

First Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia



CELEBRATION!

April 14, 2019 - Palm Sunday

Welcome

Rev. Megan LeCluyse

Opening Acclamation

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

*Song (insert)

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

*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 19:28-40

Becky Yep

***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)

What Wondrous Love Is This

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church!

We're delighted to have you here with us for the Celebration service of worship! The ministers are happy to answer any questions, but here's 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 already 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 this Wednesday, April 17th, at 7:30 p.m., when we'll gather at First Church for fellowship and discussion surrounding the Lenten Season/Holy Week. (Enter at 21st Street.) For more information on the Twenties & Thirties Group, contact Annie LeCluyse (youngadults@fpcphila.org), and join the Twenties & Thirties fellowship group on Facebook.

Procession of Palms - Today!

Today, April 14th, the procession of palms begins at the goat statue in Rittenhouse Square at 10:15 sharp, and stops first at Church of the Holy Trinity before getting to First Church at 10:30. Those who wish to stay at First Church may do so, or continue processing, ending at 11:00 back at Holy Trinity.

fpcQ BRUNCH - Today!

Let's enjoy the burst of spring and have brunch together today, April 14th. Meet in Old Buttonwood Hall following the 11 a.m. service and we'll go from there.

Holy Week Services

April 18	Maundy Thursday	7:00 p.m.
April 19	Good Friday	12:00 noon

On-street parking is available for both services with placard.

Easter Services - Next Sunday

7:00 a.m.	Sunrise Service	meet at 21st Street entrance
8:00 a.m.	Breakfast	Old Buttonwood Hall
9:00 a.m.	Celebration! Worship	Old Buttonwood Hall
9:45 a.m.	Easter Egg Hunt	meet in Old Buttonwood Hall
11:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary

Volunteer Opportunity - April 27 - Habitat for Humanity

On Sat., Apr. 27th, First Church will be doing home repairs with Habitat's West Phila. Repair/Healthy Homes Initiative. We need 5-7 volunteers. No skill or experience is necessary - just a readiness to help out! The work day begins at 8:30 and ends at 3:30 or earlier. For information or to volunteer, please email Missions Committee member Cindy Elliott at caesq@aol.com.