

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN



CHURCH IN GERMANTOWN

JUNE 20, 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.*

June 20, 2021

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

Prelude: *Rejoice Greatly, O My Soul*

Sigfried Karg-Elert

Welcome and Announcements

†\*Call to Worship

Eileen Jones

One: God invites us into his healing presence with these words:

**Many: "I am the Lord, who heals you."**

One: Diseased, depressed, dysfunctional, defeated, we come hungering for health that only God can provide.

**Many: God calls us to bring open eyes, hearing ears, and tender hearts turned toward him, the Great Physician.**

**All: We bow before the Lord in faith and expectancy. Let us worship God!**

Hymn 372: *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*

I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

Lord, I want to be a Christian In - a my heart, In - a my heart. Lord, I want to be a Christian In - a my heart. In - a my heart, In - a my heart, Lord, I want to be a Christian In - a my heart.

Lord, I want to be more loving In - a my heart, In - a my heart, Lord, I want to be more loving In - a my heart, In - a my heart. In - a my heart. Lord, I want to be more loving In - a my heart.

Lord, I want to be more holy In - a my heart, In - a my heart. Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart. In - a my heart, In - a my heart, In - a my heart. Lord, I want to be more holy In - a my heart.

Lord, I want to be like Jesus In - a my heart, In - a my heart, Lord, I want to be like Jesus In - a my heart, In - a my heart, In - a my heart. Lord, I want to be like Jesus In - a my heart.

**CONFESSING OUR SINS TO GOD**

Prayer of Confession

**God of birth, God of joy, God of life, we come to you as a people hungry for good news. We have been so dead to miracles that we have missed the world's rebirth. We have preoccupied ourselves with pleasures and have overlooked the joy you offer us. We have been so concerned with making a living that we have missed the life you set among us. Forgive us, gracious God. Open our eyes and our hearts to receive your gift; open our lips and hands to share it with all humanity in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. 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

Klaas Hoekema-Boerman

The First Lesson: 2 Corinthians 6:1-13

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As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. 2 For he says, "At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you." See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything. We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also.

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: *Vouchsafe, O Lord, from Te Deum*

G.F. Handel

Vouchsafe, O Lord, keep us without sin this day.

Lord, have mercy, Be merciful.

Lord, let thy mercy be upon us, O Lord, as we trust in Thee,  
As our trust is in Thee.

### **Robert Phillips, Bass**

The Second Lesson: Mark 4:35-41

Rev. Kevin Porter

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On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

Leader: God, we thank you for your Word.

**People: The story of your grace.**

Sermon: **FINDING PEACE IN THE AGE OF OUTRAGE**

Rev. Kevin Porter

### RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

A Time for Meditation on the Word

When will people cease their fighting? When will armies wage no war, Nations conquer not their neighbor, Weapons idle, used no more? When will guns and bombs be silent? When captives be set free? All creation groans in longing For the world's true liberty.

Floods and earthquakes, drought and famine Plague the world with awesome ill, But far greater is war's horror Caused by human, stubborn will. Blest are those who, working, praying Purpose in their hearts to be Instruments of peace, committed to the nation's harmony.

As we strive for peace with vigor, Hoping to be shown the way, We are strengthened in the knowledge Of a future, perfect day; For we know that deeper, richer, Peace is ours when Christ shall reign: Then will all our swords be plow-shares And God's children free from pain.

\*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: *He's Got the Whole World in His Hands*

Moses Hogan

He's got the whole world in His hands, He's got the whole wide world in His hands

He's got the whole world in His hands, He's got the whole world in His hands

He's got all the power in His hands, He's got all the power in His hands,

He's got all the power in His hands, He's got the whole world in his hands.

He's got you and me brother in His hands, He's got you and me sister in His hands

He's got the little baby in His hands, He's got the whole world in His hands

He's got mother and father in His hands, He's got the stars and moon in His hands,

He's got the everybody in His hands, He's got the whole world in His hands

**Robert Phillips, Bass**

\*Congregational Response 592: *Doxology*

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow: Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*Prayer of Dedication

## GOING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

Hymn 840: *When Peace Like a River (It is Well with My Soul)*

When peace like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll; whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, "It is well, it is well with my soul." It is well with my soul; it is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, let this blest assurance control: that Christ has regarded my helpless estate, and has shed his own blood for my soul. it is well, It is well with my soul.

He lives: O the bliss of this glorious thought. My sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more, Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! It is well with my soul; it is well; it is well with my soul.

Lord, hasten the day when our faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend; even so it is well with my soul. It is well with my soul; it is well; it is well with my soul.

