

# First Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia



## CELEBRATION!

November 25, 2018

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Baron Mullis

Opening Acclamation

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

\*Song (insert)

**Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty**

\*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

**\*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**

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)      **I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me**

## 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 are delighted to have you here with us for the Celebration service of worship! The pastors are always happy to answer any questions you might have, but here is 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 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. Using multiple small bills to give to the different kids? Just put your name and your weekly total on a piece of paper, and put it in the basket as well so that the finance office will be aware.
- 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.

**Advent Events for All Ages - beginning next Sunday!**

Every Sunday in Advent there will be activities following our Celebration! service for all ages. Come at 10 a.m. to join in the fun with our youngest members. Next week (Dec. 2) we'll be making Advent wreaths in Old Buttonwood Hall. Please see the bulletin insert for the entire list of events happening during Advent.

**Twenties & Thirties - (Formerly Young Adults)**

This Wednesday, November 27th, at 7:30 p.m., we will gather at First Church for "friendsgiving" - food (potluck style), fellowship, and fun. Next Sunday, December 2nd, after the 11 o'clock service, join us for our monthly brunch at the Irish Pub. For more information on the Twenties & Thirties (T&T) Group contact Annie LeCluyse (youngadults@fpcphila.org), and join the Twenties & Thirties fellowship group on Facebook.

**The Giving Tree**

The Twenties & Thirties Group has set up a "Giving Tree" in Old Buttonwood Hall, in support of Valley Youth House. Select an ornament from the tree and purchase the item listed on the ornament; place new, unwrapped items with the ornament attached under the tree on or before Sunday, December 16. Contributions toward the purchase of gifts can be made by sending checks (payable to First Presbyterian Church) to the church office with "T&T Giving Tree" in the memo line. Contact Annie LeCluyse (youngadults@fpcphila.org) for information.

**Giving Tuesday - Nov. 27**

The Tuesday after Thanksgiving, #GivingTuesday, which this year falls on Nov. 27, is described by its organizers as "a global day of giving...to celebrate generosity worldwide." A Presbyterian #GivingTuesday webpage ([www.presbyterian-givingtuesday.org](http://www.presbyterian-givingtuesday.org)) offers several giving options for Presbyterian Mission and PC(USA) causes.

**Group Spiritual Direction for Advent**

On the four Sundays in Advent (December 2, 9, 16, and 23) the Rev. Barbara Chaapel will lead an experience of group spiritual direction from 9:45 to 10:45 in the Whitefield Room (lower level). This is an opportunity both to prepare for worship and to prepare for the gift of Christ's coming. Through silence, music, prayer, meditation, and shared reflection, we will attend to the Spirit of God present in our lives and in our gathered community during Advent. Whether you have been part of this group before, or want to experience it for the first time, you are warmly welcome. If you have questions, contact Barbara Chaapel (barbara.chaapel@fpcphila.org).

**Moving First Forward - Growing in Gratitude - Update**

Pledge update (as of November 20): we have received 88 pledges for a total of \$352,720 for 2019 Annual Giving. If you have not yet submitted your pledge for 2019, there's still time! Please complete a pledge card, available with the bulletins or in the church office. You can also pledge online at [www.fpcphila.org/make-a-pledge](http://www.fpcphila.org/make-a-pledge).