

The Service for the Lord's Day

September 3, 2017

11:00 a.m.

Out of love for the truth and from desire to elucidate it, the Reverend Father Martin Luther, Master of Arts and Sacred Theology, and ordinary lecturer therein at Wittenberg, intends to defend the following statements...

52. It is vain to trust in salvation by indulgence letters, even though the indulgence commissary, or even the pope, were to offer his soul as security.
53. They are the enemies of Christ and the pope who forbid altogether the preaching of the Word of God in some churches in order that indulgences may be preached in others.
54. Injury is done to the Word of God when, in the same sermon, an equal or larger amount of time is devoted to indulgences than to the Word.
55. It is certainly the pope's sentiment that if indulgences, which are a very insignificant thing, are celebrated with one bell, one procession, and one ceremony, then the gospel, which is the very greatest thing, should be preached with a hundred bells, a hundred processions, a hundred ceremonies.

From the *Disputation on the Power of Indulgences*, or the *Ninety-five Theses*,
Martin Luther (1517)



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WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

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** for ages 7-12 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 Park America 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

Variations on a Theme of Clement Jannequin

Jehan Alain

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Jesse Garner

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers,
let them deny themselves, take up their cross and follow me.

Matthew 16:24

*HYMN 191

God is Our Refuge

Winchester Old

*SENTENCES

Elder Michael Smith

O give thanks to the LORD, and call on God's name;
make known the deeds of the Lord among all peoples.

Sing to the Lord, sing praise;

tell of all God's wonderful works.

Glory in God's holy name,

and let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

Psalm 105:1-3

*PRAYER OF ADORATION



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WELCOME

Rev Jesse Garner

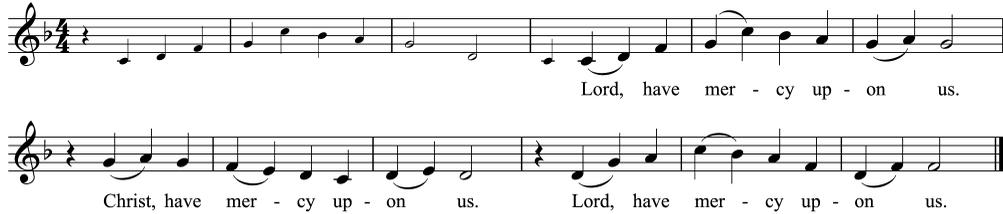
PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, we confess that we have not loved one another with mutual affection, nor outdone each other in showing honor. We have not rejoiced in hope, been patient in suffering, or persevered in prayer. We have let vengeance burn in our hearts, and sought to repay evil with more evil. Lord, have mercy upon us. For Jesus' sake, forgive our sin, and by the power of your Spirit, create within us new and loving hearts that we may always seek to overcome evil with good. Hear the prayers we offer now in silence...

**Those who are able may stand.*

KYRIE

Andrew Senn



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

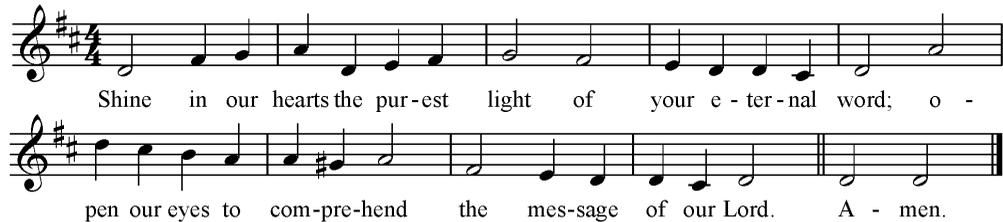
Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Brothers and sisters, believe the good news.
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

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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

Exodus 3:1-15

(p. 49)

EPISTLE

Romans 12:9-21

(p. 158)

NEW TESTAMENT

Matthew 16:21-28

(p. 18)

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

Blood Feuds

Rev. Jesse Garner

*Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.
Romans 12:21*

*HYMN 393

Take Up Your Cross

Bourbon

*THE APOSTLES' CREED

Elder Michael Smith

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

OFFERTORY

The Suspended Garden

Alain

*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.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

