

The Service for the Lord's Day

June 10, 2018

11:00 a.m.

The sounds of engines leave the air.
The Sunday morning silence comes
at last. At last I know the presence
of the world made without hands,
the creatures that have come to be
out of their absence. Calls
of flicker and jay fill the clear
air. Mice and chickadees feed
among the green and the dying leaves.
Gratitude for the gifts of all the living
and the unliving, gratitude which is
the greatest gift, quietest of all,
passes to me through the trees.

Wendell Berry

This Day: Collected & New Sabbath Poems



The **FIRST**
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WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Whether you are visiting today for the first time, or are a longtime member of this church, we are glad you're here.

The symbol of our church has long been “the open door.” We strive very hard to be just that, a community as diverse and hospitable as God’s kingdom. We don’t all look or act alike, and we certainly don’t all think alike. We come from many different faith traditions. We bring different questions, and we carry different burdens. But every Sunday, we worship together as one.

This is a very historic congregation. The first gatherings of the Presbyterian Church (USA) met in our church. Three of our members signed the Declaration of Independence. But we are not a museum or a monument to the past. Today we wrestle with the challenges of the modern world and bring our faith to bear on the contemporary issues facing this city just as did the founders of this church over three hundred years ago.

After the service, please stick around. If you have questions about the church and its ministries, or our historic building, please ask. We’d love to tell you about them. So have a cup of coffee with us. Introduce yourself to one of our clergy. You never know—you just might be home!

Jesse Garner, Pastor

IF YOU ARE NEW HERE

Please fill out the pew pads in the black folders. You will find more information about our church on the Visitor’s Information Display in the Narthex and in Old Buttonwood Hall.

There are several ways to become involved at First Church, both in the church and in the community. We are committed to the city of Philadelphia and support a number of mission programs and agencies working in this community. To learn more or to get involved, contact missions@fpcphila.org and check the announcements for upcoming volunteer opportunities.

HELPFUL INFORMATION

Childcare is provided each Sunday morning for babies and toddlers from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on the lower level of the building, reached by the stairs inside the 21st Street entrance.

Large print bulletins and **Children’s Bulletins** for ages 7-12 are available in the narthex.

Parking is available for worship services on the west side of 21st Street from Chestnut to Locust Streets and on the north side of Locust from 20th to 23rd. Ushers will provide a placard to display on your vehicle dashboard. Parking is also available at SP+ Parking, located at 2107 Sansom Street (next to Day by Day Restaurant). See ushers to validate your parking receipt for a reduced rate.

BE SOCIAL!

Social Media users—Check in at First Church and like our Facebook Page (facebook.com/FirstPresPhilly). Follow us on Instagram & Twitter [@firstpresphilly](https://twitter.com/firstpresphilly), and join our hashtag campaign [#firstchurchlove](https://twitter.com/firstchurchlove).

Visit our website to learn more, and subscribe to our email list: www.fpcphila.org

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Plein Jeu

Nicolas de Grigny

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Megan LeCluyse

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

Psalm 124:8

*HYMN 276

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Faithfulness

*SENTENCES

Rev. Megan LeCluyse

I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart;

before the heavenly host I sing your praise.

I bow down toward your holy temple,

and give thanks for your steadfast love and faithfulness.

All the kings of the earth shall praise you,

for great is the glory of the LORD.

Psalm 138:1ff

*PRAYER OF ADORATION



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WELCOME

Rev. Megan LeCluyse

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of life, grant us your forgiveness. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. We are indifferent to a world grieved by hatred and violence; we pass by on the other side when we see our neighbor in need; we wander from the way that leads to peace in paths of our own pleasing. God of grace, by the power of your Holy Spirit, grant us new life. Hear now the confessions we offer in silence...

**Those who are able may stand.*

KYRIE

Healey Willan

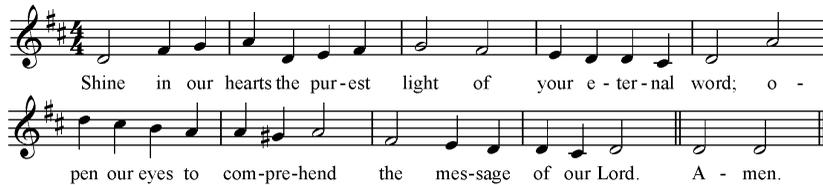


ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Brothers and sisters, believe the good news.
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION



OLD TESTAMENT	Deuteronomy 5:12-15	(p. 161)
EPISTLE	2 Corinthians 4:5-12	(p. 177)
GOSPEL	Mark 2:23-3:6	(p. 36)

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

*GLORIA

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 evermore shall be. Amen.

