psalm 19) Rev. Kevin Porter

One: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple.

Many: The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes.

One: The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

Many: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

One: Let us worship God!

*Hymn 81: *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days*

ST. FLAVIAN

Lord, who throughout these forty days For us didst fast and pray, Teach us with Thee to mourn our sins, And close by Thee to stay.

As Thou with Satan didst contend, And didst the victory win, O give us strength in Thee to fight, In Thee to conquer sin.

And through these days of penitence, And through Thy Passion-tide, Yea evermore, in life and death, O Lord, with us abide.

Abide with us, that so, this life Of suffering over past, An Easter of unending joy We may attain at last!

CONFESSING OUR SINS TO GOD

Prayer of Confession

Holy One, we profess to live according to your word and your commandments, yet we fill our lives in ways that prevent us from doing so. Instead of making a temple of our hearts, where we would have you dwell, we have created a place of sickness, disease, and desires that lead to death. Our hearts to become impure and false—a place where we have stolen, coveted, lied, and given our worship to false idols. Cleanse and reclaim our hearts, Lord, as you cleansed the Temple in Jerusalem. Overturn the tables in our spirit, and sweep aside all that keeps us from you. Show us your steadfast love and forgiveness, as we seek to follow you once more.

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

Jason Williams

The First Lesson: Exodus 20:1-17

Pages 628-629 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: *If Ye Love Me*

Thomas Tallis

If ye love me
Keep my commandments
And I will pray the Father
And he shall give you another comforter
That he may 'bide with you forever
E'en the spirit of truth

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

The Second Lesson: John 2:13-22

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

People: The story of your grace.

Sermon: **THE PASSION OF CHRIST**

Rev. Rebecca Segers

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

A Time for Meditation on the Word

*Hymn 79: *Kind Maker of the World*

A LA VENUE DE NOËL

Kind Maker of the world, O hear the fervent prayer, with many a tear Poured forth by all
the penitent who keep this holy fast of Lent!

Each heart is manifest to Thee; thou knowest our infirmity; Now we repent and seek Thy
face; grant unto us Thy pardoning grace.

Spare us, O Lord, who now confess our sins and all our wickedness, And, for the glory of
Thy Name, our weakened souls to health reclaim.

Give us the discipline that springs from abstinence in outward things With inward fasting,
so that we in heart and soul may dwell with Thee.

Grant, O Thou blessed Trinity, grant, O unchanging Unity, That this our fast of forty days
may work our profit and Thy praise!

*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.

Offering Our Gifts

Offertory: *O For A Closer Walk with God*

Charles Villiers Stanford

O for a closer walk with God,
A calm and heavenly frame;
A light to shine upon the road
That leads me to the Lamb!

Return, O holy dove, return,
Sweet messenger of rest;
I hate the sins that made thee mourn,
And drove thee from my breast.

So shall my walk be close with God,
Calm and serene my frame;
So purer light shall mark the road
That leads me to the Lamb.

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

Prayer of Dedication

The Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.

The Words of Institution

Prayer After Communion

GOING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn 2130: *The Summons*

<http://yojsicul4.blogspot.com/2013/01/the-summons.html>

*Charge and Benediction

Rev. Rebecca Segers

Postlude: Postlude founded on an Old Irish Church Melody

C.V. Stanford

GUEST MUSICIANS:

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.

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.

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.

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.

Notes on Music:

The text of today's hymn, Lord who Throughout these Forty Days, was written by **Claudia Hernaman** (1838-1898), a prolific writer of hymn texts in the Victorian era. She wrote texts of over 150 hymns, many of them written for children. She also translated a number of hymns of the church from Latin.



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WINDOW ON THE WEEK

Sunday, March 07 9:00 AM Online Bible Study (Mark Chapters 9-10)
Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/95470590052>
10:00 AM Worship Rev. Rebecca Segers preaching
11:15 AM Sunday School Grades K-5
Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/217065800>
11:30 AM Zoom Coffee Hour
Join Zoom Meeting <https://zoom.us/j/7217841109> or via phone by dialing 1-301-715-8592 and entering Meeting ID: 721 784 1109# when prompted to do so.

12:15 PM Confirmation Class
Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/635936034>

Monday, March 08 10:00 AM Uncle Bobbie's Online with Rev. Kevin Porter
Join Zoom Meeting <https://zoom.us/j/7217841109> or by conference call by dialing 1-301-715-8592 and entering Meeting ID: 721 784 1109# when prompted to do so.

Wed, March 10 10:00 AM Staff Meeting
12:00 PM Online Bible Study (Mark Chapters 9 & 10)
Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/95470590052>

Thursday, March 11 8:00 AM Uncle Bobbie's Online with Rev. Rebecca Segers
Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5907061661> or by conference call by dialing 1-301-715-8592 and entering Meeting ID: 590 706 1661# when prompted to do so.

10:00 AM GACM Food Distribution **(10-12pm)**
7:00 PM Worship Committee Meeting
Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82392424429>
8:00 PM Watch Party & Discussion (The Black Church)
Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/94899435948>

Friday, March 12 6:30 PM Middle/High School Youth Group

Sunday, March 14 9:00 AM Online Bible Study (Mark Chapters 11 & 12)
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