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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

JANUARY 21, 2024

PRELUDE

Dawn

Cyril Jenkins

INTROIT

Eight Orisons, No. 2

Harold Friedell

(1905-1958)

I have but myself to give: let me to thy glory live; let me follow, day by day, where thou showest me the way.

—George Wallace Briggs

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Reverend Dr. Baron Mullis

***HYMN 345**

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

REPTON

(*alt. tune #419*)

***OPENING SENTENCES**

The Reverend Laura Colee

For God alone my soul waits in silence, for my hope is from the LORD.

God alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken.

On God rests my deliverance and my honor; my mighty rock, my refuge is in God. Trust in God at all times, O people; pour out your heart before the LORD, God is a refuge for us.

Once God has spoken; twice have I heard this: that power belongs to God, and steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord. For you repay to all according to their work.

Psalm 62:5-8, 11-12

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**



**Those who are able may stand.*

WELCOME

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, you have called us with an irresistible call. Nonetheless, we manage to find ways to resist anyway. Faced with speaking a difficult word, we run away. Shown the power of your healing touch, we nurse old wounds. Made in your image, we indulge a world that sees some as “less than.” This is not how it should be; it is sin. We know our failures, and so in honesty, we confess them to you. Forgive us, we pray. Offer to us once more the grace-filled word, the healing touch, the ability to see your image in others, that we might be the disciples whom Jesus called...

KYRIE (573)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Believe the promise of the Gospel:
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

ANTHEM

Lead Me, Lord

Samuel Sebastian Wesley
(1810-1876)

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness; make thy way plain before my face. For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord only, that makest me dwell in safety.

—*Psalm 5:8 and Psalm 4:9*

EPISTLE LESSON

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

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GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 1:14-20

(p. 34)

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Jonah 3:1-10

(p. 845)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*GLORIA PATRI

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to God the Son, Glory be to God the Spirit, Ever three and ever one; as it was in the beginning, now and ever more shall be. Amen

SERMON

A Major Word from a Minor Prophet

Dr. Mullis

The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, "Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you."

Jonah 3:1-2

*HYMN 361

How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ, God's 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.

CALL TO OFFERING

*You may bring your offering forward during the offertory, or place it in the plates after the service.
You may also give online; information is available on the card in the pew rack.*

OFFERTORY

If Ye Love Me

Thomas Tallis
(1505-1585)

If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter, that he may 'bide with you forever, e'en the spirit of truth.
—*John 14:15-17*

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

***DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below; Praise God above ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

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.

***HYMN 447**

Lead On, O King Eternal

LANCASHIRE

***BENEDICTION**

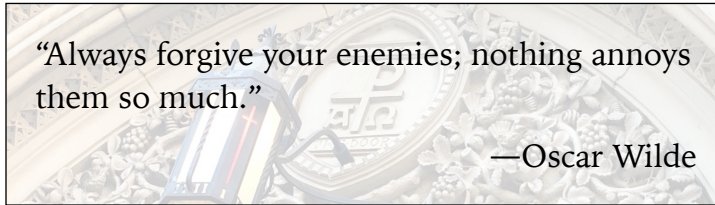
***CHORAL BENEDICTION**

Peace I Leave with You

Matthew Glandorf
(b. 1972)

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you; not as the world gives, do I give unto you.
—*John 14:27*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 21, 2024

MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Tuesday, January 23 Membership & Evangelism Committee 5:00 p.m.

TWENTIES & THIRTIES BRUNCH

The T&Ts are going to brunch today! We'll meet in Old Buttonwood Hall after the 11 a.m. service. Contact Laura Colee if you'd like to join!

TWENTIES & THIRTIES BOARD GAME NIGHT

We will be gathering at Sydney Cardy's place for a cozy night of board games. If you love playing board games or simply love company, we'd love to have you join us. Please RSVP to Laura Colee (youngadults@fpcphila.org) if you'd like to join!

GEN X BRUNCH

All Gen Xers (born between 1965-1980(ish)) are invited to join us for our first ever FPC Gen X Brunch after worship next Sunday, January 28! If you're interested in joining, please RSVP to Laura Colee (laura.colee@fpcphila.org).

USHER TRAINING

Usher training for ALL ushers (both new and experienced) will take place on next Sunday, January 28, at 10:15 a.m. in the narthex. Ushers are requested to attend (if you did not attend today's session). Contact Michael Smith (mbsmithphl@gmail.com) with questions.

CONVERSATIONS WORTH HAVING - SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17

Who we are, our cultures, backgrounds, and communities, invariably (and appropriately) shape how we read the Bible. But what if our background skews our understanding of scripture in a way that leads away from the Gospel, even to idolatry? What then? In this year's Schneider Speaker Series, Dr. Brian Blount, president emeritus of Union Presbyterian Seminary, will help us explore the ways we read the bible, with a particular focus on Christian Nationalism. Registration is required; visit our website, scan the QR code, or call the church office (215-567-0532) to register.



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