

# The Service for the Lord's Day

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Trinity Sunday

May 27, 2018

11:00 a.m.

When Christians speak about God as eternally triune in God's immanent [ie, internal] Trinity, they are affirming that God's activities of creating, saving, and sanctifying are not accidental but rather rooted in, and consistent with, the way God is eternally within God's own life. In this way, when the ancient church fathers originally articulated the doctrine of the Trinity, the immanent Trinity and the economic [ie, external actions of the] Trinity were inseparably connected.

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## WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Whether you are visiting today for the first time, or are a longtime member of this church, we are glad you're here.

The symbol of our church has long been “the open door.” We strive very hard to be just that, a community as diverse and hospitable as God’s kingdom. We don’t all look or act alike, and we certainly don’t all think alike. We come from many different faith traditions. We bring different questions, and we carry different burdens. But every Sunday, we worship together as one.

This is a very historic congregation. The first gatherings of the Presbyterian Church (USA) met in our church. Three of our members signed the Declaration of Independence. But we are not a museum or a monument to the past. Today we wrestle with the challenges of the modern world and bring our faith to bear on the contemporary issues facing this city just as did the founders of this church over three hundred years ago.

After the service, please stick around. If you have questions about the church and its ministries, or our historic building, please ask. We’d love to tell you about them. So have a cup of coffee with us. Introduce yourself to one of our clergy. You never know—you just might be home!

*Jesse Garner, 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** for ages 7-12 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](https://twitter.com/firstpresphilly), and join our hashtag campaign [#firstchurchlove](https://twitter.com/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**

**Song 13**

Percy Whitlock

**CANTICLE**

George Thalben-Ball

This is my commandment, that ye love one another as I have loved you.

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rev. Jesse Garner

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;  
the whole earth is full of God's glory.

*Isaiah 6:3*

**\*HYMN 138**

**Holy, Holy, Holy**

*Nicaea*

**\*SENTENCES**

Rev. Megan LeCluyse

Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,  
**ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.**  
Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name;  
**worship the LORD in holy splendor.**  
The voice of the LORD is over the waters;  
**and in God's temple all say, "Glory!"**

*Psalms 29:1-3, 9*

**\*PRAYER OF ADORATION**



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**WELCOME**

Rev. Jesse Garner

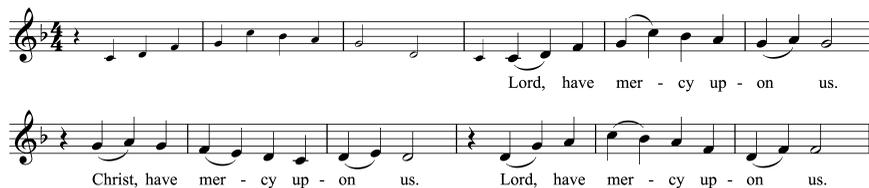
**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of grace, love, and communion, we confess that we have failed to love you with all our heart, soul, and mind; and to love our neighbor as ourselves. We have ignored your commandments, wandered from your way, and turned our back on those in need. Lord, have mercy on us. By the power of your Holy Spirit, raise us to new life that we may serve you faithfully all the days of our lives for the sake of Jesus Christ your Son. Hear now the confessions we offer in silence...

*\*Those who are able may stand.*

## KYRIE

Andrew Senn



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

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

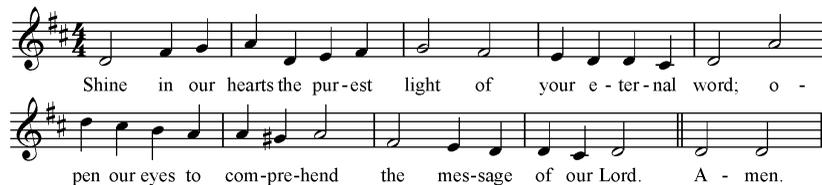
### If Ye Love Me

Thomas Tallis

If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the father, that He may give you another comforter, that He may bide with you forever, e'en the Spirit of truth.

