

# The Service for the Lord's Day

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October 13, 2019

11:00 a.m.

“To be grateful is to recognize the Love of God in everything He has given us - and He has given us everything. Every breath we draw is a gift of His love, every moment of existence is a grace, for it brings with it immense graces from Him.

Gratitude therefore takes nothing for granted, is never unresponsive, is constantly awakening to new wonder and to praise of the goodness of God. For the grateful person knows that God is good, not by hearsay but by experience. And that is what makes all the difference.”

—Thomas Merton



*The* **FIRST**  
PRESBYTERIAN  
**CHURCH**  
*in* PHILADELPHIA

*est. 1698*

## WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Grace and peace to you as we gather for worship! Here in this place, the seasons of our lives are marked: the children of God of every age are baptized, marriages are celebrated, and when one grieves, the whole body grieves together. We are a family of faith.

And just as Christ Jesus has welcomed each person to this church for over three hundred years, we extend our word of welcome in his name. Christ loves all, calls all, and welcomes all, and so whether this is your first time here, or you have worshipped here for years, everyone enters this place with the profound welcome of Jesus Christ.

This congregation is steeped in history – three members of the church signed the Declaration of Independence. We are a part of the history of this city from its earliest days. But make no mistake about it: this is a living, breathing congregation seeking in real and tangible ways to make the grace of God known to our very modern world.

We would love to know you, and for you to know us. Please stay after the service and join in our fellowship time together where we enjoy refreshments, and most importantly, share our lives together. And if in getting to know us, you feel God is calling you to join together with us in living God's grace in this place, it would be our joy for you to become a part of this community.

*Baron Mullis, Pastor*

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### 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](mailto: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 21<sup>st</sup> Street entrance.

**Large print bulletins** and **children's bulletins** are available in the narthex.

**Parking** is available for worship services on the west side of 21<sup>st</sup> Street from Chestnut to Locust Streets and on the north side of Locust from 20<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup>. 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](https://facebook.com/FirstPresPhilly)). Follow us on Instagram & Twitter @firstpresphilly, and join our hashtag campaign #firstchurchlove.

Visit our website to learn more, and subscribe to our email list: [www.fpcphila.org](http://www.fpcphila.org)



## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, our hearts should be filled with gratitude. You do exceedingly abundantly more than that we could ever ask or imagine. And yet, too often we praise you as though you are commonplace and ordinary. Too often we fail to register your goodness and mercy. And far too often, we are mute where good words might make all the difference. Forgive our ungrateful moments. Forgive our forgetfulness of your grace. Open our lips that we may sing your praise, through Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name we offer these and our unspoken prayers...

## KYRIE

Andrew Senn

*mp*  
Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.  
*mf*  
Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

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

## ANTHEM

### Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Hugo Distler

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near; praise him in glad adoration!  
Praise to the Lord! Who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth;  
hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been granted in what he ordaineth.

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## 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.

<b>OLD TESTAMENT</b>	Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7	(p. 717)
<b>EPISTLE</b>	2 Timothy 2:8-15	(p. 208)
<b>GOSPEL</b>	Luke 17:11-19	(p. 79)

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 evermore shall be. Amen.

**SERMON** **Where Are the Others?** Dr. Mullis  
*Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they?"*  
*Luke 17:17*

**\*HYMN 522** **Lord, When I Came Into This Life** *Land of Rest*

**\*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.

**OFFERTORY** **Deep River** arr. Gerre Hancock  
 Deep river, my home is over Jordan.  
 Deep river, Lord, I want to cross over into campground.  
 Oh don't you want to go to that gospel feast,  
 that promised land where all is peace?

## \*PRESENTATION & DOXOLOGY

*Old Hundredth*

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

## PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

### 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 554

**Let All Things Now Living**

*Ash Grove*

## \*BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

**Improvisation**

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## SUNDAYS @ FIRST

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### 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

Adult CE classes are held at 9:45 a.m. in the MacColl room. Sunday School class for young children and their families is held at 9:45 a.m. in the Cochran Room. Contact Sarah Weisiger ([sarah.weisiger@fpcphila.org](mailto:sarah.weisiger@fpcphila.org)) for more information.

### INTERCESSORY PRAYER

Each Sunday immediately following 11 o'clock worship our Deacons lead a brief period of intercessory prayer in Dr. Mullis'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 greeter this morning is Suellen Smith, and the ushers are Michael Smith (Captain), Philip Amoa, Reggie Amoa, Jeannie Boehner, and Bill Swoope.

The chancel flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and in loving memory of my dearest Mother's birthday, October 11th, and in loving memory of my beloved husband, George by Irene Walker.

### MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Tuesday, October 15

Session

6:30 p.m.

### FIRST CHURCH FAMILIES FALL FUN - TODAY!

Join us at Linvilla Orchard for an afternoon of fall fun! We will meet at the orchard at 3:30 p.m. for hayrides, a trip to Pumpkinland and the corn maze, along with opportunities to pick your own apples or pumpkins. Speak with Rev. Sarah Weisiger if you'd like to join us!

### WISE RETIREES

Wise Retirees, a fellowship group of retired men, will meet this Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30 a.m. at the Food Court at Liberty Place, 17<sup>th</sup> & Chestnut Streets. For information contact Herb Valentine ([herb.valentine@fpcphila.org](mailto:herb.valentine@fpcphila.org)).

### TWENTIES & THIRTIES (T&T) GROUP

This Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 p.m. we will gather at First Church for fellowship and discussion. (Enter at 21<sup>st</sup> Street.) For more information on the T&T Group, contact Annie LeCluyse ([youngadults@fpcphila.org](mailto:youngadults@fpcphila.org)), and join the Twenties & Thirties fellowship group on Facebook.

### "SOUL TALK"

This Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30 - 8:30. p.m., all women of the church and their guests are warmly invited to join us for an evening of wine, hors-d'oeuvres, and poetry. Barbara Chaapel will present "Soul Talk," exploring the spiritual wisdom of poems and their role in creating community. Parking and child care will be available. Please bring an hors-d'oeuvre to share. RSVP by tomorrow, October 14 to Diane Rogers ([womenwitwisdom@fpcphila.org](mailto:womenwitwisdom@fpcphila.org)), or text or call her at (609) 980-5421. We look forward to seeing you!

### ZIA'S "BREAKFAST IN THE CLASSROOM"

Please join us at 9:45 next Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, in Old Buttonwood Hall to learn more about First Church mission partner Zia, and its "Breakfast in the Classroom" program. Zia was created in 2015 to address food insecurity, a major issue for many Philadelphians, especially children.

### **ADULT CE - LECTIO DIVINA**

Each Sunday through November 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9:45 - 10:45 a.m., Barbara Chaapel will lead an adult education session of *lectio divina* (“divine reading”) using the lectionary texts for each Sunday. We will read the biblical text together and be led in contemplative reflection and sharing, listening for God’s Word in our lives.

### **HALLOWEEN SILENT FILM - BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!**

After a hiatus of several years, the Twenties & Thirties group is sponsoring a silent film for Halloween! On Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m., Andrew Senn will cast his spell over the organ and improvise a complete musical score for the classic film, *The Golem* (1915). Please join us!

### **CASSEROLE BLITZ - SAVE THE DATE!**

Our final casserole blitz of the year will be held from 9-10:30 a.m. on Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> in the church kitchen. As always, these casseroles will be used to feed those in need through the University City Hospitality Coalition. If interested, please contact Beverly Cowart at [beverly.cowart@fpcphila.org](mailto:beverly.cowart@fpcphila.org) or 215-382-4315.

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Ms. Suzanne Riemann, *Church Administrator*

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