

# The Service for the Lord's Day

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June 23, 2019

11:00 a.m.

“I've begun to realize that you can listen to silence  
and learn from it. It has a quality and a dimension  
all its own.”

Chaim Potok

*The Chosen*



*The* **FIRST**  
PRESBYTERIAN  
**CHURCH**  
*in* PHILADELPHIA

*est. 1698*

## WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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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*

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### 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](mailto: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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> Street from Chestnut to Locust Streets and on the north side of Locust from 20<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup>. 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](https://facebook.com/FirstPresPhilly)). Follow us on Instagram & Twitter @firstpresphilly, and join our hashtag campaign #firstchurchlove.

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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PRELUDE

I. Allegro (Sonata VI)

C. P. E. Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Reverend Dr. Baron Mullis

As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God.  
My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.

*Psalm 42:1-2a*

\*HYMN 469

Morning Has Broken

*Bunessan*

\*SENTENCES

The Reverend Sarah Weisiger

O send out your light and your truth; let them lead me; let them bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling.

Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy; and I will praise you with the harp, O God, my God.

Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me?  
Hope in God; for I shall again praise The Lord, my help and my God.

*Psalm 43:3-5*

\*PRAYER OF ADORATION



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WELCOME

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we confess that our trust is fleeting. Where you have shown us, over and over, your abiding faithfulness to all of creation, we have not taken the lesson. We have chosen instead to trust in other things; lesser things. We believe we can trust in money. We believe we can trust in our looks. We believe we can trust in our intelligence. We substitute idols of our own making for you. But you alone, O Lord, are holy. And you alone, O Lord, are eternal. So, forgive our sin. Renew our hope. Remind us always of your promises, for they are the only thing trustworthy in the final estimation. Hear these prayers, and those we offer in our hearts, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ...

*\*Those who are able may stand.*

# KYRIE

Andrew Senn

Organ *mp*  
Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.  
*mf*  
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

### II. Adagio (Sonata VI)

Bach

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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.

## EPISTLE

Galatians 3:23-29

(p. 185)

## GOSPEL

Luke 8:26-39

(p. 66)

## OLD TESTAMENT

1 Kings 19:1-15a

(p. 322)

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 Jezebel is Chasing You**

Dr. Mullis

*At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"*

*1 Kings 19:9*

**\*HYMN 275**

**God of Our Life**

*Sandon*

**\*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.

**OFFERTORY**

**III. Allegro (Sonata VI)**

Bach

**\*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 268

God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

*Holy Manna*

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Improvisation

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Frances Tate, Flute

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## SUNDAYS @ FIRST

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### 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 in September. Contact Sarah Weisiger ([sarah.weisiger@fpcphila.org](mailto: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.

The liturgist this morning is the Reverend Sarah Weisiger. The Greeter is Larry Slagle, and the ushers are Stella Tsai, Captain, Fred Barfoot, Jennifer Gay, Doug O'Malley, and Rebecca Yep.

The chancel flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and in gratitude for the beauty of nature's bounty.

### MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Monday, June 24

Missions Committee

6:30 p.m.

### TWENTIES & THIRTIES (T&T) GROUP

This Wednesday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m., we will meet at First Presbyterian Church (enter on the 21<sup>st</sup> Street Side) to watch *Philomena* and discuss the movie afterward.. For more information on the T&T Group, contact Annie LeCluyse ([youngadults@fpcphila.org](mailto:youngadults@fpcphila.org)), and join the Twenties & Thirties fellowship group on Facebook.

### GEN-X FELLOWSHIP GROUP

The Membership & Evangelism Committee is exploring interest in fellowship opportunities for the Generation X community of FPC. Anyone interested is invited to a meeting TODAY after the 11 a.m. worship service in the MacColl Room. For information, contact Sarah Weisiger ([sarah.weisiger@fpcphila.org](mailto:sarah.weisiger@fpcphila.org)).

### HYMN-SING!

We are going to have an old-fashioned hymn-sing on Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup> during the 11 a.m. worship service in place of the sermon. We each have favorite hymns—some of which are not included in our hymnal—and this will be an opportunity to get them sung! We'll need to prepare hymn packets ahead of time, so here's how it will work:

- On Sundays July 7<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>, there will be a bulletin insert on which you can write down your favorite hymn. There will be baskets in the narthex and hallway off of the sanctuary in which you may place your submission at the end of the service.
- On Sunday, July 21<sup>st</sup>, we will have a drawing during the service to select 10 hymns at random. Those hymns will then be made into packets to be sung on July 28<sup>th</sup>.
- No Christmas carols or other “seasonal hymns,” please. There is plenty of time for those in their liturgical seasons.
- If your favorite hymn IS in the hymnal, don't worry, you can still request it!



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