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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

Isaiah 6:1-8

(p. 622)

## EPISTLE

Romans 8:12-17

(p. 154)

## GOSPEL

John 3:1-17

(p. 92)

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## \*GLORIA

*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

God Does as God Is

Rev. Jesse Garner

*In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord...  
Isaiah 6:1*

\*HYMN 139

Come, Thou Almighty King

*Italian Hymn*

\*CONFESSION OF FAITH

Rev. Megan LeCluyse

We worship one God in Trinity, and Trinity in Unity;  
**Neither confounding the Persons; nor dividing the Essence.**  
For there is one Person of the Father;  
**another of the Son; and another of the Holy Spirit.**  
But the Godhead of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,  
**is all one; the Glory equal, the Majesty coeternal.**  
So the Father is God; the Son is God; and the Holy Spirit is God.  
**And yet they are not three Gods; but one God.**  
The Father is made of none; neither created, nor begotten.  
**The Son is of the Father alone; not made, nor created; but begotten.**  
The Holy Spirit is of the Father and of the Son;  
**neither made, nor created, nor begotten; but proceeding.**  
And in this Trinity none is before, or after another;  
**none is greater, or less than another.**  
But the whole three Persons are coeternal, and coequal.  
**So that in all things, the Unity in Trinity,  
and the Trinity in Unity, is to be worshipped.**

*--adapted from the Athanasian Creed*

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Mexico Trip

Craig Boddorff & Cindy Elliott

OFFERTORY

Great Day

Moses Hogan

*Great day, the righteous marching, God's gonna build up Zion's walls.*  
We want no cowards in our band, we call for valiant-hearted men.  
Chariot rode on the mountain top, My God spoke and the chariot did stop.  
This is the day of jubilee, the Lord has set his people free.

\*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 263

Immortal, Invisible

*St. Denio*

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Allegro in C

Felix Mendelssohn

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We thank Tom Lever and Fran Kraemer for leading the music this morning while Andrew Senn is away.

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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 Rev. Garner'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 today is Rev. Megan LeCluyse. The Greeter is Delores Brisbon, and the ushers are Anten Kraemer (Captain), Fred Barfoot, Jennifer Gay, Doug O'Malley, and Don Williams.

The chancel flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and in memory of our dear aunt, Helen McCorkle, by Patti, Simone, and Sophia Sassoli.

**The church office will be closed tomorrow, May 28, for Memorial Day.**

### MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Wednesday, May 30

Columbarium Committee

10:00 a.m.

### NEW FIRST CHURCH PHOTO DIRECTORY

We are collecting photos from all families for a new photo directory! If you do not have a recent photograph we will be taking photos after worship today in Old Buttonwood Hall--look for Sarah Weisiger or Patti Sassoli. Digital photo files (jpg) may be sent to [communications@fpcphila.org](mailto:communications@fpcphila.org).

### YOUNG ADULT GROUP

This Wednesday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 p.m., we will meet by the statue coming off Spruce Street for fellowship and fun at Spruce Street Harbor Park (Penn's Landing). Next Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, after the 11 o'clock service, join us for our monthly brunch at the Irish Pub. 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.

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY - HABITAT

On Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, First Church will be doing home repairs with Habitat's West Philadelphia Repair Initiative (WPRI). No skill or construction experience is necessary - just a readiness to help out! The work day is from 8:30 to 3:30. For information or to volunteer, please email [missions@fpcphila.org](mailto:missions@fpcphila.org).

### NHJA ANGEL PICNIC

The National Homicide Justice Alliance (NHJA), a First Church Mission partner, invites the congregation to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Angel Picnic on Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, from 10:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. at Liberty Lands Park, 3<sup>rd</sup> & Poplar Streets. NHJA empowers survivors of murder victims to seek justice through education and advocacy. Additional information about the picnic can be found online at <https://bit.ly/2IzfN80> or contact the Missions Committee ([missions@fpcphila.org](mailto:missions@fpcphila.org)).

### WOMEN OF WIT & WISDOM

The Women of Wit and Wisdom will end our season with dinner at Positano's Restaurant, located in Old City at 212 Walnut Street, on Wednesday, June 6<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. The restaurant is

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easily accessible by public transportation. For those driving, there is street parking as well as two garages on Second Street between Walnut and Chestnut Streets. Please RSVP to the church office no later than Monday, June 4 ([office@fpcphila.org](mailto:office@fpcphila.org); 215-567-0532). Women of Wit and Wisdom will not meet in July and August.

### **INTERFAITH IFTAR DINNER**

Join members of the Rittenhouse interfaith community for an Iftar dinner, the daily “breaking the fast” at sundown during Ramadan. The dinner will be held at Trinity Memorial Church (22nd & Spruce) at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 6. A donation of \$10 per person is suggested. See Jesse Garner for more information.

### **UCHC CASSEROLE BLITZ**

The Missions Committee will once again be sponsoring a casserole blitz on Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup> to provide meals for the hungry through the University City Hospitality Coalition. Beginning at 8:30 a.m., we typically make 30-40 casseroles (which feed 8 times that many people) by 10 a.m. It’s a fun, gratifying way to spend a Saturday morning (and we have coffee and very good donuts)! Please contact Beverly Cowart ([missions@fpcphila.org](mailto:missions@fpcphila.org)) if you can participate.

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