

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN



CHURCH IN GERMANTOWN

JANUARY 23, 2022

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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 23, 2022

3rd Sunday after Epiphany

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

"All are encouraged to join in singing our hymns and responses while remaining masked"

Prelude: Invocation on *"Truth from Above"* arr. Wilbur Held

Welcome and Announcements

Introit: *Sing, O Sing this wonderful morn* Douglas Wagner

O Sing, O sing, this wonderful morn.
Our highest praises now we bring.
To Christ, the morning light, we sing.

Alleluia!

†*Call to Worship Rev. Kevin Porter

One: This is the day that the Lord has made!

Many: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

One: In the midst of struggle and uncertainty,

Many: We gather together to be reminders of God's faithfulness for each other.

One: In the midst of wonder and thoughts about the future,

Many: We worship as one body to recall that we are one in Christ Jesus.

One: In the midst of great hopes and imagination,

**Many: We give thanks for the Holy Spirit that emboldens us to see visions
and realize dreams, right now in this time and place.**

One: May this sacred space bless us with the gifts of our faith that enable us to be
the church God needs us to be today.

All: Let us worship God with joyful hearts.

*Hymn 454: *Blessed Jesus at Your Word*

LIEBSTER JESU

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Blessed Jesus, at Your word We are gathered all to hear You; Let our hearts and souls be
stirred Now to seek and love and fear You; By Your teachings true and holy, Drawn from
earth to love You solely.

All our knowledge, sense, and sight Lie in deepest darkness shrouded, Till Your Spirit
breaks our night With the beams of truth unclouded; You alone to God can win us; You
must work all good within us.

Glorious Lord, Yourself impart! Light of light, from God proceeding, Open now our ears
and heart, Help us by Your Spirit's pleading; Hear the cry that we are raising; Hear, and
bless our prayers and praising.

CONFESSING OUR SINS TO GOD

Prayer of Confession

**O God of wonder and might; we confess that at times we doubt your good news.
We see the world around us and wonder if Jesus' words were just hopeful fanta-
sy. We sit with our own worry and heartache, and question if your incarnation**

*congregation standing; †latecomers may be seated

really meant anything for humanity. We give up on our idealistic dreams and fall into the tendency to judge others, to be prideful in our opinions, to use power maneuvers to get what we want, even in the church. Forgive us, great God for these shortcomings. We ask for your mercy, and also that you would create in us new hearts that are full of love for our neighbor, confidence in your blessings, and faithfulness in your promise to make all things new.

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

Earl Ball

The First Lesson: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

Pages 163-164 NT

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

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: *Evening Hymn*

Henry Purcell
arr. Benjamin Britten

Now, now that the sun hath veil'd his light
And bid the world goodnight;

To the soft bed my body I dispose,
But where shall my soul repose?
Dear, dear God, even in Thy arms,
And can there be any so sweet security!
Then to thy rest, O my soul!
And singing, praise the mercy
That prolongs thy days.
Hallelujah!

Shane Tapley, Tenor

The Second Lesson: Luke 4:14-21

Rev. Sarah Colwill

Page 57 NT

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captive and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

Leader: God, we thank you for your Word.

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

Sermon: **FULFILLED IN YOUR HEARING**

Rev. Sarah Colwill

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

A Time for Meditation on the Word

*Hymn 314: *Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song*

BRIDEGROOM

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Like the murmur of the dove's song, like the challenge of her flight, like the vigor of the wind's rush, like the new flame's eager might: Come, Holy Spirit, come.

To the members of Christ's body, to the branches of the Vine, to the Church in faith assembled, to her midst as gift and sign: Come, Holy Spirit, come.

With the healing of division, with the ceaseless voice of prayer, with the power to love and witness, with the peace beyond compare: Come, Holy Spirit, come.

*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: *The Spirit of the Lord is Upon Me*

Phillip Stopford

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because He hath anointed me to
preach the gospel to the poor;
He hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted,
to preach deliverance to the captives
and recovering of sight to the blind,
to preach the acceptable year of the Lord;
to give unto them that mourn
a garland for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning,
the garment of praise
for the spirit of heaviness;
That they might be called trees of righteousness,
the planting of the Lord that He might be glorified.
For as the earth bringeth forth her bud,
and as the garden causeth the
things that are sown in it to spring forth;
So the Lord God will cause
righteousness and praise to
spring forth before all nations.

*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 411: *Arise Your Light is Come!*

FESTAL SONG

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Arise, your light has come! The Spirit's call obey; show forth the glory of your God which
shines on you today.

Arise, your light has come! Fling wide the prison door; proclaim the captive's liberty, good
tidings to the poor.

Arise, your light has come! All you in sorrow born, bind up the brokenhearted ones and
comfort those who mourn.

Arise, your light has come! The mountains burst in song! Rise up like eagles on the wing,
God's power will make us strong.

*Charge and Benediction

Rev. Sarah Colwill

*Congregational Response: 585

McNeil Robinson II

Postlude: *Alleluia* from "*Exultate Jubilate*"

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
arr. Gary Davidson

PREACHING TODAY: Rev. Sarah A. Colwill serves the Presbytery of Philadelphia as

the full-time Program Director of a clergy care initiative funded by a grant from the Lilly Endowment Inc. Prior to this role she was pastor at Church on the Mall in Plymouth Meeting for over six years. Her call to serve the church stems from her own experience of being raised in a congregation that, despite its imperfections and quirks, revealed to her God's unconditional love and sense of belonging. Pastor Sarah lives in Lafayette Hill with her two children (ages 12 and 16), and her cutest-dog-ever Bella.

WORSHIP NEWS: During the month of January, the choir will be reduced to a quartet of section leaders and coffee hour canceled to limit possibility for spread of contagion. At the end of the month we will reevaluate bringing back the full choir and coffee hour based on the status of the pandemic. We are thankful for your prayers and flexibility as our ministry continues to adapt to ever changing circumstances.

MUSIC NEWS: This week, we welcome substitute organist, Timothy Brown. Timothy Brown has performed frequently throughout the area as a soloist, accompanist, chamber musician, cabaret artist and chorister. Most recently, Tim was the music director and organist at historic Christ Episcopal Church in Riverton, NJ. He has accompanied for ballet classes at the University of the Arts and has played keyboard for countless musical theatre productions over the years. In addition, he is on the piano faculty at the Settlement Music School. A native of Columbus, OH, Tim is a graduate of Capital University and of Westminster Choir College in Princeton, NJ.

WINDOW ON THE WEEK

Sunday, Jan. 23	8:45 AM	No Choir Rehearsal in January
	10:00 AM	Worship—Rev. Sarah Colwill preaching
	10:15 AM	Sunday School K-5
	11:30 AM	Confirmation Class
	1:30 PM	Circle of Hope
Wed, Jan. 26	10:00 AM	Staff Meeting—Upstairs Office
Thursday, Jan. 27	10:00 AM	GACM Food Distribution (10-12pm)
	12:30 PM	Bible Study
	6:00 PM	Admin & Finance Committee Meeting
	7:15 PM	No Choir Rehearsal in January
Friday, Jan. 28	6:30 PM	Middle/High School Youth Group
Sunday, Jan. 30	8:45 AM	No Choir Rehearsal in January
	10:00 AM	Worship—Elder Drew Hood preaching
	10:15 AM	Sunday School K-5
	11:30 AM	Confirmation Class
	1:30 PM	Circle of Hope

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, so there will be no need to use the Bibles or hymnals
 - * **Masked** congregational singing is permitted.
 - * Vaccinated Liturgists (Rev. Kevin, Guest Preacher, 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. Kevin 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



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