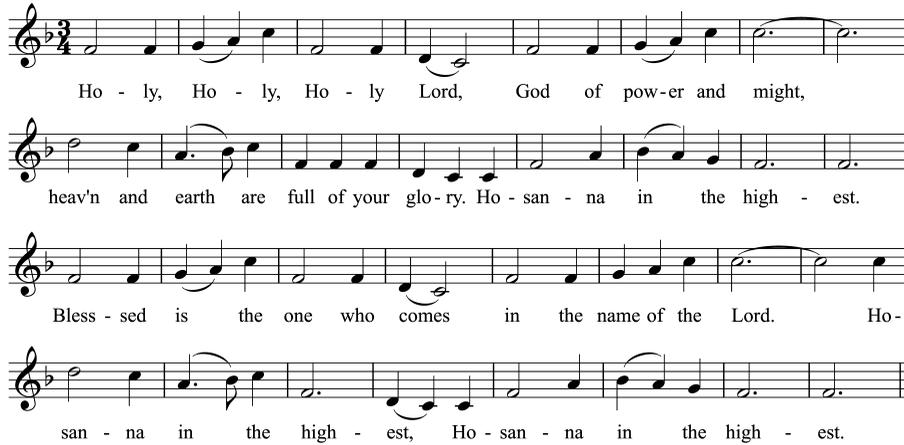
We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

SANCTUS

Land of Rest



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - sed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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

*HYMN 447

Lead On, O King Eternal

Lancashire

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Litanies

Alain

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The liturgist today is Mr. Michael Smith. The Greeter is Larry Slagle, and the ushers are Miles Davis, Captain, Joshua Banks, Fred Barfoot, Judy Callan, and Lloyd Doletski.

The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of my grandson, Kevin Callan McGinley, by Judy Callan. He was awesome. "Those we have held in our arms for a little while we hold in our hearts forever."

The church office will be closed tomorrow, September 4th, for Labor Day.

NEW CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Effective Tuesday, September 5th, the church office hours will be 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday - Friday. Anyone needing access to the church building between the hours of 2 and 5 p.m. must make arrangements ahead of time with Sue Riemann, Church Administrator.

MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Tuesday, September 5	PNC Meeting	6:30 p.m.
Thursday, September 7	Annual Giving Team	6:30 p.m.

YOUNG ADULT GROUP

On Wednesday, September 6th, at 7:30 p.m. we will meet at First Church to return to discussion-based fellowship; enter on the 21st Street side. Next Sunday, September 10th, is our monthly Young Adult Brunch after the 11 o'clock service. Meet in Old Buttonwood Hall after worship and we'll walk to the Irish Pub together to enjoy good food and fellowship. If you are a first time Young Adult please join us as our guest. For more information on the Young Adult Group contact Annie LeCluyse (youngadults@fpcphila.org), and join the Young Adult Fellowship Group on Facebook.

URBAN MOSAIC

Large numbers of unreached peoples are congregating in urban slums around the world. By 2050, 40% of the world's population will be located in urban slums. Urban Mosaic in Mexico City is addressing this issue, and First Church is joining with them. We need at least 2-3 more participants from First Church to make the trip work! If you would be interested in participating in a week-long missions trip to Mexico City, October 7 – 14, please contact the Missions committee (missions@fpcphila.org) or Rev. Garner (jesse.garner@fpcphila.org).

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School for Children & Youth resumes next Sunday, September 10th, at 9:45 am.

WELCOME LUNCH

The Deacons invite everyone to the annual Welcome Lunch in Old Buttonwood Hall following the 11 am worship service on Sunday, September 17th. All are welcome and no reservations are needed. Please join us.

INTERESTED IN FIRST CHURCH?

If you would like to learn more about First Church and how you can be a part of the life and ministry of the church, you're invited to attend one of our new member classes. Classes are informal and explore what Presbyterians believe, what membership means, and how to get involved at First Church. Contact Jesse (jesse.garner@fpcphila.org) for more information.

SUNDAYS @ FIRST

CELEBRATION!

Celebration! is an interactive 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. on Sunday mornings. Sunday school for children (ages 5 and up) will resume September 10th.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

Each Sunday immediately following 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.

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