

First Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia



**CELEBRATION!**

January 21, 2024

**Welcome**

The Reverend Dr. Baron Mullis

**Opening Acclamation**

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

**\*Song**

**Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing**

Come, thou Fount of every blessing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;  
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love!

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;  
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;  
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;  
here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

**\*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!

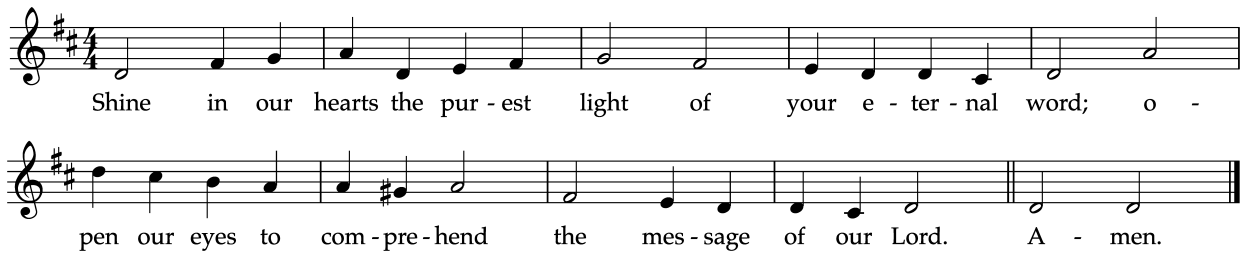
Lord, you always keep your promises, but we do not. We say we want to follow Jesus, but our actions do not match up with our words. We say mean things to other people, we hurt their feelings, we think of ourselves first, and, worst of all, we ignore you.

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

Jonah 3:1-10

Reagan & Wyatt Buzan

## Seeing and Touching the Word

Karen Marston

## Reflections

Dr. Mullis

### \*Song (see insert)

### I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
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### \*The Apostles' Creed (unison)

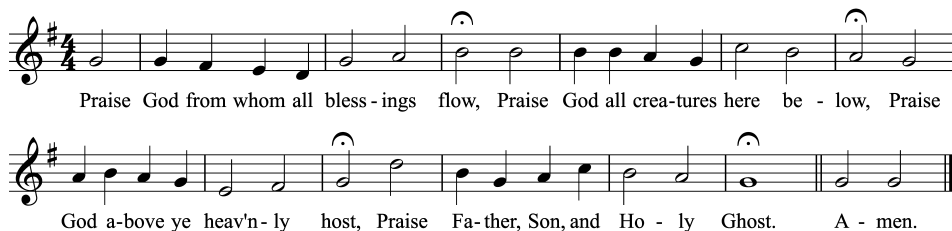
I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

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**

**Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!**

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

### **Benediction and Going Forth**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the power of the Holy Spirit. Alleluia!**



## **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 approximately 1965–1980) 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 today and next Sunday, January 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 - 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.

## 2024 Annual Giving Update

Our pledge drive for 2024 Annual Giving is ongoing. As of January 11, we have received 91 pledges for a total of \$363,645. **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](https://fpcphila.org/make-a-pledge).



## 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!

## Ways to GIVE ONLINE

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