

# The Service for the Lord's Day

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September 23, 2018

11:00 a.m.

“I was tired of seeing the Graces always depicted as beautiful young things. I think wisdom comes with age and life and pain. And knowing what matters.”

Louise Penny,  
*A Fatal Grace*



*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 members and guests alike enter to worship with the same profound welcome.

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** 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.

Visit our website to learn more, and subscribe to our email list: [www.fpcphila.org](http://www.fpcphila.org)

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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PRELUDE

Prelude and Fugue in C

Percy Whitlock

CANTICLE

George Thalben-Ball

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Megan LeCluyse

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness, come into God's presence with singing.

*Psalm 100:1*

\*HYMN 487

When Morning Gilds the Skies

*Laudes Domini*

\*SENTENCES

You know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
**That though he was rich,**  
For your sake he became poor,  
**So that by his poverty you might become rich.**

*1 Corinthians 8:9*

\*PRAYER OF ADORATION



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WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Baron Mullis

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, you are the same from age to age. In every age, your people have sought to know you and to know your mind and your will for us. And in every age, we have had times when we have reflected the way you would have us live, and times when we have not. Even still, through it all, you are faithful to us. So, we confess our sin knowing

*\*Those who are able may stand.*

that we rest in your abiding goodness, assured of your love for us all. Hear our prayers as we make them in Jesus' name, and continue them in the silence of our hearts...

## 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

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

## ANTHEM

### *Jauchzet dem Herrn*

Heinrich Schütz

(The anthem text can be found in Psalm 100.)

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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

Psalm 1

(p. 479)

## EPISTLE

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

(p. 226)

## GOSPEL

Mark 9:30-37

(p. 44)

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



**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**

*PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND CONSECRATION*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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**

**O Where Shall Wisdom be Found**

William Boyce

*(The offertory text can be found in Job 28.)*

**\*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**

**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 Blest Are They**

*Lobt Gott in seinem Heiligtum*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*Improvisation*

The liturgist today is the Rev. Megan LeCluyse. The Greeter is Shellie Unger, and the ushers are Miles Davis (Captain), Anten Kraemer, Doug O'Malley, Michael Smith, and Stella Tsai.

The chancel flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and in memory of Laurel Williams Greeley (Mrs. Richard Greeley) beloved sister-in-law, wife, and mother by Benjamin and Cynthia Greeley.

### MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Monday, September 24

Missions Committee

6:30 p.m.

### FPCQ BRUNCH - TODAY

The fpcQ group will gather for brunch today following the 11 a.m. service. We will meet in Old Buttonwood and walk to the Irish Pub. Please join us!

### NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS FOR CHILDREN

We would like to invite young children and their families to join us for a new Sunday School Class at First Church every Sunday from 10-10:30 a.m. in the Cochran Room! We will be following a rotational model that will explore themes of prayer, song, story, mission, and sacrament, and we plan on having a lot of fun doing so together! Please contact Sarah Weisiger ([sarah.weisiger@fpcphila.org](mailto:sarah.weisiger@fpcphila.org)) for more information!

### YOUNG ADULT GROUP

This Wednesday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 p.m., we will gather at First Church for fellowship and discussion being led by Pastor Jesse. For more information on the Young Adult Group contact Annie LeCluyse ([youngadults@fpcphila.org](mailto:youngadults@fpcphila.org)), and join the Young Adult fellowship group on Facebook.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR HABITAT WORKDAY

We need 5-7 volunteers on Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, when First Church works with Habitat's West Philadelphia Repair Initiative (WPRI) doing home repairs. NO skill or construction experience is necessary--just a readiness to help out! The work day is from 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. For information or to volunteer, please email [missions@fpcphila.org](mailto:missions@fpcphila.org) or speak with Cindy Elliott.

### SAVE THESE OCTOBER DATES! (DETAILED INFORMATION TO BE ANNOUNCED.)

**Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup>**, 11 a.m. worship - Service of Installation of the Rev. Dr. Baron A. Mullis  
**Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup>**, 4-6 p.m. at Germantown Cricket Club - A Celebration of the Ministry of the Rev. Jesse Garner

### 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](mailto:jerry.foote@fpcphila.org)).

**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](mailto:mac.mclarin@fpcphila.org)).

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A **COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY**, led by Delores Brisbon, meets on Tuesday mornings at the Old City Presbyterian Apartments (25 N. 4<sup>th</sup> Street). For information contact Delores Brisbon (deloresbrisbon2201@comcast.net).

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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**

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 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 Megan LeCluyse, *Celebration Team Leader*

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

Ms. Suzanne Riemann, *Church Administrator*

The Rev. Jerry K. Foote, *Director of Congregational Care*

The Rev. Sarah Weisiger, *Director of Membership Development*

Mrs. Patti Sassoli, *Director of Communications*

Ms. Annie LeCluyse, *Young Adult Leader*

The Reverend Barbara A. Chaapel

The Reverend Kenneth J. Ross

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