

The Service for the Lord's Day

All Saints' Communion

November 3, 2019

11:00 a.m.

“We have come from God, and inevitably the myths woven by us, though they contain error, will also reflect a splintered fragment of the true light, the eternal truth that is with God. Indeed only by myth-making, only by becoming 'sub-creator' and inventing stories, can Man aspire to the state of perfection that he knew before the Fall. Our myths may be misguided, but they steer however shakily towards the true harbour, while materialistic 'progress' leads only to a yawning abyss and the Iron Crown of the power of evil.”

—J. R. R. Tolkien



The **FIRST**
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
in PHILADELPHIA

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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

Psalm Prelude, Set 1, No. 2

Herbert Howells

“But the meek shall inherit the earth; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.” (Psalm 37:11)

CANTICLE

Introit for All Saints

Plainsong

Let us rejoice in the Lord our God, as we celebrate a feast day in honor of all the saints: because of whose solemnity the angels are jubilant and sing praise to the Son of God.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Mullis

Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song,
God’s praise in the assembly of the faithful.

Psalm 149:1

*HYMN (insert)

For All the Saints, Stanzas 1-6

Sine Nomine

*SENTENCES

Rev. LeCluyse

Let Israel be glad in its Maker; let the children of Zion rejoice in their King.
Let them praise the LORD’s name with dancing, making melody to God with tambourine and lyre.
For the LORD takes pleasure in God’s people; God adorns the humble with victory.
Let the faithful exult in glory; let them sing for joy on their couches.

Psalm 149:2-5

*PRAYER OF ADORATION



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WELCOME

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP

Believing

Beverly Cowart

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, remind us of our baptism as we prepare to come to your table. Remind us that you have chosen us, from the foundation of the world, to sing forth your praise. Remind us that your grace precedes our very lives. Remind us that it is in your grace we

**Those who are able may stand.*

rest when our days are ended. Forgive us when our lips have remained silent. Hear the prayers we offer in the silence of our hearts. And when our prayers have ended, open our lips, O Lord, that our mouths shall proclaim your praise...

KYRIE

Andrew Senn

mp
Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.
mf
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

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	Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18	(p. 813)
GOSPEL	Luke 6:20-31	(p. 63)
EPISTLE	Ephesians 1:3-14	(p. 188)

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

Inheritance

Dr. Mullis

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love.

Ephesians 1:3-4

***HYMN 515**

Now to Your Table Spread

Love Unknown

***THE HEIDELBERG CATECHISM, QUESTION 1**

Q. What is your only comfort in life and death?

A. That I am not my own, but belong with body and soul, both in life and in death, to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood, and has set me free from all the power of the devil. He also preserves me in such a way that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, all things must work together for my salvation. Therefore, by His Holy Spirit He also assures me of eternal life and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live for Him.

OFFERTORY

O What Their Joy

Healey Willan

O what their joy and their glory must be,
Those endless Sabbaths the blessed ones see;
Crown for the valiant, to weary ones, rest;
God shall be all, and in all ever blessed.

Truly, Jerusalem, name we that shore,
City of peace that brings joy evermore;
Wish and fulfillment are not severed there,
Nor do things prayed for come short of the prayer.

There, where no troubles distraction can bring,
We the sweet anthems of Zion shall sing;
While for Thy grace, Lord, their voices of praise
Thy blessed people eternally raise.

Low before Him with our praises we fall,
Of whom, and in whom, and through whom
are all;
Of whom, the Father; and in whom, the Son,
Through whom, the Spirit, with Them ever
One. Amen.

***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.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 our thanks and praise.

SANCTUS (*insert*)

ACCLAMATION

Great is the mystery of faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

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.

These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

Let us keep the feast.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

Communion is served by intinction; when you come forward, take a piece of bread and dip it in the chalice.

Gluten-free bread is available in the center of each plate. If you are unable to come forward, please alert the usher and you will be served in your place.

MOTET

*O quam gloriosum est regnum, in quo cum Christo
gaudent omnes Sancti! Amicti stolis albis, sequuntur
Agnum, quocumque ierit.*

O Quam Gloriosum

O how glorious is the kingdom in which all the
saints rejoice with Christ, clad in robes of
white they follow the Lamb wherever he goes.

Tomas Luis de Victoria

*HYMN (*insert*)

For All the Saints, Stanzas 7-11

Sine Nomine

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Epilogue

Howells

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About the hymn *For All the Saints*:

For All the Saints was written by the Anglican Bishop of Wakefield, William How, as a processional hymn (bear in mind the size of the English Cathedrals!); it was first printed in *Hymns for Saints' Days, and Other Hymns*, by Earl Nelson, 1864. Most hymnals today employ only a portion of the hymn, always omitting the stanzas referring to the Apostles, Evangelists, and Martyrs—and many cases even more. Rather than not telling the “whole” story and excluding these persons from the communion of saints, we today sing the hymn in its entirety—the first part to begin our celebration, and the latter part to close.

The greeter this morning is Liz Collins, and the ushers are Jim Schreyer (Captain), Fred Barfoot, Miles Davis, Stella Tsai, and Don Williams.

The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God by Jim Schreyer, and to recognize two November birthdays, honoring my mother, Marie D. Schreyer, on November 6, and in memory of my beloved Randy, on November 28, this year's Thanksgiving Day.

MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Monday, November 4 Congregational Care Team 11:00 a.m.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - NOVEMBER 17

A congregational meeting has been called to vote on a recommendation of governance changes for First Church. Information sessions about the governance changes are upcoming; information is also available in the church office and on the church website. If you are unable to attend an information session, please send questions to the Governance task force (cynthia.decrucq@fpcphila.org). The congregational meeting will be held in the sanctuary, immediately following the 11 o'clock worship service.

