

The Service for the Lord's Day

October 20, 2019

11:00 a.m.

All blessings come to us through our Lord. He will teach us, for in beholding His life we find that He is the best example.

—Saint Teresa of Avila



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 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

Prelude and Fugue in G

Felix Mendelssohn

CANTICLE

George Thalben-Ball

O Lord, thou hast searched me out and known me: whither shall I go then from thy presence?

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Mullis

I lift up my eyes to the hills-- from where will my help come?
My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

Psalm 121:1-2

*HYMN 476

O Worship the King

Lyons

*SENTENCES

Rev. Weisiger

He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.
He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.
The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade at your right hand.
The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.
The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.
The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.

Psalm 121:2-8

*PRAYER OF ADORATION



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WELCOME

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP

Philip & Natalie Amoa

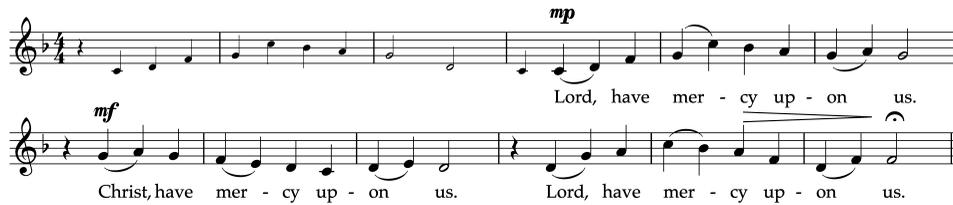
**Those who are able may stand.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, we have sought your blessing upon us, yet even as we ask, we know that we cannot merit it. Challenges fall into our lives, and rather than hold fast to you, we let go of our faith. We back away from our calling to be your people and show to the world who you are. And so, in honesty we come seeking your healing touch upon our lives; your cleansing Word to our sin. Forgive us, we pray, for our failures, and help us live as though we are the recipients of grace upon grace. We ask in the name of Jesus Christ, even as we continue our prayers now...

KYRIE

Andrew Senn



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Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.
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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

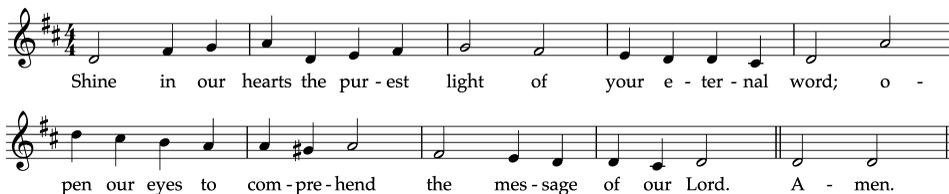
Blessed Are All They That Fear the Lord

Leo Sowerby

Blessed are all they that fear the Lord, and walk in his ways. For thou shalt eat the labors of thine hands: O well is thee, and happy shalt thou be. The wife shall be as the fruitful vine upon the walls of thine house; thy children like the olive branches round about thy table. Lo, thus shall the man be blessed that feareth the Lord. The Lord from out of Sion shall so bless thee, that thou shalt see Jerusalem in prosperity all thy life long. Yea, that thou shalt see thy children's children, and peace upon Israel. (*Psalms 128*)

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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.

GOSPEL	Luke 18:1-8	(p. 79)
EPISTLE	2 Timothy 3:14-4:5	(p. 209)
OLD TESTAMENT	Genesis 32: 22-31	(p. 29)

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

When It's All Over But the Limping

Dr. Mullis

*Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said,
 "I will not let you go, unless you bless me."
 Genesis 32:36*

***HYMN 497**

With Grateful Hearts

St. Clement

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Natalie Amoa
 Ina Mexhita

COVENANT WITH THE CONGREGATION

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

***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

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

AARONIC BLESSING (*inside back cover of hymnal*)

OFFERTORY

He Watching Over Israel (from *Elijah*)

Mendelssohn

He watching over Israel slumbers not nor sleeps. Shouldst thou, walking in grief, languish; he will quicken thee.

***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 275**

God of Our Life

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***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Allegro in F

Fanny Mendelssohn

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The greeter this morning is Shellie Unger, and the ushers are Miles Davis (Captain), Joshua Banks, Fred Barfoot, Dave Nave, and Don Williams.

The chancel flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and in loving memory of my beloved husband David W. Doelp, Sr., by Florinda Doelp.

MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Monday, October 21	Adult CE Committee	3:00 p.m.
Thursday, October 24	Parish Choir Rehearsal	7:15 p.m.

