

# First Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia



## CELEBRATION!

March 10, 2019 - First Sunday in Lent

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Baron Mullis

Opening Acclamation

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

\*Song (insert)

**Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing**

\*Prayer

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.

Seeing and Touching the Word

Reading the Word of God

Luke 4:1-13

Reagan and Wyatt Buzan

**\*Confession of Faith**

We trust in Jesus Christ,  
 Fully human, fully God.  
 Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:  
 preaching good news to the poor  
 and release to the captives,  
 teaching by word and deed  
 and blessing the children,  
 healing the sick  
 and binding up the brokenhearted,  
 eating with outcasts,  
 forgiving sinners,  
 and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.  
 Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,  
 Jesus was crucified,  
 suffering the depths of human pain  
 and giving his life for the sins of the world.  
 God raised this Jesus from the dead,  
 vindicating his sinless life,  
 breaking the power of sin and evil,  
 delivering us from death to life eternal.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,  
 we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks  
 and to live holy and joyful lives,  
 even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,  
 praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

From the PCUSA Brief Statement of Faith

**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 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.**

### *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.**

The gifts of God for the people of God.

**Let us keep the feast!**

### *Prayer after Communion*

**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 (insert)

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

**Welcome to First Presbyterian Church!**

We are delighted to have you here with us for the Celebration service of worship! The pastors are always happy to answer any questions you might have, but here is some information we think you may find helpful:

- Please sign in using the clipboard and attached sheet in the Beadle Room (across from the kitchen). If we don't have your contact info, please leave us an e-mail address or other contact information.
- If you need an envelope for your offering (in order to get credit towards your pledge), there will be some on the same table as the clipboard. Just write your name on the envelope, and put it in the collection baskets when the children come around.
- Parking passes are available outside the church office window in the main hallway.
- If you or someone in your family needs gluten-free bread for communion, let us know and we'll make sure it's provided regularly.

**Twenties & Thirties Group (formerly Young Adults)**

Join us for T&T Brunch today after the 11 o'clock service. Meet in Old Buttonwood Hall and we'll walk to the Irish Pub together. This Wednesday, March 13th, at 7:30 p.m., we will gather at First Church for fellowship and discussion. (Enter at 21st Street.). For more information on the Twenties & Thirties Group, contact Annie LeCluyse ([youngadults@fpcphila.org](mailto:youngadults@fpcphila.org)), and join the Young Adult fellowship group on Facebook.

**Lectio Divina, Lenten Spiritual Exploration - Starts TODAY**

On five Sundays in the season of Lent (March 10, 17, 24, 31, and April 7) the Reverend Barbara Chaapel will teach the practice of *lectio divina* as an offering for adult education at 9:45 a.m. *Lectio divina*, which means "divine reading," is an ancient practice of reading and contemplating Scripture that is intended to promote communion with God and increase our knowledge of God's Word. Contact Barbara Chaapel ([barbara.chaapel@fpcphila.org](mailto:barbara.chaapel@fpcphila.org)) with questions.

**Prayer Labyrinth - This Wednesday**

On Wednesday, March 13, from 4 to 7 p.m., a prayer labyrinth will be available in Old Buttonwood Hall. The labyrinth is a full-scale replica of the one in Chartres Cathedral in France, on loan to us from Princeton Theological Seminary. We invite you to walk the labyrinth as a spiritual devotion for your Lenten journey.

**Conversations Worth Having - Next Saturday and Sunday!**

Next weekend is our first "Conversations Worth Having" and we are delighted to welcome William G. Enright, Ph.D. On Saturday, March 16, from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Bill will lead a workshop with church officers on the ways we talk about giving. Anyone interested is invited to attend. Please register using this link: [www.presbyterianfoundation.org/conversations-worthhaving/](http://www.presbyterianfoundation.org/conversations-worthhaving/). On Sunday, March 17, Bill will preach at both services. Following the 11 o'clock service, Bill will present on the topic, "Telling Our Stories" over a light lunch in Old Buttonwood Hall. He will conclude with Q&A. On-street parking is available both Saturday and Sunday with placard.