

# The Service for the Lord's Day

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July 28, 2019

11:00 a.m.

“It may be that when the angels go about  
their task praising God, they play only Bach.  
I am sure, however, that when they are  
together *en famille* they play Mozart.”

—Karl Barth



*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 whether this is your first time here, or you have worshipped here for years, everyone enters this place with the profound welcome of Jesus Christ.

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** and **children's 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](https://twitter.com/firstpresphilly), and join our hashtag campaign [#firstchurchlove](https://twitter.com/firstchurchlove).

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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PRELUDE

Prelude in D flat

Frederick Chopin

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Reverend Dr. Baron Mullis

I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise;  
I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your  
steadfast love and your faithfulness; for you have exalted your name and your  
word above everything.

*Psalm 138:1-2*

\*HYMN (booklet)

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

*Old Hundredth*

\*SENTENCES

The Reverend Sarah Weisiger

On the day I called, you answered me, you increased my strength of soul.  
All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O LORD, for they have heard the words of  
your mouth.

**They shall sing of the ways of the LORD, for great is the glory of the LORD.  
For though the LORD is high, God regards the lowly; but the haughty God  
perceives from far away.**

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my  
enemies; you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me.

**The LORD will fulfill God's purpose for me; your steadfast love, O LORD, endures  
forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.**

*Psalm 138:3-8*

\*PRAYER OF ADORATION



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WELCOME

*\*Those who are able may stand.*

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All creation sings your praises, eternal God. The earth and the stars, the sun and the moon themselves offer silent testimony to your greatness. You alone are holy. You alone are good. Too often, our praises are stifled. We forget that you are the source of all blessings. Forgive our tentative praises, O Lord. Open our lips, that our mouths shall proclaim your praise. We offer these, and all our prayers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Hear now the confessions we offer in our hearts...

## KYRIE

Andrew Senn

Musical score for Kyrie, featuring organ and voice parts. The organ part is marked *mp* and the voice part is marked *mf*. The lyrics are: Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Believe the promise of the Gospel:  
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

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## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Musical score for Prayer for Illumination, featuring organ and voice parts. The lyrics are: 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 85

(p. 532)

## EPISTLE

Colossians 2:6-15

(p. 197)

## GOSPEL

Luke 11:1-13

(p. 71)

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

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

*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**

**How Can I Keep From Singing?**

The Congregation

*Hymns of our faith will comprise the proclamation of God's Word today.*

**\*APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,  
And in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;  
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the  
forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

**OFFERTORY**

**Aria (from Goldberg Variations)**

J. S. Bach

**\*PRESENTATION & DOXOLOGY**

*Old Hundredth*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise God all creatures here below,  
Praise God above ye heavenly host,  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. 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 (*booklet*)

**Now Thank We All Our God**

*Nun danket alle Gott*

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Nun lob, mein Seel, den Herren*

Dietrich Buxtehude

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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

Adult CE classes and Sunday School for young children and their families are on summer break and will resume in September. Contact Sarah Weisiger ([sarah.weisiger@fpcphila.org](mailto:sarah.weisiger@fpcphila.org)) for more information.

### 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.

The liturgist this morning is the Reverend Sarah Weisiger. The greeter is Heather Coyne, and the ushers are Bill Swoope (Captain), Fred Barfoot, João Magalhaes, Jon Rogers, and Rebecca Yep.

The chancel flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and in memory of my father, Ralph C. Schreyer, for what would have been his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on July 27, by Jim Schreyer.

### MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Thursday, August 1	Adult Christian Education Committee	3:00 p.m.
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### HYMN SING “SUNDAE” TODAY!

Today during the 11 a.m. worship service, we’re having an old-fashioned hymn sing in place of the sermon. Be sure to stay for fellowship hour after worship for an ice cream social!

### TWENTIES & THIRTIES (T&T) GROUP

This Wednesday, July 31<sup>st</sup> we’re going to see *The Lion King* at the University City theater at 7:15 p.m. RSVP by Tuesday, 7/30. On Saturday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, we will gather for a picnic at Baron & Lester’s place from 11-3. RSVP by Monday, July 29<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m. Next Sunday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, join us for our monthly brunch after the 11 a.m. worship service. 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.

### MASONRY AND ROOFING PROJECT UPDATE

Work continues on both the masonry and roofing projects. The scaffolding build is now complete, and all scaffolding will remain until the end of the masonry project. Due to a combination of weather and bureaucratic issues beyond First Church’s control, the masonry project did not start when originally planned, so the estimated time for project completion (and removal of scaffolding) has been pushed into the fall. As before, access to the church entrances is unaffected. Refer to our website ([www.fpcphila.org/masonry-roofing-project](http://www.fpcphila.org/masonry-roofing-project)) for more information.

### WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY

The Women’s Bible Study will hold its final meeting of the summer this Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Saxby’s Rittenhouse at 20<sup>th</sup> and Walnut Streets. The Women’s Bible Study will not meet in August, and will resume weekly meetings in September, with the specific date to be announced. For information contact Jerry Foote ([jerry.foote@fpcphila.org](mailto:jerry.foote@fpcphila.org)).



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