

# First Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia



## CELEBRATION!

September 29, 2019

Welcome

Rev. Megan LeCluyse

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

*(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, October 2nd, at 7:30 p.m. we will gather at First Church for fellowship and discussion. Next Sunday, October 6th, 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.

**fpcQ Brunch - Today!**

fpcQ will be gathering for brunch today, following the 11 a.m. worship service. We will gather in Old Buttonwood Hall and proceed together to our brunch destination.

**2019 Constitution Seminar - Continues Wednesday!**

Continuing this Wednesday, October 2nd, Will Harris leads our annual Constitution Seminar, entitled "Three Ways of Thinking — Biblical and Constitutional: Or How Does Creation Make Us Creative?" The series is presented in the MacColl Room on the next 2 Wednesdays (October 2, October 9) from 6:30-8 p.m., concluding on Saturday, October 12 from 10 a.m.-noon. While they build on each other, each session stands alone, so please join us!

**Adult Christian Education - *Lectio Divina* - Starts Next Sunday**

Beginning next Sunday, October 6th, from 9:45 - 10:45 a.m., Barbara Chaapel will lead an adult education session of *lectio divina* ("divine reading") using the lectionary texts for each Sunday. We will read the biblical text together and be led in contemplative reflection and sharing, listening for God's Word in our lives with what the Benedictines call "the ears of the heart." We invite anyone who wants to experience an old, yet new, approach to the Bible to join us. The series will continue each Sunday through November 3rd.

**First@Five Evensong - Next Sunday**

Next Sunday, October 6th, at 5 p.m., is the first of the choral evensong services being offered this fall on the first Sunday of each month. Join us in reflective service of glorious music and liturgy, and stay after the service to share in a light supper. More information is available on the insert in today's bulletin.

**Food Drive - Beginning in October**

From October 6th through November 3rd, First Church is sponsoring a food drive for Zia's food bank. More information is available on the insert in today's bulletin.

**Belonging • Believing • Becoming - 2019 Fall Program Guide - Available Now**

Be sure to get your copy of our new Fall Program Guide, available in the narthex and in the church office. The guide is also available on our website ([fpcphila.org](http://fpcphila.org)). The program guide contains an overview of everything that's going on at First Church through the end of the year.