

The Service for the Lord's Day

July 22, 2018

11:00 a.m.

Something there is that doesn't love a wall,
That sends the frozen-ground-swell under it,
And spills the upper boulders in the sun;
And makes gaps even two can pass
abreast . . .

No one has seen them made or heard them
made,

But at spring mending-time we find them
there.

I let my neighbour know beyond the hill;
And on a day we meet to walk the line
And set the wall between us once again.
We keep the wall between us as we go.

There where it is we do not need the
wall: . . .

He only says, "Good fences make good
neighbours." . . .

Before I built a wall I'd ask to know
What I was walling in or walling out,
And to whom I was like to give offence.
Something there is that doesn't love a wall,
That wants it down." I could say "Elves" to
him,

But it's not elves exactly, and I'd rather
He said it for himself. I see him there
Bringing a stone grasped firmly by the top
In each hand, like an old-stone savage armed.
He moves in darkness as it seems to me,
Not of woods only and the shade of trees.
He will not go behind his father's saying,
And he likes having thought of it so well
He says again, "Good fences make good
neighbours."

Robert Frost, "Mending Fences"



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WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Whether you are visiting today for the first time, or are a longtime member of this church, we are glad you're here.

The symbol of our church has long been “the open door.” We strive very hard to be just that, a community as diverse and hospitable as God’s kingdom. We don’t all look or act alike, and we certainly don’t all think alike. We come from many different faith traditions. We bring different questions, and we carry different burdens. But every Sunday, we worship together as one.

This is a very historic congregation. The first gatherings of the Presbyterian Church (USA) met in our church. Three of our members signed the Declaration of Independence. But we are not a museum or a monument to the past. Today we wrestle with the challenges of the modern world and bring our faith to bear on the contemporary issues facing this city just as did the founders of this church over three hundred years ago.

After the service, please stick around. If you have questions about the church and its ministries, or our historic building, please ask. We’d love to tell you about them. So have a cup of coffee with us. Introduce yourself to one of our clergy. You never know—you just might be home!

Jesse Garner, 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** for ages 7-12 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

Adagio (Sonata II)

Alexandre Guilmant

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Sarah Weisiger

In Christ we are no longer strangers;
We are members of the household of God.

Ephesians 2:19

*HYMN 264

When In Our Music

Engelberg

*SENTENCES

Elder Larry Slagle

I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, forever;

With my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.

I declare that your steadfast love is established forever;

Your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.

You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to my servant David: 'I will establish your descendants forever, and build your throne for all generations.'"

Praise the Lord!

Psalm 89

*PRAYER OF ADORATION



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WELCOME

Rev. Sarah Weisiger

**Those who are able may stand.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You asked for my hands, that you might use them for your purpose. I gave them for a moment, then withdrew them, for the work was hard. You asked for my mouth to speak out against injustice. I gave you a whisper that I might not be accused. You asked for my eyes to see the pain of poverty. I closed them, for I did not want to see. You asked for my life, that you might work through me. I gave a small part, that I might not get too involved. Lord, forgive my calculated efforts to serve you—only when it is convenient for me to do so, only in those places where it is safe to do so, and only with those who make it easy to do so. Gracious God, forgive me, renew me, send me out as a usable instrument, that I might take seriously the meaning of your cross.

KYRIE

Healey Willan

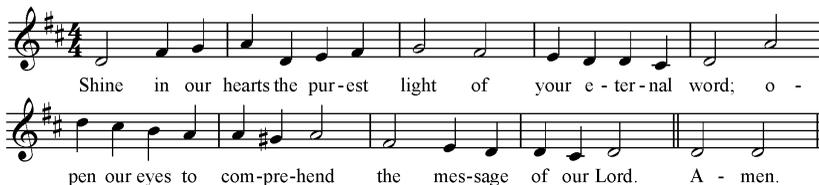


ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

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

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION



OLD TESTAMENT

2 Samuel 7:1-14a

(p. 278)

EPISTLE

Ephesians 2:11-22

(p. 189)

GOSPEL

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

(p. 40)

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

Tear Down the Wall

Rev. Sarah Weisiger

*Christ...has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us.
Ephesians 2:14*

***HYMN 209**

My Song Forever Shall Record

St. Petersburg

***APOSTLES' CREED**

Larry Slagle

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

A Thomas Dorsey Medley

***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.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

Rev. Sarah Weisiger

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 142

All Hail the Power

Coronation

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Allegro (Sonata II)

Guilmant

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Soloist: Fran Kraemer

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 Larry Slagle. The Greeter is Rebekah Horowitz, and the ushers are William Swoope (Captain), Pamela Bierce, Judy Callan, João Magalhaes, and Michael Smith.

The chancel flowers are dedicated to the glory of God with gratitude and in cherished memory of George T. Walker by Irene Walker.

MEETINGS THIS WEEK

There are no meetings this week.

YOUNG ADULT GROUP

This Wednesday, July 25th, at 7:30 p.m., the young adults will watch a movie at Katherine Crockett's apartment. RSVP on Facebook or via email. For more information on the Young Adult Group contact Annie LeCluyse (youngadults@fpcphila.org), and join the Young Adult fellowship group on Facebook.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION IN JULY

Barbara Chaapel will lead group spiritual direction on the five Sundays in July (1, 8, 15, 22, 29) at 9:45 a.m. in the Whitefield Room, offering the opportunity to experience the practice of our Christian life together in silence, prayer, reflection, and sharing. All are welcome, whether you have attended the group in the past or want to experience a new practice of our faith.

MOVING FIRST FORWARD UPDATE

A gift to First Church helps to support a broad range of ministries here at 21st & Walnut, throughout the city of Philadelphia, and beyond. We are grateful for your faithful generosity. The following is an Annual Giving update through June 2018:



Average weekly attendance June 2018 (9 a.m. & 11 a.m.)	164
Budgeted giving through June	\$192,044
Total giving through June	\$208,404

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).

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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 Wednesday mornings at the Old City Presbyterian Apartments (25 N. 4th Street). For information contact Delores Brisbon (deloresbrisbon2201@comcast.net).



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