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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

JANUARY 28, 2024

PRELUDE

Cantabile

Joseph Jongen

INTROIT

Eight Orisons, No. 1

Harold Friedell

Day by day, Dear Lord, of thee three things I pray; to see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, follow thee more nearly, day by day.

—*St. Richard of Chichester*

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Reverend Dr. Baron Mullis

***HYMN 132**

Come, Great God of All the Ages

ABBOT'S LEIGH

***OPENING SENTENCES**

Stella Tsai

Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them. Full of honor and majesty is God's work, and God's righteousness endures forever.

The works of God's hands are faithful and just; all God's precepts are trustworthy. They are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness. The LORD sent redemption to God's people; the LORD has commanded God's covenant forever.

Holy and awesome is God's name. The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. God's praise endures forever.

Psalm 111:1-3, 7-10

**Those who are able may stand.*

*PRAYER OF ADORATION



WELCOME

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, you call us to be with one another, as you are with us. You extend your word of grace to us in community, hearing our confession, and offering us pardon. But too often, we don't see ourselves that way, as called to a deep and abiding life together. Too often we splinter off with those of like mind. We associate with those of similar means. We spend too much time with people who look like us, and not enough with those who will help us see life a different way. Forgive us, we pray. Remind us that you call us to bear with one another. And as we do so, may we be blessed with the abundance of community for which you have made us, through Jesus Christ our Lord...

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ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

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

ANTHEM

The Call of Wisdom

Will Todd

Lord of wisdom, Lord of truth, Lord of justice, Lord of mercy; walk beside us down the years till we see you in your glory. Striving to attain the heights, turning in a new direction, entering a lonely place, welcoming a friend or stranger. I am here, I am with you. I have called: do you hear me? Silver is of passing worth, gold is not of constant value, jewels sparkle for a while; what you long for is not lasting. Rulers govern under me with my insight and my wisdom. Those who know me know my love, those who seek me find their answer. God the Father and the Son, Holy Spirit coeternal. Glory be ascribed to you, now and to the end of ages.

—*Michael Hampel (based on Proverbs 8)*

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON	Deuteronomy 18:15-20	(p. 174)
GOSPEL LESSON	Mark 1:21-28	(p. 34)
EPISTLE LESSON	1 Corinthians 8:1-13	(p. 167)

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

Are You Going to Eat That?

Dr. Mullis

*Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat,
so that I may not cause one of them to fall.*

1 Corinthians 8:13

***HYMN 339**

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

***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

Set Me as a Seal

William Walton

Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm, for love is strong as death.
Many waters cannot quench love; neither can the floods drown it.
—*Song of Solomon 8:6a; 8:7a*

***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 454

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

LIEBSTER JESU

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

A Benediction

Alec Rowley

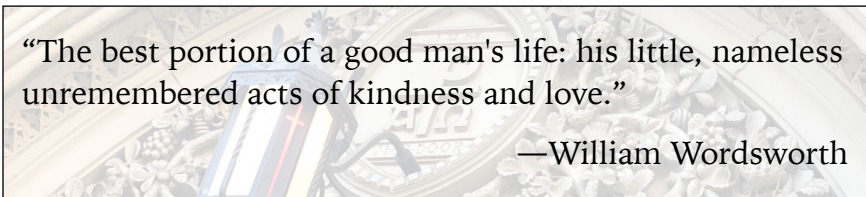
God be in my head and in my understanding. God be in mine eyes and in my looking.
God be in my mouth and in my speaking. God be in mine hear and in my thinking. God
be at my end and in my departing.
—*Old English Prayer*

POSTLUDE

Sortie

Charles Tournemire

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 28, 2024

MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Thursday, February 1

Facilities Committee
Deacons

12:00 p.m.
6:30 p.m.

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 TODAY! If you're interested in joining, please let Laura Colee know.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

The Annual Meeting will be held on **Sunday, February 11**, at 10 a.m. in the sanctuary. All members are encouraged to attend. The meeting will be live streamed, but members must be present to vote.

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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