

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN



CHURCH IN GERMANTOWN

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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.*

October 17, 2021

Mourning into Dancing Month

"With pride, there are many curses. With humility, there come many blessings." - Ezra Taft Benson

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

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Prelude: *Adagio*

Felix Mendelssohn

Welcome and Announcements

Introit: *Alabanza*

Pablo Fernandez Badillo

Al caer la lluvia resurge con verdor
toda la floresta. ¡Renueva la creación!
Mira el rojo lirio; el duende ya brotó.
¡Bella primavera que anuncia su fulgor!
Toda flor silvestre, la maya, el cundeamor,
¡Todo manifiesta la gloria de mi Dios!
¡Cómo se te alaba en toda la creación!
Yo quisiera hacerlo en forma igual, mi Dios.

As the rain is falling, the forest is reborn,
all the fields are verdant; creation is renewed.
Look at the red lily; the 'duende' now has bloomed:
Beautiful the springtime, its brilliance showing forth.
Now all of the wildflowers are singing new songs of love,
All manifest surely the glory of my God!
Now all of creation reflects the glory of God!
I also would offer my songs in praise to God.

†*Call to Worship

Rev. Kevin Porter

One: When God laid the foundations of the earth, the morning stars and heavenly host sang songs of joy.

Many: Let us bless God with hearts full of song, for our God has done amazing things!

One: The winds whisper messages of God's goodness. Fire and flame proclaim God's presence.

Many: Let us bless God with our spirits set ablaze, for our God has done amazing things!

One: With wisdom, God brought the world into being. The earth is full of God's magnificent creations.

All: Let us bless God with our minds illumined, for our God has done amazing things!

*Hymn 223: O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer

STUTTGART

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O my soul, bless your Redeemer; all within me bless God's name; Bless the Savior, and forget not all God's mercies to proclaim.

God forgives all your transgressions, all diseases gently heals; God redeems you from de-

*congregation standing; †latecomers may be seated

struction, and with you so kindly deals.

Far as east from west is distant, God has put away our sin; like the pity of a father has the Lord's compassion been.

As it was without beginning, so it lasts without an end; To their children's children ever
Shall God's righteousness extend:

Unto such as keep God's covenant And are steadfast in God's way; Unto those who still
remember The commandments and obey.

Bless your Maker, all you creatures, Ever under God's control, All throughout God's vast
dominion; Bless the Lord of all, my soul!

CONFESSING OUR SINS TO GOD

Prayer of Confession

We think we know so much, God. We think we know how the world works. We think we know how you work. When we speak without knowledge; when we question what we cannot understand; when we force you into a box we can comprehend, forgive us, Holy One. When we forget your call to serve one another; when we place our needs before the needs of others; when we expect you to do whatever we ask, forgive us, we pray. Free us from tyranny of our assumptions and the prison of our expectations, that we may follow as your people, remembering that you alone are God.

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

Duane Horne

The First Lesson: Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c

Pages 473-474 OT

Bless the Lord, O my soul. O Lord my God, you are very great. You are clothed with honor and majesty, wrapped in light as with a garment. You stretch out the heavens like a tent, you set the beams of your chambers on the waters, you make the clouds your chariot, you ride on the wings of the wind, you make the winds your messengers, fire and flame your ministers. You set the earth on its foundations, so that it shall never be shaken. You cover it with the deep as with a garment; the waters stood above the mountains. At your rebuke they flee; at the sound of your thunder they take to flight. They rose up to the mountains, ran down to the valleys to the place that you appointed for them. You set a boundary that they may not pass, so that they might not again cover the earth.

O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

Let sinners be consumed from the earth, and let the wicked be no more. Bless the Lord, O my soul. Praise the Lord!

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

Praise the Lord, ye servants
O praise the Name of the Lord.
Blessed be the Name of the Lord:
From this time forth for evermore.

The Second Lesson: Mark 10:35-45

Rev. Rebecca Segers
Pages 43-44 NT

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

Leader: God, we thank you for your Word.

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

Sermon: **BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU WISH FOR!**

Rev. Rebecca Segers

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

A Time for Meditation on the Word

*Hymn 396: O for a Closer Walk with God

CAITHNESS

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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.

The dearest idol I have known, Whate'er that idol be,
Help me to tear it from Thy throne, And worship only Thee.

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.

*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: *Order My Steps*

Glenn Burleigh

Order my steps in Your Word, Dear Lord

Lead me, guide me every day.

