

First Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia



**CELEBRATION!**

February 4, 2024

**Welcome**

The Reverend Dr. Baron Mullis

**Opening Acclamation**

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

**\*Song**

**How Great Thou Art**

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
consider all the worlds Thy hands have made  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Refrain:

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art  
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How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

When through the woods, and forest glades I wander  
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees  
When I look down, from lofty mountain grandeur  
And see the brook, and feel the gentle breeze. (Refrain)

And when I think, that God, His Son not sparing  
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in  
That on the Cross, my burden gladly bearing  
He bled and died to take away my sin. (Refrain)

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart  
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration  
And then proclaim: "My God, how great Thou art!" (Refrain)

**\*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!

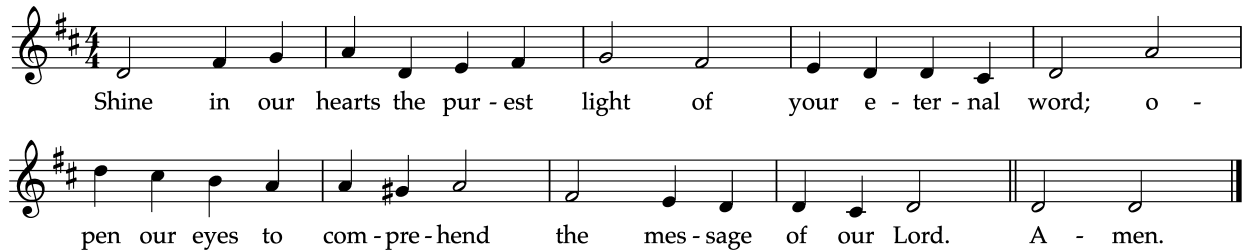
Lord, you always keep your promises, but we do not. We say we want to follow Jesus, but our actions do not match up with our words. We say mean things to other people, we hurt their feelings, we think of ourselves first, and, worst of all, we ignore you.

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

Isaiah 40:21-31

Stella Dalzell & Gwen Melley

### Seeing and Touching the Word

Rev. Colee

### Reflections

Dr. Mullis

### \*Song (see insert)

### This Little Light of Mine

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Ev'ry where I go, I'm gonna let it shine,  
Ev'ry where I go, I'm gonna let it shine,  
Ev'ry where I go, I'm gonna let it shine,  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine,  
Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine,  
Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine,  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

### \*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

#### Now Go in Joy

Now go in joy to spread the Word till all people have heard:  
God embraces all! Follow, then, the disciples' call:  
tend your neighbors with loving care in daily work and prayer.  
God's own grace empower your spirit. Amen!

#### Benediction and Going Forth

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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



## Meetings This Week

Monday, February 5	Worship Committee	6:30 p.m.
	Membership & Evangelism Committee	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, February 6	Missions Committee	6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, February 7	Adult Christian Education Committee	7:00 p.m.

## Annual Meeting of the Congregation

The Annual Meeting will be held next 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.

## Twenties & Thirties Group

As we prepare to enter into the Lenten season this month, the T&Ts will be taking a trip to the Philadelphia Museum of Art to engage in the spiritual practice known as visio divina. We will spend some time looking at certain pieces together, and then you will be free to explore the museum. If you'd like to join us, please RSVP to Laura (youngadults@fpcphila.org)!

## Ash Wednesday - February 14

Ash Wednesday marks the start of Lent. First Church will hold two services with imposition of ashes at 12 noon and 7 p.m. The evening service will be live streamed. (On street parking is available with placard.)

## 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.



## 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!

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