

The Service for the Lord's Day

August 19, 2018

11:00 a.m.

Where there is charity and wisdom, there is
neither fear nor ignorance.

Francis of Assisi



The **FIRST**
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
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WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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 members and guests alike enter to worship with the same profound welcome.

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

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 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, and join our hashtag campaign #firstchurchlove.

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Benedictus

Alec Rowley

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Jesse Garner

Praise the LORD!

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

Psalm 111:1

*HYMN 361

How Firm a Foundation

Foundation

*SENTENCES

Great are the works of the LORD,
studied by all who delight in them.

**Full of honor and majesty is God's work,
and God's righteousness endures forever.**

The LORD has gained renown by his wonderful deeds;
the LORD is gracious and merciful.

**God provides food for those who fear the LORD;
God is ever mindful of the covenant.**

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practice it have a good understanding.

God's praise endures forever.

Psalm 111:2-5, 10

*PRAYER OF ADORATION



A - - men.

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WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Baron Mullis

**Those who are able may stand.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Creator God, you stretched the heavens and filled the seas. You separated the night from the day, and the dry land from the waters. And when you had created every living thing, you made us. From the dust of the earth, you raised us up. Created in your image, O God, we have striven for lesser things. Rather than taking our identity from your image imprinted on us, we have resisted the ways of wisdom, love, and kindness. Forgive us, we pray. Teach us once more to seek our true identity in Jesus Christ our Lord. Hear now the confessions we offer in the silence of our hearts...

KYRIE

Healey Willan

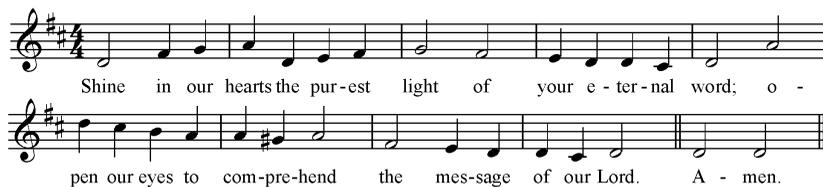


ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

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

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION



OLD TESTAMENT

1 Kings 3:3-14

(p. 302)

OLD TESTAMENT

Proverbs 9:1-6

(p. 580)

EPISTLE

Ephesians 5:15-20

(p. 191)

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

Wisdom

Rev. Dr. Baron Mullis

*Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise.
Ephesians 5:15a*

***HYMN 339**

Be Thou My Vision

Slane

***APOSTLES' CREED**

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

Intermezzo in A, Op. 118, No. 2

Johannes Brahms

***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.

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 423**

Jesus Shall Reign

Duke Street

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Toccata in D minor

Max Reger

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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. Jesse Garner. The Greeter is Jack Melvin, and the ushers are Jim Schreyer (Captain), Fred Barfoot, Jeannie Boehner, Don Williams, and Rebecca Yep.

The chancel flowers are dedicated to the glory of God by Allan Schimmel in memory of Reid B. Reames' parents, David & Dorothy Reames.

MEETINGS THIS WEEK

There are no meetings this week.

MANNA NEEDS EARLY BIRD VOLUNTEERS THIS WEEK!

MANNA is looking for additional volunteers to help during our Early Bird shifts this week. Volunteers are needed for Tuesday, August 21st, Wednesday, August 22nd, and Thursday, August 23rd. All shift times are 7-10 a.m. To volunteer, please contact Taylor (tperkins@mannapa.org or 215-496-2662 ext 100).

YOUNG ADULT GROUP

This Wednesday, August 22nd, at 7:30 p.m., we will meet at First Church for our book discussion on *The Screwtape Letters* by C. S. Lewis. Enter through the door on 21st street. For more information on the Young Adult Group contact Annie LeCluyse (youngadults@fpcphila.org), and join the Young Adult fellowship group on Facebook.

BACKPACK CHALLENGE

From now until August 20th, the Young Adult Group will be collecting new backpacks and school supplies for the Backpack Challenge put on by Valley Youth House. Once collected, the supplies will be distributed to individuals who are in or have been in the foster care system. The box to collect these school supplies is in Old Buttonwood Hall. If you are unable to go get school supplies but still want to donate you are more than welcome to purchase supplies that will go directly to them at www.roonga.com/backpackchallenge2018.

UCHC CASSEROLE BLITZ

The Missions Committee will once again be sponsoring a casserole blitz next Saturday, August 25th, to provide meals for the hungry through the University City Hospitality Coalition (UCHC). This is the time of year UCHC is most in need of extra meals; from 8:30 - 10 a.m., we plan to make 40 casseroles, which will feed 8 times that many people. We could use your help! It's a fun, gratifying way to spend a Saturday morning --and we have coffee and very good donuts. Please contact Beverly Cowart (missions@fpcphila.org) if you can participate.

BIBLE STUDIES

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY meets weekly on Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. 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 a.m. 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 Tuesday mornings at 11 a.m. at the Old City Presbyterian Apartments (25 N. 4th Street). For information contact Delores Brisbon (deloresbrisbon2201@comcast.net).

NEW PHOTO DIRECTORY AVAILABLE

Copies of the new First Church photo directory are available in the church office. If you would like to receive an electronic (pdf) version of the directory, please call or email the church office (office@fpcphila.org; 215-567-0532). If you did not submit a photo and would like to be included in the directory, please send jpg files to communications@fpcphila.org to be included in the next printing.

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