

First Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia



CELEBRATION!

March 17, 2019 - Second Sunday in Lent

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Baron Mullis

Opening Acclamation

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

*Song (insert)

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

*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 12:1-3, 13-21

***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)

You Shall Go Out with Joy

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church!

We are delighted to have you here with us for the Celebration service of worship! The ministers 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.

We welcome the Reverend Dr. William Enright as our guest preacher today. Dr. Enright served a long and distinguished career in parish ministry, including twenty-five years as the Senior Pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church in Indianapolis, before retiring from ministry to lead the Lake Institute on Philanthropy and Giving.

Twenties & Thirties Group (formerly Young Adults)

This Wednesday, March 20th, 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), and join the Young Adult fellowship group on Facebook.

***Lectio Divina*, Lenten Spiritual Exploration - Continuing Today**

Today, and on the next three Sundays in the season of Lent (March 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. All are welcome on every Sunday - participants are not required to have attended last week. Contact Barbara Chaapel (barbara.chaapel@fpcphila.org) with questions.

'Telling Our Stories' with Bill Enright - TODAY!

As part of our Conversations Worth Having, Bill Enright will present on the topic, "Telling Our Stories" today after the 11 o'clock worship in Old Buttonwood Hall. A light lunch will be provided. He will conclude with a question and answer session. All are welcome and invited to attend - please join us!