

First Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia



CELEBRATION!
January 28, 2024

Welcome

The Reverend Dr. Baron Mullis

Opening Acclamation

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

***Song**

Morning Has Broken

Morning has broken like the first morning;
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning,
born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation; praise every morning,
God's re-creation of the new day!

***Prayer (unison)**

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

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Gwen & Will Melley

Seeing and Touching the Word

Reflections

Dr. Mullis

*Song (see insert)

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

All who hunger, gather gladly; holy manna is our bread.
Come from wilderness and wandering. Here, in truth, we will be fed.
You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, never strangers, seeker, be a welcome guest.
Come from restlessness and roaming. Here, in joy, we keep the feast.
We that once were lost and scattered in communion's love have stood.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, sing together; Jesus Christ is living bread.
Come from loneliness and longing. Here, in peace, we have been led.
Blest are those who from this table live their days in gratitude.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

*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.

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**

You Shall Go Out With Joy

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;
the mountains and the hills will break forth before you;
there'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field
will clap, will clap their hands.

And all the trees of the field will clap their hands;
the trees of the field will clap their hands;
the trees of the field will clap their hands
while you go out with joy.

Benediction and Going Forth

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the power of the Holy Spirit. Alleluia!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 28, 2024

Meetings This Week

Thursday, February 1

Facilities Committee

Deacons

12:00 p.m.

6:30 p.m.

Gen X Brunch - Today!

All Gen Xers (born between approximately 1965-1980) are invited to join us for our first ever FPC Gen X Brunch after worship TODAY! 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 at 10:15 a.m. in the narthex. Ushers are requested to attend if you did not attend last week's training. Contact Michael Smith (mbsmithphl@gmail.com) with questions.

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.



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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using your mobile device, followed
by your contribution amount.

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