

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN



CHURCH IN GERMANTOWN

JUNE 27, 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 27, 2021

*"The most beautiful people we have known are those who have known defeat, known suffering, known struggle, known loss, and have found their way out of those depths." - Elisabeth Kubler-Ross*

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

Prelude: *Prelude on Down Ampney*

David Blackwell

Welcome and Announcements

†\*Call to Worship

Eileen Jones

One: Out of the depths, O Lord, we cry to you.

**Many: O God, hear our prayers and supplications.**

One: Let your ears hear the anguish of our pleas.

**Many: For you alone our souls wait with longing.**

One: Wait for the Lord, more than those who wait for the morning.

**Many: We place our hope in you, O God, and in the power of your steadfast love.**

One: Come! Let us worship.

Hymn 155: *Rejoice, the Lord Is King*

DARWALL'S 148TH

Rejoice, the Lord is King: Your Lord and King adore! Rejoice, give thanks and sing, And triumph evermore. Lift up your heart, Lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice! Lift up your heart, Lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

God's kingdom cannot fail, Christ rules o'er earth and heaven; The keys of death and hell Are to our Jesus given: Lift up your heart, Lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice! Lift up your heart, Lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope! For Christ, the Judge shall come To glorify the saints For their eternal home: Lift up your heart, Lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice! Lift up your heart, Lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

**CONFESSING OUR SINS TO GOD**

Prayer of Confession

**Out of our deepest need, we cry to you, O God. Listen to our voices: Have mercy on us. Have mercy on us. Have mercy on us. Heal us, Merciful God, that we might receive your forgiveness and find balm for our sorrows. In Christ's gracious name, we pray.**

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.**

**PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD**

Prayer for Illumination

Earl Ball

The First Lesson: Lamentations 3:22-33

Pages 720-721 OT

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. "The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him." The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him. It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD. It is good for one to bear the yoke in youth, to sit alone in silence when the Lord has imposed it, to put one's mouth to the dust (there may yet be hope), to give one's cheek to the smiter, and be filled with insults. For the Lord will not reject forever. Although he causes grief, he will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love; for he does not willingly afflict or grieve anyone.

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 me Jesus*

Arr. Moses Hogan

In the Morning when I rise, Give me Jesus.  
You may have all of this world, Give me Jesus.

Dark Midnight was my Cry, Give me Jesus.  
You may have all of this world, Give me Jesus

Oh When I come to Die, Give me Jesus.  
You may have all of this world, Give me Jesus

***Laurice Kennel, Soprano***

The Second Lesson: Mark 5:21-33

Rev. Rebecca Segers  
Pages 4-5 NT

When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet and begged him repeatedly, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live." So he went with him. And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, for she said, "If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well." Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my clothes?" And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, 'Who touched me?'" He looked all around to see who had done it. But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth.

Leader: God, we thank you for your Word.

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

Sermon: **A HOPE TO GRAB ONTO**

Rev. Rebecca Segers

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

A Time for Meditation on the Word

Hymn 323: *Loving Spirit*

OMNI DIE

Loving Spirit, Holy Spirit, You have chosen me to be; You have drawn me to Your wonder, You have set Your sign on me.

Like a mother You enfold me, hold my life within Your own, feed me with Your very body, form me of Your flesh and bone.

Like a father You protect me, Teach me the discerning eye, Hoist me up upon Your shoulder, let me see the world from high.

Loving Spirit, in Your closeness I am known and held and blest: in Your promise is my comfort, in Your presence I may rest.

\*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: *His Eye is on the Sparrow*

arr. Mark Hayes

Why should I feel discouraged, why should the shadows come,  
Why should my heart be lonely, and long for heav'n and home,  
When Jesus is my portion? My constant Friend is He:  
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me;  
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.

*Refrain:*

*I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free,  
For His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.  
Whenever I am tempted, whenever clouds arise,  
When songs give place to sighing, when hope within me dies,  
I draw the closer to Him, from care He sets me free;  
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me;  
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.*

*Refrain*

**Laurice Kennel, Soprano**

**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 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 beside! 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!

\*Charge and Benediction

Rev. Rebecca Segers

\*Congregational Response: #585

McNeil Robinson II

Postlude: *Postlude on "His Eye is on the Sparrow"*

Carl Haywood

**GUEST MUSICIANS:** 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.

**SESSION RETREAT:** On Sunday, July 11, the session will be gathering immediately following worship with a shared meal followed by a retreat led by Rev. Paul Rhebergen from 12:30-4:30 p.m.

**ARTICINIA CONCERTS:** FPCG is hosting concerts again! Save the dates of Sundays, July 11 and 24, and August 8 at 3:00 p.m. for a concert series to be held in our sanctuary. More info coming soon!

**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.

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

The Session is grateful for the Reopening Task Force's faithfulness in bringing us back together in worship again. As we continue to gather, the session will adapt procedures and protocols in the days ahead.

- 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
  - \* 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
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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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