

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN



CHURCH IN GERMANTOWN

JUNE 10, 2018

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.*

In preparation for worship please take the opportunity to speak silently to God.
At the close of the service let us greet one another with cheerfulness.
Please be sure that your cell phone is turned off during worship.

June 10, 2018

Third Sunday After Pentecost

ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP AT 10:00 AM

GATHERING AS GOD'S FAMILY

Prelude: *Morning Has Broken*

Charles Callahan

Welcome and Announcements

Eileen Jones

†*Call to Worship

Leader: Who is our sovereign and savior?

People: The Lord our God, the Lord alone.

Leader: Who are our sisters and brothers?

People: Those who seek the will of God.

Leader: Let us worship God.

*Hymn 276: *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

FAITHFULNESS

CONFESSING OUR SINS TO GOD

Prayer of Confession

Holy, triune God, we confess that we have not lived for your glory. You claim us as your people, but we seek out other saviors. You welcome us into your house, but we bring conflict and division. Forgive us, God of grace. Restore and rebuild us so that we may be ready to live in the eternal home you promise; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

*congregation standing

†latecomers may be seated

†*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

(As worshipers, we come from diverse experiences and points of view. We have different racial, educational, and economic backgrounds. Yet we are all one in Christ. We symbolize this as we exchange with one another, by words and gestures, signs of peace and reconciliation such as, "The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.")

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Dick Liberty, Reader

The First Lesson: Genesis 3:8-15

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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

Children in grades five and younger may now leave for their classes.

Solo: *Make a Rainbow*

Portia Nelson

Red and white and black and yellow, tan and brown and tearful blue. These are the colors of children everywhere, just like me and you. Orange ice and meadows of marigold, pink balloons and teddy-bear brown, these are the colors that children everywhere love to have around. Make a rainbow, let the colors dance and shine, make a rainbow 'til rainbow is a beautiful design of red and white and black and yellow. All so different, yet, the same. Rainbows will sparkle when children everywhere answer to one name. Make a rainbow 'til the skies are clear above, and we know that the colors of children everywhere shine in a world of love. Red and white and black and yellow like the rainbow high above. Let us make the colors of children everywhere shine in a world of love.

Margaret Mezzacappa, mezzo soprano

The Second Lesson: 2nd Corinthians 4:13-5:1

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Leader: God, we thank you for your Word.

People: The Story of your grace.

Sermon: **ALL ABOUT THAT GRACE**

The Rev. Kevin Porter

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

A Time for Meditation on the Word

*Hymn 2236: *Gather Us In* (from *Sing the Faith* hymnal)

GATHER US IN

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.

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 of Our Gifts and Lives

Offertory: *Pie Jesu*

Andrew Lloyd Weber

Pious Jesus, who takes away the sins of the world, give them rest. Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, give them everlasting rest.

*Congregational Response 592: *Doxology*

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Prayer of Dedication

GOING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn 280: *Amazing Grace*

AMAZING GRACE

*Charge and Benediction

Congregational Response 585: *Threefold Amen*

McNeil Robinson II

Postlude: *Promenade in G Major*

Robinson

WELCOME: If you are visiting with us today, please sign the Fellowship Pad at the end of your pew. We pray the hour will be meaningful to you and you will come and worship with us again. Everyone is cordially invited to a time of fellowship in the Longstreth Auditorium following the worship service.

THE MUSIC: Our soloist today is Margaret Mezzacappa, alto section leader in our Chancel Choir. A native of Ohio, Margaret rose to prominence in the opera world as the Grand Prize Winner of the Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions. She made her Carnegie Hall debut in 2012 and later performed Beethoven's *Symphony No. 9* with the Philadelphia Orchestra. She is a graduate of Baldwin Wallace College and Philadelphia's Academy of Vocal Arts. Recent solo engagements include Verdi's *Requiem* with the Columbus Symphony, Handel's *Messiah* and Brahms's *Alto Rhapsody* with the Germantown Oratorio Choir & Orchestra, and Mahler's *Das Lied von der Erde* with the Phoenix Symphony.