SERMON

God of Rest

Rev. Laura Colee

Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord...
Deuteronomy 5:13-14

***HYMN 172**

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

Resignation

***APOSTLES' CREED**

Rev. Megan LeCluyse

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

OFFERTORY

Recit de Cromorne

de Grigny

***PRESENTATION & DOXOLOGY**

Lasst uns erfreuen

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
praise God, all creatures here below. Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

Rev. Megan LeCluyse

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 391

Take My Life

Hendon

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Grand Jeu

de Grigny

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SUNDAYS @ FIRST

CELEBRATION!

Celebration! is a worship service that engages Christians of all ages through singing, interactive Bible lessons for children, prayer, preaching, and the Lord's Supper. Join us in Old Buttonwood Hall at 9 a.m.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

A Bible study of each Sunday's lectionary texts is led by Rev. Jesse Garner in the MacColl Room at 9:45 a.m.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

Each Sunday immediately following 11 o'clock worship our Deacons lead a brief period of intercessory prayer in Rev. Garner's office. To request prayers, fill out one of the prayer requests and place it in the offering plate or join the Deacons for the prayer time after worship.

The liturgist today is the Rev. Megan LeCluyse. The Greeter is Jack Melvin, and the ushers are Jim Schreyer (Captain), Andrea Bowman, Michael Smith, Rebecca Yep, and Stella Tsai.

The chancel flowers are dedicated to the glory of God by Andrea Bowman, with appreciation for the abundant opportunities that we have to do good and generous things in this world - may we avail ourselves of them!

We welcome the Rev. Laura Colee as our guest preacher today. Rev. Colee is the Interim Associate Pastor at First Presbyterian Church in Haddonfield, New Jersey. She grew up in central Illinois and joined a PCUSA congregation in high school. Laura completed her undergraduate work at Northwestern University where she double majored in History and Religious Studies. She received her Master of Divinity degree from Princeton Theological Seminary. She is a lover of all things Hebrew Bible, social justice, and Philadelphia. She previously taught introductory Old Testament courses at Eastern University and recently tried her hand at stand-up comedy. Laura and her husband Eric live in the Port Richmond neighborhood of Philadelphia.

MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Thursday, June 14

Session

6:30 p.m.

FIRST CHURCH PHOTO DIRECTORY

We are collecting photos from all families for a new photo directory! Digital photo files (jpg/jpeg) are preferred, and can be emailed to communications@fpcphila.org. If you do not have a recent photograph we will be taking photos after worship over the next few weeks in Old Buttonwood Hall. See Patti Sassoli or Sarah Weisiger.

YOUNG ADULT GROUP

This week we are gathering both Tuesday and Wednesday for Science After Hours at 7 p.m. on Tuesday (June 12) at the Franklin Institute and a visit to the art museum on Wednesday (June 13), also at 7 p.m. Please RSVP via FB or email if you plan to go to either by 8 p.m. Monday, June 11th. On Saturday, June 16th at 6 p.m. we will be having a potluck BBQ at Ken and Morgan's place. RSVP for more information! For more information on the Young Adult Group contact Annie LeCluyse (youngadults@fpcphila.org), and join the Young Adult fellowship group on Facebook.

URBAN TREE CONNECTION - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The next UTC volunteer date is Saturday, June 16th, from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., at the UTC garden just east of the First African Presbyterian Church, 4159 W. Girard Avenue, in West Philadelphia, near the Philadelphia Zoo. You'll need a hat, gloves, sturdy shoes, and sunblock. Contact Bruce Rapsher (bruce.rapsher@fpcphila.org) for information.

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CHURCH PICNIC

The Deacons invite everyone to our annual Church Picnic in Old Buttonwood Hall following the 11 a.m. worship service on June 24. All are welcome--members, visitors, and friends. We'll have fried and roasted chicken and traditional accompaniments. No reservations necessary. Feel free to bring a dessert to share. Please join us!

BIBLE STUDIES

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY meets weekly on Tuesday evenings at 7 pm at the church. For information contact Jerry Foote (jerry.foote@fpcphila.org).

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY meets the first Saturday of the every month at 9 am at DiBruno Brothers, 1730 Chestnut Street. For information contact Mac McLarin (mac.mclarin@fpcphila.org).

A COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY, led by Delores Brisbon, meets on Wednesday mornings at the Old City Presbyterian Apartments (25 N. 4th Street). For information contact Delores Brisbon (deloresbrisbon2201@comcast.net).



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