

The Service for the Lord's Day

Resurrection of the Lord

April 21, 2019

11:00 a.m.



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

Incantation pour un jour Saint
At Eastertide
Saraband for the Morning of Easter

Jean Langlais
Charles Villiers Stanford
Herbert Howells

CANTICLE

Introit for Easter Day

Plainsong

I have risen and am still with you, alleluia.
You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia.
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, alleluia, alleluia.

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Reverend Dr. Baron Mullis

Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen.
He is risen indeed!

*HYMN 123

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

Easter Hymn

*SENTENCES

The Reverend Megan LeCluyse

Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it. I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Psalms 118:19-24

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

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WELCOME

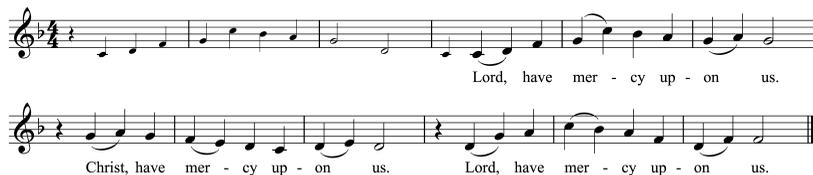
PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, remind us of our baptism as we prepare to come to your table. Remind us of your unconditional love poured out for the world. Remind us of your body given for us that we might know the depth and width of your love for humankind. And reminding us of these things, let us be honest with ourselves and you about our failures. Where we have failed to love as you love, forgive us. Where we have lived only for ourselves, forgive us. Where we have hurt others intentionally, forgive us. Where we have offended others through omission, forgive us. Give us the grace to recognize our faults and seek fresh starts, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Hear also the prayers we offer in the silence of our hearts...

**Those who are able may stand.*

KYRIE

Andrew Senn



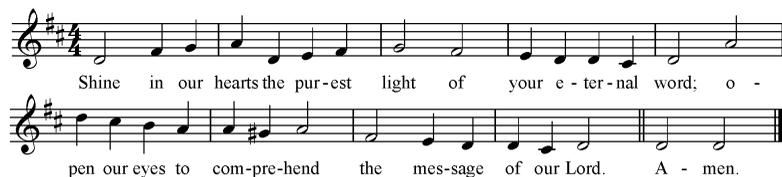
Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.
Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Believe the promise of the Gospel:
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION



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

Isaiah 65:17-25

(p. 682)

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 15:19-26

(p. 172)

GOSPEL

John 20:1-18

(p. 112)

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

*GLORIA PATRI

Christ Has Conquered

Joseph Noyon



Christ has con- quered. Christ, our sov - reign. Christ reigns for e - ver more!
Christ has con- quered. Christ, our sov - reign. Christ reigns for e - ver more!

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. *(Refrain)*

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. *(Refrain)*

SERMON

Redemption

Dr. Mullis

*Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord!"
and she told them that he had said these things to her.*

John 20:18

*HYMN 120

Hail Thee, Festival Day!

Salve festa dies

(Odd stanzas sung by high voices; even stanzas by low voices, refrain by all.)

*NICENE CREED (*Ecumenical Version*)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERTORY

The Light of Christ (2019)

Andrew Senn

Lumen Christ. Deo gratias. (The light of Christ. Thanks by to God.)

And the third day he rose again according to the scriptures. Rejoice heavenly powers, sing choirs of angels! Exult all creation around God's throne! Jesus Christ, our King is risen! Sound the trumpet of salvation! Rejoice, O earth, in shining splendor, radiant in the brightness of your King! Christ has conquered! Glory fills you! Darkness vanishes for ever! Rejoice, O Mother Church! Exult in glory! The risen Savior shines upon you! Let this place resound with joy, echoing the mighty song of all God's people! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Confiteor unum baptismum in remissionem peccatorum. Et expecto resurrectionem mortuorum. Et vita venturi saeculi. Amen. (I believe in one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. And I look for the resurrection of the dead. And the life of the world to come. Amen)

*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.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Reverend Sarah Weisiger

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.

