

# First Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia



## CELEBRATION!

August 25, 2019

Welcome

Rev. Sarah Weisiger

Opening Acclamation

Open our lips, O Lord,  
**And our mouths shall proclaim your praise!**

\*Song (insert)

**Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing**

\*Prayer

The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

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.

Seeing and Touching the Word

Reading the Word of God

Luke 13: 10-17

Alex & Amelia Weisiger

## \*The Apostles' Creed

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.

## Offering

(You may remain seated during the Doxology.)

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow, Praise God all crea-tures here be - low, Praise  
God a-bove ye heav'n - ly host, Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

## The Lord's Supper

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 God thanks and praise.**

### *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.**

The gifts of God for the people of God.

**Let us keep the feast!**

### *Prayer after Communion*

**God, who takes care of each one of us,**

**thank you for feeding us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation;**

**Now send us out into the world to tell everyone about your love.**

**Amen.**

\*Closing Song (insert)

**Now Go in Joy**

## Benediction and Going Forth

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the power of the Holy Spirit. Alleluia!**

**Welcome to First Presbyterian Church!**

We're delighted to have you here with us for the Celebration service of worship! The ministers are happy to answer any questions, but here's some information we think you may find helpful:

- Please sign in using the clipboard and attached sheet in the Beadle Room (across from the kitchen). If we don't already have your contact info, please leave us an e-mail address or other contact information.
- If you need an envelope for your offering (in order to get credit towards your pledge), there will be some on the same table as the clipboard. Just write your name on the envelope, and put it in the collection baskets when the children come around.
- Parking passes are available outside the church office window in the main hallway.
- If you or someone in your family needs gluten-free bread for communion, let us know and we'll make sure it's provided regularly.

**Twenties and Thirties (T&T) Group**

This Wednesday, August 28th, at 7:30 p.m. we will we will gather at First Church to either help with basement cleaning or play games. (Enter at 21st Street.) T&Ts will not meet for "First Sunday" brunch next week. Join us on Sunday, September 8th for a pool party; RSVP for more info! 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.

**Casserole Blitz - Aug. 31**

Our summer casserole blitz will be held on Saturday, August 31st, between 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. in the church kitchen. (Ring the buzzer and enter through the 21st Street door.) As always, the 30-40 casseroles we make will be used to feed those in need through the University City Hospitality Coalition. We have a lot of fun, enjoying coffee, doughnuts, and fellowship—and leave knowing we've accomplished something good for our community. If you can help, please contact Beverly Cowart ([cowart@monell.org](mailto:cowart@monell.org)).

**Join a Mission Trip to Mexico City! - October 12-19**

Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church has invited congregants of First Church to join their mission trip to the most vulnerable communities of Mexico City from October 12 - 19, 2019. We would be working with Urban Mosaic, an organization our church has supported for a number of years, and to which we have sent mission volunteers in the past few years. Working with the people in their communities is an amazing experience. On this trip we will be doing light construction work to build up their communities, and helping to organize health-care centers. We need to set a team by the first week in September, so please contact Beverly Cowart soon if you are interested.

**New Worship Space in Sanctuary**

Your worship committee has been considering possibilities to create an intimate worship space in the sanctuary for smaller services. Take a moment and explore our new "Prophet Chapel" in the West Transept. Using existing liturgical furniture that First Church has acquired through the years, we are pleased now to see that space emerge.