\*Charge and Benediction

Rev. Kevin Porter

\*Congregational Response: #585

McNeil Robinson II

Postlude: *Postlude in E minor*

Healey Willan

**GUEST MUSICIANS: 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.

**ANNA REIMANN:** We are saddened to share with you that Anna Katherine Reimann joined the Great Cloud of Witnesses on Wednesday, June 9, 2021 at the age of 101. She was a beloved member of the church, faithful choir member, and generous spirit. A family interment service was held on June 15, 2021 at Northwood Cemetery. A larger Memorial Service for all is planned for Saturday, July 17, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. in the FPCG sanctuary. Gifts may be given in her memory to The Philadelphia Orchestra or The Pennsylvania Ballet. Cards of condolence may be sent to Glenn & Greta Reimann, 305 Green Street, Phila, PA 19123.

**THE WORSHIP MUSIC AND THE ARTS COMMITTEE** asks you to Save the Dates for three summer concerts by Arcinia on Sundays, July 11, July 25, and August 8 at 3:00 p.m. Look for more information on each individual concert in upcoming Windows and bulletin Announcements.

**BEACH PARTY:** You're invited to spend a day at the beach with your FPCG friends and family. This day of fun in the sun will occur on Saturday, July 17th and is sponsored by the CE Committee. All are welcome.

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## **I was glad when they said unto me, “Let us go into the house of the Lord!” - Psalm 122**

The Reopening Task Force is continuing to adapt procedures and protocols as we gather together in the sanctuary for worship. These are our current guidelines:

- Reservations
  - \* There is no need for pre-registration
  - \* All who come are welcome
    - ◇ Masks must be worn at all times (will be available if you don't bring one)
    - ◇ Hand sanitizer will be at each entrance
    - ◇ There will be no temperature checks
    - ◇ No proof of vaccination required
- Parking
  - \* You may park in all the usual spots: east parking lot, west parking lot, street, etc.
- Arrival/Entry
  - \* There will be locations where you may enter
    - ◇ Germantown Avenue Crisis Ministry entrance is the handicapped entrance
    - ◇ East Sanctuary door on Cheltenham Avenue
    - ◇ Office door
  - \* There will be signs posted to direct you to other areas of the church when necessary
  - \* An usher will be at each entrance to welcome you & give you a bulletin and mask (if needed)
- Seating
  - \* You will be seated in organized socially-distanced spacing
  - \* Spacing is organized in pods of 1, 2, 3 & 4. An usher can assist if you are a larger group.
  - \* You may sit with others not in your own family if agreed upon by the entire group
- Order of Worship
  - \* Your bulletin will include scripture lessons & hymn lyrics, so there will be no need to use the Bibles or hymnals
  - \* No congregational singing
  - \* There will be a masked four person “choir” that will sing anthems and all hymns.
  - \* Liturgists (Revs. Rebecca & Rev. Kevin, and the lay Reader) will not be masked when leading, but will be while seated
    - ◇ They will be at least 12 feet away from anyone in the congregation
    - ◇ The exception is the children's sermon
      - Children will be invited to the front pew socially-distanced
      - All including Rev. Rebecca will remain masked for this portion
  - \* Direct physical contact is discouraged (e.g. no handshaking, hugging, touching during passing of the peace, etc.)
- Restrooms
  - \* Please follow signs to use restrooms
  - \* Only the first floor restrooms will be open
  - \* Only one person in any restroom at any time
  - \* If the door is closed, do not use the restroom
- Exiting
  - \* Please minimize congregating in the building or on the sidewalks.
  - \* Maintain social distancing as you exit

# Church Officers

## Elders

### 2022

Ingrid Harris  
Joseph Leube  
Delores Solomon

### 2023

Drew Hood  
Andrea Overton  
Sheila Heyer-Rivera

### 2024

Randy Clever  
Duane Horne  
Contina Lee Lundy

Clerk of Session:  
Andrea Overton

## Deacons

### 2022

Krista Hoekema-Boerman  
Dolores Shanks  
Stephanie Garrett

### 2023

John Orandosh  
Chris Scott Jr.  
Carolyn Tarver

### 2024

Arlene Grace  
Rhonda Highsmith  
William Lewis

## First Church Staff

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Pastor	Rebecca Segers
Director of Congregational Care	Kevin L. Porter
Director of Urban Ministry	Eileen Jones
Director of Christian Education	Christian Heyer-Rivera
Director of Music Ministry	John Walthausen
Building Manager	Terry Boyer
Communications Management Fellow	Cherese Akers
Bookkeeper	Cindy Osborne
Sextons	Tony Nixon, Robert Patterson, Clinton (CJ) Cotton

## Ministers of Word and Sacrament, Honorably Retired

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David Cassie, Linda Jaymes, Allison Seed

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