Next Sunday, June 17, we invite the men from the congregation to unite their voices in a Father's Day Men's Chorus. Rehearsals will be today, from 11:30-12:30 and next Sunday, June 17 from 9-9:30 in the Sanctuary. Over the summer months, there will be opportunities for vocal soloists and ensembles as well as instrumentalists to offer their gifts in worship. To participate, please e-mail music.fpcgermantown@gmail.com or call the church office, 215-843-8811.

COFFEE HOUR: This week's host: CDFC. Next week's host: Open. If you love to bake, buy or share hospitality, we need you to host this important time of fellowship! Please speak to Delores Solomon if you feel called to provide the snacks or hands-on support for our community's gathering time after worship.

CHURCH DIRECTORY: The directories are now in the process of being emailed to members. If you haven't yet received your electronic copy, you will be receiving it shortly. Heidi will be delivering copies to our homebound and nursing home members. Paper copies will be available at no cost during coffee hour to members who do not have email. Additional paper copies are available for a suggested donation of \$5.

JUNE CHALLENGE OFFERING: *FRIENDS OF VERNON PARK* Just outside the windows of the First Presbyterian Church in Germantown you will see green leafy trees and colorful flowers in bloom, children playing, dogs and their owners strolling the paths and folks enjoying a conversation or book as they sit on the benches. Vernon Park, the ‘Emerald of Germantown’ is nestled in between commercial corridors and residential streets and serves as a connector, interlude and green oasis in our neighborhood. The Friends of Vernon Park is a group of dedicated volunteer stewards of this vital community resource, ensuring that the Park is vibrant, welcoming and a positive environment for all. We are able to accomplish this joyful work with the help of our community. The financial support provided by First Presbyterian Church has enabled us to tend to gardens, create thoughtful programming for families and invest in (limited but consistent) maintenance during the Philadelphia Parks and Recreation off-season. The Park looked and felt great all winter—and welcomed spring once it (finally!) arrived—ready for picnicking, Easter egg hunting and all sorts of fun. To learn more about Friends of Vernon Park, please visit www.friendsofvernonpark.org. Thank you, FPCG friends, for all you do to lift up our community.

WINDOWS: The deadline to submit material for the summer (July/August) issue of *Windows* is June 13. Items can be emailed to Deborah Thompson at fpcgwindows@gmail.com or placed in Deborah’s mailbox in the church office.

NATIONAL HISPANIC PRAYER BREAKFAST: Pastor Rebecca, Heidi Mercado-Littles and Sheila Heyer-Rivera will be attending the National Hispanic Prayer Breakfast in Washington, DC on Thursday, June 14. **Please note that Pastor Rebecca will not be at Uncle Bobbies this Thursday.**

NEW RAINBOW FISH SYMBOL and DISCUSSIONS ON INCLUSION: You may have noticed the rainbow fish symbol on our sign outside. A member of our congregation brought the idea to the Praise & Evangelism Team (P&E) as a way to show First Church’s commitment to love and inclusivity, and putting up the symbol was unanimously approved by the Session at its May 2018 meeting. In addition, on Sundays, June 17 and June 24, we will be holding studies after worship entitled *A Scriptural Dialogue on Homosexuality*, during which we will discuss FPCG’s values of inclusion and hospitality. We welcome those who might find these conversations affirming as well as those who might find them challenging.

MEN’S BREAKFAST—MARK YOUR CALENDARS for the Christian Education Committee Men’s Breakfast on Saturday June 23 at 8:30 a.m. Enjoy fellowship, a hearty breakfast, and our own David Cassie speaking about his experiences in Cuba. Hope to see you there!

