

The Service for the Lord's Day

Seventh Sunday of Easter

June 2, 2019

11:00 a.m.

“Everything can be taken from a man but one thing: the last of the human freedoms—to choose one's attitude in any given set of circumstances, to choose one's own way.”

—Viktor E. Frankl
Man's Search for Meaning



The **FIRST**
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
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WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

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 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 21st 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 21st Street from Chestnut to Locust Streets and on the north side of Locust from 20th to 23rd. 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). Follow us on Instagram & Twitter @firstpresphilly, and join our hashtag campaign #firstchurchlove.

Visit our website to learn more, and subscribe to our email list: www.fpcphila.org

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Prière du Christ montant vers son Père
(Prayer of Christ ascending towards his Father)

Olivier Messiaen

CANTICLE

The Lord God Omnipotent reigneth. Let us rejoice and be glad and give honor unto him.
Alleluia.

George Thalben-Ball

CALL TO WORSHIP

The LORD is king! Let the earth rejoice; let the many coastlands be glad!
For you, O LORD, are most high over all the earth; you are exalted far above all
gods.

The Reverend Dr. Baron Mullis

Psalm 97:1, 9

*HYMN 155

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

Darwall's 148th

*SENTENCES

Clouds and thick darkness are all around the Lord; righteousness and justice are the
foundation of God's throne.

Fire goes before the Lord, and consumes God's adversaries on every side.

God's lightnings light up the world; the earth sees and trembles.

The mountains melt like wax before the LORD, before the Lord of all the earth.

**The heavens proclaim the Lord's righteousness; and all the peoples behold God's
glory.**

The Reverend Sarah Weisiger

Psalm 97:2-6

*PRAYER OF ADORATION



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WELCOME

MINUTE FOR MISSION

PhillySEEDS

Andrea Bowman

**Those who are able may stand.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, there are times when our motives are good, but what happens next is not. And there are times when our motives are impure, and yet good comes from it. Life is complex and sometimes we lose our way. Forgive us, we pray, for the ways that we injure others and ourselves. Remind us of the good purposes you intend for each of us. Renew and restore us, that all that we say and do might be pleasing in your sight. Hear now the prayers of our hearts...

KYRIE

Andrew Senn

Musical score for Kyrie, featuring two staves of music. The first staff is marked *Organ* and *mp*. The second staff 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!

ANTHEM

Coelos Ascendit Hodie

C.V. Stanford

*Coelos ascendit hodie Jesus Christus Rex
Gloriae: Sedet ad Patris dexteram, Gubernat
coelum et terram. Iam finem habent omnia
Patris Davidis carmina.
Iam Dominus cum Domino Sedet in Dei solio:
In hoc triumpho maximo Benedicamus Domino.
Laudetur Sancta Trinitas, Deo dicamus gratias,
Alleluia. Amen.*

Today into the heavens has ascended Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, Alleluia! He sits at the Father's right hand, and rules heaven and earth, Alleluia! Now have been fulfilled all of Father David's songs, Now God is with God, Alleluia! He sits upon the royal throne of God, in this his greatest triumph, Alleluia! Let us bless the Lord: Let the Holy Trinity be praised, let us give thanks to the Lord, Alleluia! Amen.

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Musical score for Prayer for Illumination, featuring two staves of music. 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.

NEW TESTAMENT	Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21	(p. 257)
GOSPEL	John 17:20-26	(p. 109)
NEW TESTAMENT	Acts 16:16-34	(p. 133)

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

**Doing the Right Thing for the Wrong Reason
 (And the Wrong Thing for the Right Reason)**

Dr. Mullis

*But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.
 Acts 16:8b*

***HYMN 408**

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

Germany

***NICENE CREED (Ecumenical Version)**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERTORY**God is Gone Up**

William Croft

God is gone up with a merry noise: and the Lord with the sound of the trump. O sing praises, sing praises unto our God: O sing praises, sing praises unto our King. For God is the King of all the earth: sing ye praises with understanding. Amen.

PRESENTATION & DOXOLOGYLasst 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 538*Lord, Dismiss Us***Sicilian Mariners****BENEDICTION****POSTLUDE****Improvisation**

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The liturgists this morning are the Reverend Sarah Weisiger and Sophia Sassoli. The Greeters are Kayla & Steve Krystek, and the ushers are Bill Swoope, Captain, Andrea Bowman, Judy Callan, Miles Davis, and Jennifer Gay.

The chancel flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and in memory of Nan Somerville's birthday by the Somerville and Roberts family in honor of her life of service and the beauty she brought into our lives.

Today in fellowship hour we will recognize the high school graduation of Sophia Sassoli to offer our best wishes as she begins college in the fall.

MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Monday, June 3	Congregational Care Team	11:00 a.m.
Thursday, June 6	Deacons	6:45 p.m.

TWENTIES & THIRTIES (T&T) GROUP

Join us this Wednesday, June 5th, at 6:30 p.m. when we help to hang the streamers for Pentecost. Afterwards, at 7 p.m. we'll go to Fergie's Pub for Philly Beer Week and "Motley Brew:" Christian, Muslim, & Jewish perspectives on life, faith, and fermentation. Join us Friday, June 7th, for Happy Hour with fpcQ. Next Sunday, June 9th, we will have our monthly brunch after the 11 o'clock service at the Irish Pub. To RSVP for events or for more information on the Twenties & Thirties Group, contact Annie LeCluyse (youngadults@fpcphila.org), and join the Twenties & Thirties fellowship group on Facebook.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE - TOMORROW!

The Missions Committee is sponsoring a Red Cross blood drive that will be held at the church in Old Buttonwood Hall on Monday, June 3, from 3-8 p.m. The need is great! To schedule an appointment, call 800-RED CROSS or visit redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code "First Presbyterian Church." Walk-ins are also welcome. Homemade snacks will be provided. Contact Susan Davis (susanm.davis@verizon.net) for more information.

FPCQ/T&T HAPPY HOUR

The Twenties & Thirties group has been invited to join the fpcQ group for Happy Hour at Larry and Mete's place in Fairmount. RSVP to Larry (fpcq@fpcphila.org) or Annie (youngadults@fpcphila.org).

WOMEN OF WIT & WISDOM

Join the Women of Wit and Wisdom for our final event of the 2018-19 season! We'll be going to dinner at LaScala's (615 Chestnut Street) at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, June 12. Free parking for the restaurant is available on 7th Street! Please RSVP by Wednesday, June 5, to womenwitwisdom@fpcphila.org; call or text Diane Rogers at (609) 980-5421 for more information.

MASONRY & ROOFING PROJECT

The initial phase of the FAMP capital projects has begun, as evidenced by the scaffolding around the church. We expect the overall project (and scaffolding) to last about 4 months, through the summer. Access to the church entrances should not be affected. Refer to our website (www.fpcphila.org/masonry-roofing-project) for more information.

SUNDAYS @ FIRST

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, held at 9:45 a.m. in the MacColl room, are on summer break and will resume in September. Sunday School for young children and their families is held at 9:45 a.m. in the Cochran Room. Contact Sarah Weisiger (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.

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