

First Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia



CELEBRATION!

January 14, 2024

Welcome

The Reverend Dr. Baron Mullis

Opening Acclamation

Open our lips, O Lord,
And our mouths shall proclaim your praise!

***Song**

Be Thou My Vision

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower;
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;
thou, mine inheritance, now and always;
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

***Prayer (unison)**

The Reverend Laura Colee

Lord God, we love you. We trust you. And we know that you love us, and that you will never leave us.

Today, we celebrate together because of everything you have done for us!

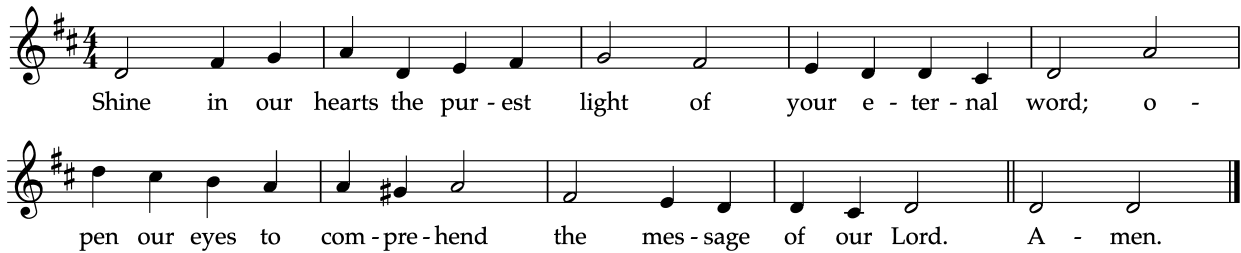
Lord, you always keep your promises, but we do not. We say we want to follow Jesus, but our actions do not match up with our words. We say mean things to other people, we hurt their feelings, we think of ourselves first, and, worst of all, we ignore you.

Lord, forgive us and hear our prayers for Jesus' sake, that we offer to you in silence...

The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you
And also with you.

Prayer for Illumination



Shine in our hearts the pur - est light of your e - ter - nal word; o -
pen our eyes to com - pre - hend the mes - sage of our Lord. A - men.

Reading the Word of God

Psalm 139:1-18

Reagan & Wyatt Buzan

Seeing and Touching the Word

Karen Marston

Reflections

Dr. Mullis

*Song (see insert)

For Everyone Born

*The Apostles' Creed (unison)

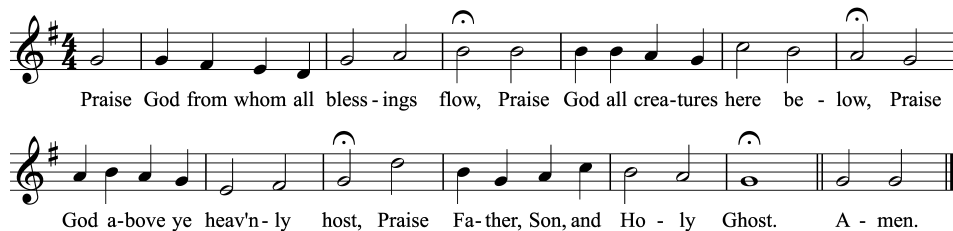
I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offering (You may remain seated during the Doxology.)



Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow, Praise God all crea - tures here be - low, Praise
God a - bove ye heav'n - ly host, Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (unison)

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.

The Lord's Supper

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Let us keep the feast!

Prayer after Communion (unison)

God, who takes care of each one of us, thank you for feeding us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation; now send us out into the world to tell everyone about your love.

Amen.

*Closing Song

Guide My Feet

Guide my feet while I run this race; guide my feet while I run this race;
guide my feet while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain!

Hold my hand while I run this race; hold my hand while I run this race;
hold my hand while I run this race; for I don't want to run this race in vain!

Stand by me while I run this race; stand by me while I run this race;
stand by me while I run this race; for I don't want to run this race in vain!

I'm your child while I run this race; I'm your child while I run this race;
I'm your child while I run this race; for I don't want to run this race in vain!

Benediction and Going Forth

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the power of the Holy Spirit. Alleluia!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 14, 2024

Meetings This Week

Wednesday, January 18

Session

6:30 p.m.

2024 Annual Giving Update

Our pledge drive for 2024 Annual Giving is ongoing. As of January 11, we have received 90 pledges for a total of \$363,145. **Thank you to everyone who has pledged!** If you have not yet pledged, pledge cards are available in the pews or in the narthex. You may also pledge online; scan the QR code or visit fpcphila.org/make-a-pledge.



Twenties & Thirties Brunch

The first T&T brunch in the new year is next Sunday, January 21, after the 11 a.m. service! Please RSVP to Laura Colee (youngadults@fpcphila.org) if you'd like to join!

Usher Training

Usher training for ALL ushers (both new and experienced) will take place on the next two Sundays (January 21 and 28) at 10:15 a.m. in the narthex. Ushers are requested to attend one of the two training sessions. Contact Michael Smith (mbsmithphl@gmail.com) with questions.

Conversations Worth Having - Save the Date!

We're excited to announce the return of Conversations Worth Having. On Saturday, February 17, our guest speaker will be Dr. Brian Blount, one of the world's leading experts on the Gospel according to Mark, the book of Revelation, and a topic known as Cultural Hermeneutics. In this year's Conversations Worth Having seminar, Dr. Blount will address the topic of Christian Nationalism. Watch for registration details, coming soon.

Sunday Volunteers Needed!

Would you like to get more involved in First Church? Do you enjoy greeting members or meeting visitors, or catching up after worship at Fellowship? The Deacons of First Church have the perfect opportunity for you! Volunteers are needed to serve as Ushers or Fellowship Helpers. Both roles allow you to connect with members and visitors. Please visit our website to learn more and sign up!

Zia Needs Your Spare Shopping Bags!

The Missions Committee has a great way to recycle paper shopping/grocery bags! Our mission partner Zia needs them for the meal kits they assemble and distribute. Look for marked boxes in the narthex and by the 21st Street entrance to collect your bag donations for Zia!

Art Prints and Our Legacy of Faith Book - Numbered limited edition copies of the original art by Edwin Allen commissioned for the 325th Anniversary of First Church are available for purchase for \$10, either in Black & White (Pen & Ink) or Color (Watercolor over Pen & Ink). The book published for the 150th Anniversary of our building and the 325th year of our congregation is also available (suggested donation \$20). Contact the church office (215-567-0532).

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