SAVE THE DATE: The Fred J. Cooper Memorial Organ Day at the Kimmel Center will include a performance by the Opera Philadelphia chorus, including our own Evelyn Santiago and Rob Phillips, accompanied by FPCG Music Director Tony Thurman on Saturday, June 23. The day-long celebration of the organ begins at 11 a.m. The organ and opera performance will be at 1:15 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

PAPER SHREDDING AND ELECTRONIC RECYCLING EVENT: The Mission and Outreach Committee is encouraging you to save the date of Saturday, July 14 to bring paper for shredding and all electronic devices (except for “pot-belly” televisions) for recycling to the main parking lot at First Church. Details regarding time and cost will be available shortly. In addition, church committees who wish to have a flea market table at the event are encouraged to do so. See Gloria Bethea during Coffee Hour for more information.

Conversations About Race

SATURDAY, JUNE 16, 2018

9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

CONVERSATIONS ABOUT RACE is a monthly event held at FPCG and sponsored by the Presbytery of Philadelphia and the *Coming to the Table* organization (CTT). The next conversation will be on Saturday, June 16.

CTT is a nation-wide organization dedicated to acknowledging and healing the wounds of racism by creating a safe space for participants to deepen their understanding of racism, strengthen community and take action. Discussions will be led by CTT-trained facilitators and are **free of charge**. Pre-registration is not necessary—you can register at the event.

COFFEE, REGISTRATION AND FELLOWSHIP will begin at 9:30 a.m. and the program will start promptly at 10 a.m. **All are welcome!** If you have any questions, please contact Cheryl Pynch at cpynch@summitpres.net or 215-438-2825.

Upcoming

Thursday, June 14

National Hispanic Prayer Breakfast in Washington, DC

Saturday, June 16

Conversations About Race, 9 a.m.

June 16 to 23

PCUSA General Assembly in St. Louis

Saturday, June 23

Christian Education Committee Men's Breakfast, 8:30 a.m.

Monday, June 25

Freedom School begins!

Saturday, June 30

Puerto Rico Trip Fundraiser: Puerto Rico Night Out

Wednesday, July 4

Independence Day, Church Closed

WINDOW ON THE WEEK

Sunday, June 10

- 10:00 AM Worship—The Rev. Kevin Porter preaching
- 10:15 AM Sunday School for grades K-5
- 11:30 AM Fathers Day Choir Rehearsal—Sanctuary
- 11:45 AM Confirmation Class

Monday, June 11

- 1:00 PM Ladies Teen Challenge—Gymnasium

Tuesday, June 12

- 10:00 AM Weblin Kerr Viewing and Service—Sanctuary
- 12:00 PM Commonwealth Choirs Administration Meeting—Finney Room
- 5:30 PM Sunday Suppers—Kitchen, Longstreth Auditorium, Jennings Room
- 6:30 PM Personnel Committee—Offsite

Wednesday, June 13

- 10:00 AM Staff Meeting—Finney Room
- 12:00 PM Commonwealth Choirs Program Meeting—Primary Room
- 4:00 PM Keystone State Boychoir—Sanctuary, Choir Room
- 5:30 PM GACM Board Meeting—Jennings Room
- 6:00 PM Christian Education Committee—Upstairs Office

Thursday, June 14

- 6:00 PM **National Hispanic Prayer Breakfast in Washington, DC**
Keystone State Boychoir—Longstreth Auditorium, Primary Room

Friday, June 15

- 3:30 PM Drop-in Center—Youth Lounge, Gymnasium
- 5:00 PM Keystone State Boychoir Small Ensemble Group—Choir Room
- 6:30 PM Elementary School Youth Group—Youth Lounge

Saturday, June 16

- 8:00 AM Keystone State Boychoir
- 9:00 AM *Coming to the Table* Anti-Racism Group—Jennings Room, Primary Room
- 10:00 AM Open Gym

Sunday, June 17

- Happy Fathers Day!**
- 9:00 AM Fathers Day Choir Rehearsal—Sanctuary
- 10:00 AM Worship—The Rev. Rebecca Segers preaching
- 10:15 AM Sunday School for grades K-5
- 11:30 AM Rainbow Fish Study—Primary Room
- 11:45 AM Confirmation Class

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