TWENTIES & THIRTIES (T&T) GROUP

Join us today for our T&T Brunch after the 11 o'clock service. Meet in Old Buttonwood Hall and we'll walk to the Irish Pub together. We will not be meeting this Wednesday, November 6th. Join us next Saturday, November 9th, at 10 a.m. for a hike. We will meet at the Valley Green Inn and hike in that area. RSVP if you are coming so we can make sure you have a ride. For more information on the T&T Group, contact Annie LeCluyse (youngadults@fpcphila.org), and join the Twenties & Thirties fellowship group on Facebook.

GEN X OUTING - TODAY!

Today following the worship service, come get to know fellow 40/50s and build relationships at First Church over a meal sponsored by the Membership and Evangelism Committee. Meet in Old Buttonwood Hall.

WILLIAM PENN AND THE HOLY EXPERIMENT: RELIGIOUS LIBERTY THEN AND NOW

To celebrate the 375th anniversary of the birth of William Penn (1644-1718), our November Adult CE classes will explore William Penn's legacy, especially that of religious liberty. Next Sunday, November 10th, Nancy Gibbs, a local Friends leader and educator, will give us a brief history of the Society of Friends, and outline Penn's ambitions to establish a colony unique among American settlements in its religious toleration. Please join us in the MacColl Room at 9:45 a.m.

MANNA'S PIE IN THE SKY

Indulge yourself and help support MANNA this holiday season with its Pie in the Sky annual fundraiser! MANNA, a non-profit that started 30 years ago in the kitchen of First Church, provides nourishing meals to clients who are battling life-threatening illnesses. For every pie sold, MANNA is able to prepare and deliver a hot Thanksgiving meal to one of its clients. Pies are pre-ordered online at mannapies.org or by calling MANNA (215-496-2662 x136) through

November 22nd, and picked up at one of fifty local businesses the week of Thanksgiving.

WOMEN OF WIT & WISDOM

Join us in Old Buttonwood Hall on Thursday, November 14th at 1 p.m. for the screening of the acclaimed documentary “Sisters in Freedom,” which tells the story of black and white American women who came together to advocate for equality in the 1830’s. All women are welcome! RSVP to womenwitwisdom@fpcphila.org or text or call Diane Rogers at (609)980-5421.

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 are held at 9:45 a.m. in the MacColl room. Sunday School class 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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The Reverend Barbara A. Chaapel

The Reverend Kenneth J. Ross

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For All the Saints

Sine Nomine

William Walsham How

Ralph Vaughan Williams



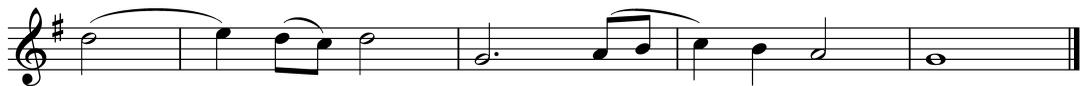
1. For all the saints who from their labors rest, who
 2. Thou was their Rock, their For - tress, and their Might;
 3. For the A - pos - tles' glo - rious com - pa - ny,
 4. For the E - van - ge - lists, by whose blest word,
 5. For Mar - tyrs, who with rapt - ture kin - dled eye,



thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
 thou, Lord, their Cap - tain in the well fought fight;
 who bear - ing forth the Cross o'er land and sea,
 like four - fold streams, the gar - den of the Lord, is
 saw the bright crown de - scend - ing from the sky, and



name, O Je - sus, be for - e - ver blest.
 thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true Light.
 shook all the might - y world, we sing to thee.
 fair and fruit - ful, be thy name a - dored.
 see - ing, grasped it, thee we glo - ri - fy.



Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

6. O may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,
 fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
 and win with them the victor's crown of gold.
 Alleluia, Alleluia.

7. O blest communion, fellowship divine!
 We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
 yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
 Alleluia, Alleluia.

8. And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
 steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
 and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.
 Alleluia, Alleluia.

9. The golden evening brightens in the west;
 soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest;
 sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.
 Alleluia, Alleluia.

10. But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day;
 the saints triumphant rise in bright array;
 the King of Glory passes on his way.
 Alleluia, Alleluia.

11. From earth's wide bound, from ocean's farther coast,
 through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
 singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
 Alleluia, Alleluia. Amen.

Sanctus & Benedictus

Andrew Senn

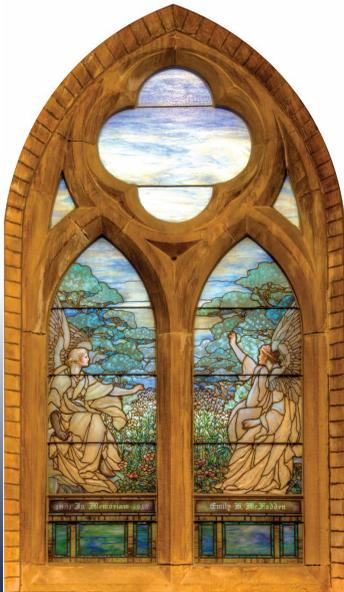
mp *mf*
Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly

Lord, God of power and might, hea-ven and earth are full of your

f *mp*
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bles - sed is he who

f
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The musical score is written on four staves in treble clef. The first staff is in 4/4 time and features dynamic markings *mp* and *mf*. The second staff changes to 6/8 time. The third and fourth staves return to 4/4 time, with the third staff featuring *f* and *mp* markings, and the fourth staff featuring *f*. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables across multiple notes.



On the first Sunday of each month

First@Five

Choral Evensong

Sunday, November 3 @ 5 pm