

First Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia



CELEBRATION!

February 25, 2018 - Second Sunday in Lent

Welcome

Rev. Megan LeCluyse

Opening Acclamation

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

*Song (insert)

Will You Come and Follow Me

*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.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of text, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Seeing and Touching the Word

***Confession of Faith**

We trust in Jesus Christ,
 Fully human, fully God.
 Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
 preaching good news to the poor
 and release to the captives,
 teaching by word and deed
 and blessing the children,
 healing the sick
 and binding up the brokenhearted,
 eating with outcasts,
 forgiving sinners,
 and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.
 Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
 Jesus was crucified,
 suffering the depths of human pain
 and giving his life for the sins of the world.
 God raised this Jesus from the dead,
 vindicating his sinless life,
 breaking the power of sin and evil,
 delivering us from death to life eternal.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
 we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
 and to live holy and joyful lives,
 even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
 praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

From the PCUSA Brief Statement of Faith

Offering

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)

We Will Walk with God

Christian Education

Sunday school for children (ages 5 and up) is held on Sundays at 9:45 a.m. in the Cochran Room. A Bible study of each Sunday's lectionary texts is led by Rev. Jesse Garner in the MacColl Room at 9:45 a.m.

Rev. Margaret Somerville Commissioning

Today, February 25, at 4 p.m., there will be a service at Gladwyne Presbyterian Church (1321 Beaumont Drive) to commission Rev. Margaret Somerville for her pastoral work in that church. Dr. Bob Robinson of United Seminary will preach.

Young Adult Group

This Wednesday, February 28th, at 7:30 p.m., we will gather at First Church (enter on the 21st Street side) for discussion-based fellowship. Join us next Sunday, March 4th, for Young Adult First Sunday Brunch after the 11 o'clock service Meet in Old Buttonwood Hall and we'll walk to the Irish Pub together to enjoy good food and fellowship. For more information on the Young Adult Group contact Annie LeCluyse (youngadults@fpcphila.org), and join the Young Adult fellowship group on Facebook.

A Lenten Journey

The season of Lent is a time for reflection, repentance, and soul-searching in the Christian life. A guide to assist in the practice of a spiritual discipline for Lent was prepared by the Rev. Barbara Chaapel; copies of the "Daily Examen for the Lenten Journey" are available in the church office or via email/mail (contact office@fpcphila.org or 215.567.0532).

Special Opportunity on Lenten Sundays

Each Sunday during Lent, the Rev. Barbara Chaapel will offer guided spiritual direction from 12:15 to 1:00 p.m. in the Whitefield Room (lower level). This is an opportunity to learn and experience a spiritual practice for Lent, and to share silence and guided reflection. Dates are Sundays, February 18 (today) and 25 as well as March 4, 11, 18, and 25.

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 for January 2018:



Average weekly attendance January 2018 (9 a.m. & 11 a.m.)	170
Budgeted giving for January	\$35,307
Total giving for January	\$39,208