TWENTIES & THIRTIES (T&T) GROUP

This Wednesday, October 23rd, at 7:30 p.m. we will gather at First Church for fellowship and discussion. (Enter at 21st Street.) This Friday, the 25th, the T&Ts are participating in the UPENN Christian Association's Quizzo Fundraiser. If you are interested in joining our team RSVP to Annie LeCluyse. For more information on the T&T Group, contact Annie LeCluyse (youngadults@fpcphila.org), and join the Twenties & Thirties fellowship group on Facebook.

PARISH CHOIR

If you enjoy singing and have just a little musical experience, consider joining the ranks of our Parish Choir! It's a relaxed group of volunteers who lead the music at the 11 a.m. service once a month. All voice parts are needed, especially tenors and basses! The Parish Choir will have a rehearsal on Thursday, October 24th, from 7:15-8:00 p.m., and will be singing on Sunday, October 27th. Please contact Andrew Senn (andrew.senn@fpcphila.org) to learn more.

HALLOWEEN SILENT FILM

After a hiatus of several years, the Twenties & Thirties group is sponsoring a silent film for Halloween! On Sunday, October 27th 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!

LAST CALL FOR CASSEROLES

Our final casserole blitz of the year will be held from 9-10:30 a.m. on Saturday, November 2nd 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 or 215-382-4315.

ALL SAINTS' COMMUNION

On Sunday, November 3rd, our congregation will observe All Saints' Day with a service of Holy Communion. It is customary during the Great Prayer of Thanksgiving to offer to God our gratitude for those beloved saints who have died in the past year. We welcome the names of friends and relatives to be a part of the communion liturgy. Please submit your loved one's name to the church office no later than October 31st (office@fpcphila.org; 215-567-0532) if you wish for them to be included.

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ADULT CE - LECTIO DIVINA

Each Sunday through November 3rd 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.

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 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) 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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The Reverend Dr. Baron A. Mullis, *Pastor and Head of Staff*

The Reverend Megan LeCluyse, *Celebration Team Leader*

Mr. Andrew Senn, *Director of Music and Organist*

Ms. Suzanne Riemann, *Church Administrator*

The Reverend Jerry K. Foote, *Minister for Congregational Care*

The Reverend Sarah Weisiger, *Minister for Membership and Faith Formation*

Mrs. Patti Sassoli, *Director of Communications*

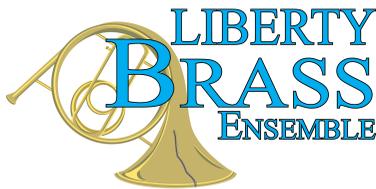
Ms. Annie LeCluyse, *Young Adult Leader*

The Reverend Barbara A. Chaapel

The Reverend Kenneth J. Ross

The Reverend Herbert D. Valentine

Parish Associates



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CONCERT TO BENEFIT DISASTER RELIEF

Monday, October 21 @ 7:30 pm

The First Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia

21st & Walnut Streets



World
Central
Kitchen

Free Will Offering

*All funds collected at the concert will be donated to
World Central Kitchen (wck.org) and Presbyterian
Disaster Assistance (pda.pcusa.org).*



**PRESBYTERIAN
DISASTER
ASSISTANCE**

OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE



Field Trip to the Arc of Philadelphia

Wednesday, October 30, 11 am - 2:30 pm

Everyone is invited to join us on a field trip to The Arc of Philadelphia to learn more about our Mission Partner.

We'll meet at the church at 10:45 am, leaving by 11 am for the 20-minute drive to The Arc at 2350 West Westmoreland Avenue. We'll take a tour led by Joe Mancini, Executive Director, followed by lunch. We plan to be back at First Church no later than 2:30 pm. The trip is a great opportunity for education, inspiration, and fellowship! Please RSVP to missions@fpcphila.org.

The Arc of Philadelphia advocates with and for all children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families, to promote active citizenship, self-determination, and full inclusion. Visit their website (arcphiladelphia.org) to learn more.



ZIA FOOD DRIVE

October 6th - November 3rd

First Church is sponsoring a food drive for Zia's food bank operated at Laura W. Waring Elementary School. This food bank provides the ingredients for 8-10 meals a month for almost 30 member families. The following non-perishable items can be dropped off in Old Buttonwood Hall and will be added to fresh food that Zia secures for the Food Bank, to provide complete balanced meals.

Skippy peanut butter
Welch's grape jelly
Swanson chicken or beef broth
Ken's Italian dressing

Hellmann's Mayonnaise
Parmalat Milk
Spices (cinnamon, oregano, garlic powder, chili powder, etc.)