

The Service for the Lord's Day

September 1, 2019

11:00 a.m.

“If you keep silent, keep silent by love; if you speak, speak by love; if you correct, correct by love; if you pardon, pardon by love; let love be rooted in you, and from the root nothing but good can grow.

Love and do what you will.

Love endures in adversity, is moderate in prosperity; brave under harsh sufferings, cheerful in good works; utterly reliable in temptation, utterly open-handed in hospitality; as happy as can be among true brothers and sisters, as patient as you can get among the false ones.

The soul of the scriptures, the force of prophecy, the saving power of the sacraments, the fruit of faith, the wealth of the poor, the life of the dying.

Love is all.”

—Saint Augustine of Hippo



The **FIRST**
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
in PHILADELPHIA

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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 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

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 and **children's 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](https://twitter.com/firstpresphilly), and join our hashtag campaign [#firstchurchlove](https://twitter.com/firstchurchlove).

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Piece d'orgue
Edward Landin Senn, organist

Johann Sebastian Bach

CANTICLE

He's Got the Whole World
Emily Senn, soloist

arr. Margaret Bonds

He's got the whole world in his hand. He's got the woods and the waters in his hand.
He's got the sun and the moon right in his hand. He's got the birds and the bees right in his hand. He's got the beasts of the field right in his hand. He's got you and me right in his hand. He's got everybody in his hand. He's got the whole world in his hand.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise the LORD! Happy are those who fear the LORD, who greatly delight in God's commandments.

Dr. Mullis

Psalm 112:1

*HYMN 371

Lift High the Cross

Crucifer

*SENTENCES

Rev. LeCluyse

It is well with those who deal generously and lend, who conduct their affairs with justice.

For the righteous will never be moved; they will be remembered forever.

They are not afraid of evil tidings; their hearts are firm, secure in the LORD.

Their hearts are steady, they will not be afraid; in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.

They have distributed freely, they have given to the poor; their righteousness endures forever; their horn is exalted in honor.

Psalm 112:5-9

*PRAYER OF ADORATION



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WELCOME

**Those who are able may stand.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, again we acknowledge our sinfulness. Though you have made us for love, we have not loved. Though you have made us for community, we have broken the good fellowship you would give us. Though you have made us to be human, we have not lived up to our humanity. We have settled for less than you would have us be. Forgive us, we pray. Remind us always of the high calling you have for us, and the love with which you redeem us, so that we may have and be all you wish for us. We pray in the name of the Jesus who loves us, and who hears the prayers we offer in the silence of our hearts...

KYRIE

Andrew Senn

Musical score for Kyrie, featuring two staves of music. The first staff is marked *Organ* and *mp*. The second staff is marked *mf*. The lyrics are: Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. 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!

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Musical score for Prayer for Illumination, featuring two staves of music. The lyrics are: 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.

OLD TESTAMENT

Proverbs 25:6-7

(p. 595)

EPISTLE

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

(p. 222)

GOSPEL

Luke 14:1, 7-14

(p. 75)

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

Table Manners

Dr. Mullis

But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind.

Luke 14:13

***HYMN 492**

Baptized in Water

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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Arabella Nicole and Anthony Justin Senn
children of Andrew and Edward Senn

COVENANT WITH THE CONGREGATION

Do you, as members of the Church of Jesus Christ promise to guide and nurture Anthony and Arabella by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging them to know and follow Christ, and to be faithful members of his Church?

***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.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND CONSECRATION

Dr. Senn

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 our thanks and praise.

BAPTISM

Dr. Mullis and Rev. Pedersen

AARONIC BLESSING *(sung by the choir)*

Craig Phillips

(Commissioned for Anthony and Arabella by Andrew and Edward)

OFFERTORY**When Peace Like a River***arr. Michael Davis*

When peace like a river attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll;
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
"It is well, it is well with my soul."

*It is well with my soul;
it is well, it is well with my soul.*

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
let this blest assurance control:
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
and has shed his own blood for my soul. *Refrain*

O Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
the trumpet shall resound and the Lord shall descend:
even so, it is well with my soul. *Refrain*

PRESENTATION & DOXOLOGYOld 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 (Insert)*How Firm a Foundation***Fidelity****BENEDICTION****POSTLUDE****Psalm XIX**

Benedetto Marcello

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The liturgist this morning is the Rev. Megan LeCluyse. Assisting in the baptism are the Rev. Rachel Pedersen from Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church and Andrew's father, the Rev. Dr. Frank Senn. The greeters are Heidi Artigue and Isaac Smith, and the ushers are Jim Schreyer (Captain), Andrea Bowman, Edna Dick, Lloyd Doletski, and Jon Rogers.

The chancel flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and in loving memory of Megan Louise O'Dell and Heidi Lynn Bauer, by Jim and Judy O'Dell.

The Church Office will be closed tomorrow, September 2, for Labor Day.

MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Wednesday, September 4	Worship Committee	12:00 p.m.
Thursday, September 5	Deacons	6:45 p.m.

TWENTIES & THIRTIES (T&T) GROUP

This Wednesday, September 4th, at 7:30 p.m. we will we will gather at First Church to bake for InKind Baking Project and either play games or have a bit of discussion. (Enter at 21st Street.) Next Sunday, September 8th we're having a pool party; RSVP for more info. For more information on the T&T Group, contact Annie LeCluyse (youngadults@fpcphila.org), and join the Twenties & Thirties fellowship group on Facebook.

HABITAT WORKDAY - SEPTEMBER 7

Next Saturday, September 7th, volunteers are needed for for exterior landscaping and house preparation in connection with Habitat for Humanity's West Philadelphia Repair Initiative, from 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. No special skills are necessary! Please email missions@fpcphila.org for more information and to volunteer.

JOIN A MISSION TRIP TO MEXICO CITY!

Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church has invited congregants of First Church to a joint mission trip to the most vulnerable communities of Mexico City from October 12 - 19, 2019. We would be working with Urban Mosaic, an organization our church has supported for a number of years, and to which we have sent mission volunteers in the past few years. Working with the people in their communities is an amazing experience. On this trip we will be doing light construction work to build up their communities, and helping to organize health-care centers. We need to set a team by September 7th. Please contact Beverly Cowart (cowart@monell.org) if you are interested.

WOMEN OF WIT & WISDOM

Women of Wit and Wisdom will hold their kick-off lunch on Wednesday, September 11th, at noon in Old Buttonwood Hall. This will be a catered luncheon introducing this year's theme "What Does it mean to be Presbyterian Women in 2020?" Please RSVP by Monday, September 9th, to Diane Rogers via email (womenwitwisdom@fpcphila.org) or call or text her at (609) 980-5421.

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WELCOME BRUNCH - SEPTEMBER 15

The Deacons invite everyone to the Welcome Brunch on September 15th at 9:45 a.m. in Old Buttonwood Hall, as we kick-off of a new program year and enjoy fellowship with friends old and new! All are welcome—members, visitors, and friends. Please join us!

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

Adult CE classes and Sunday School for young children and their families are on summer break and will resume September 22nd. Contact Sarah Weisiger (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.

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