Send Your anointing, Father, I pray.

Order my steps in Your Word.

Humbly I ask Thee, teach me Thy will.

While You're working, help me keep still.

Satan is busy, God is real.

Order my steps in Your Word.

Please, Order my steps in Your Word.

I want to walk worthy, my calling to fulfill.

Please, order my steps Lord, and I'll do Your blessed will.

The world is ever changing, but You are still the same.

If You order my steps, I'll praise Your name.

Order my steps in Your Word.

Order my tongue in Your Word.

Guide my feet in Your Word.

Wash my heart in Your Word.

Show me how to walk in Your Word.

Show me how to talk in Your Word.

When I need a brand new song to sing.

Show me how to let Your praises ring.

*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 415: Come, Labor On

FAITHFULNESS

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Come, labor on. Who dares stand idle on the harvest plain while all around us waves the golden grain? And to each servant does the Master say, "Go work today."

Come, labor on. Claim the high calling angels cannot share; to young and old the gospel gladness bear. Redeem the time; its hours too swiftly fly. The night draws nigh.

Come, labor on. Away with gloomy doubts and faithless fear! No arm so weak but may do service here. Though feeble agents, may we all fulfill God's righteous will.

Come, labor on. No time for rest, till glows the western sky, till the long shadows o'er our pathway lie, and a glad sound comes with the setting sun, "Well done, well done!"

*Charge and Benediction

Rev. Rebecca Segers

*Congregational Response: #585

McNeil Robinson II

Postlude: *Allegro Maestoso e Vivace*

Felix Mendelssohn

GACM WINTER WARMTH DRIVE Friday Nov 12. It will be held in the large parking lot. We are in need of donations of new and gently used coats, hats, scarves, gloves, socks and blankets. Donations will be accepted the week of the event, 11/8 - 11/11. Volunteers are also needed. Stay tuned for more details.

WINDOW ON THE WEEK

Sunday, October 17 7:30 AM Online Bible Study—Gospel of Luke
Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/95470590052>
9:45 AM Choir Rehearsal—Sanctuary
10:00 AM Worship—Rev. Rebecca Segers preaching
10:15 AM Sunday School K-5
11:30 AM Confirmation Class
11:30 AM From Mourning Into Dancing: When the Whole World is Grieving—Jennings Room
Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5907061661> or via phone by dialing 1-301-715-8592 and entering Meeting ID: 590 706 1661# when prompted to do so.

Wed, October 20 10:00 AM Staff Meeting—Upstairs Office
7:00 PM Property Committee Meeting
Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83022697910> or via phone by dialing 1-301-715-8592 and entering the meeting ID 830 2269 7910# when prompted to do so.

Thursday, Oct. 21 8:30 AM Uncle Bobbie's Online with Rev. Rebecca Segers
Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5907061661> or via phone 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)**
12:00 PM Home Strong Workshop (GACM)—Jennings
12:30 PM Online Bible Study—Book of Esther
Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/95470590052>
Via Phone 1-301-715-8592 Meeting ID: 954 7059 0052#
6:00 PM Admin & Finance Committee Meeting—Finney
7:15 PM Choir Rehearsal

Friday, October 22 6:30 PM Middle/High School Youth Group

Sunday, October 24 9:45 AM Choir Rehearsal—Sanctuary
10:00 AM Worship—Rev. Dr. Allison Seed preaching
10:15 AM Sunday School K-5
11:30 AM Confirmation Class
11:30 AM From Mourning Into Dancing:
Telling Our Stories—Jennings Room

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5907061661> or via phone by dialing 1-301-715-8592 and entering Meeting ID: 590 706 1661# when prompted to do so.

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

The Session continues to revise procedures and protocols for worship as we gather in this new season. Please review our current parameters here.

- 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
- Seating
 - * Please observe the ropes to maintain social distancing between pew
 - * Please seat yourselves socially distanced at least six feet beside, in front, and behind those not with you
- Order of Worship
 - * Your bulletin will include scripture lessons & hymn lyrics, however, Bibles and hymnals have been deemed low risk for viral transfer and have been returned to the pews for your usage if preferred.
 - * **Masked** congregational singing is permitted.
 - * Vaccinated Liturgists (Revs. Rebecca & Kevin, and the lay Reader) and Soloists 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
 - * A time of Fellowship is offered after worship in the Longstreth Auditorium
 - Please remain masked unless eating/drinking
 - Please observe social distancing
 - * Maintain social distancing as you exit



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