SANCTUS

from Coronation Mass, K371

W. A. Mozart

*Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus, Dominus
Deus Sabaoth. Pleni sunt coeli et terra,
gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis!*

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord of Hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your
glory. Hosanna in the highest!

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.

These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

Let us keep the feast.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

*Communion is served by intinction; when you come forward, take a piece of bread and dip it in the chalice.
Gluten-free bread is available in the center of each plate. If you are unable to come forward, please alert the
usher and you will be served in your place.*

COMMUNION HYMN 513

Let Us Break Bread

Let Us Break Bread

***HYMN 119**

The Strife Is O'er

Victory

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BENEDICTION**

Hallelujah!

G. F. W. Handel

POSTLUDE

Improvisation on 'Haec dies'

The postlude today, in the great French tradition, is offered with gratitude for the saving of Notre Dame Cathedral, its treasures, and the Great Organ.

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The Greeters today are Bruce & Ellen Rapsler, and the ushers are Don Williams, Captain, Joshua Banks, Jeannie Bohner, Miles Davis, and Anten Kraemer.

The church office will be closed tomorrow, April 22nd.

THE 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER - APRIL 28

Please join us next Sunday, April 28th, at 11 a.m., as we continue the celebration of Jesus' resurrection with Part Three of Handel's Messiah. The Chancel Choir will be joined by full orchestra.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING

Today we are receiving the One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) offering. Through this offering, Presbyterians worldwide join in sharing God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed. Use the OGHS envelopes in the pews, give online at presbyterianmission.org/give-oghs, or text OGHS to 20222 to give \$10. Visit the OGHS website (presbyterianmission.org/oghs) to find out how your gift helps people all over the world.

TWENTIES & THIRTIES (T&T) GROUP

The T&Ts will meet this Wednesday evening, April 24th, at Fado Irish Pub (15th & Locust Streets) for Quizzo! Quizzo starts at 8 pm so arrive between 7:30-8! For more information on the Twenties & Thirties Group, contact Annie LeCluyse (youngadults@fpcphila.org), and join the Twenties & Thirties fellowship group on Facebook.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- This Saturday, April 27th, First Church will be doing home repairs with Habitat's West Philadelphia Repair Initiative/Healthy Homes Initiative. We need 5-7 volunteers. No skill or construction 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.
- On Saturday, May 4th and Thursday, May 9th, volunteers are needed for group canvassing and data collection as a part of a major survey effort for Habitat's Neighborhood Revitalization work in the Sharswood community. Detailed information is available at this registration link: <https://sforce.co/2UewSFe>. Please contact Habitat Philadelphia's Volunteer Manager, Christine Serwan (christines@habitatphiladelphia.org) if you are able to volunteer.

SOJOURNER TRUTH WALK - SATURDAY, MAY 4

Please help build the leadership of Philly girls by sponsoring or joining First Presbyterian's team (<https://bit.ly/2UgDiaU>)! All proceeds benefit Camp Sojourner, Girls' Leadership Camp, and help to fund scholarships for summer camp and year-round leadership activities. See the First Church website for more details.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S SPRING LUNCH

Women of First Church: please join us on Saturday, May 4th, at 12 noon in Old Buttonwood Hall to celebrate spring and our Christian sisterhood! Lively music will be provided by the Vance Camisa Jazz Trio and the Reverend Margaret Somerville will be our speaker. Childcare will be available in the nursery, as well as on-street parking with placard. For information and to RSVP, email womenwitwisdom@fpcphila.org or call Diane at (609) 980-5421.

CHANCEL FLOWER DATES AVAILABLE

There are a number of openings for dedication of chancel flowers over the next several months. Please consider making a donation; the cost is \$75. The calendar is on the bulletin board across from the church office. Contact Anita McLarin (anita.mclarin@gmail.com) for more information.

INTERESTED IN FIRST CHURCH?

If you would like to learn more about First Church and how you can be a part of the life and ministry of the church, you're invited to attend our new member class on Sunday, June 2nd. The class is informal and explores what Presbyterians believe, what membership means, and how to get involved at First Church. Contact Sarah (sarah.weisiger@fpcphila.org) for more information.

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