

The Service for the Lord's Day

October 6, 2019

11:00 a.m.



"I'm in the market for an easier religion."



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

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

The Celestial Banquet

Olivier Messiaen

CANTICLE

George Thalben-Ball

O praise a God in his holiness; praise him in the firmament of his power.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Mullis

Trust in the LORD, and do good; so you will live in the land, and enjoy security.

Take delight in the LORD, and God will give you the desires of your heart.

Psalm 37:3-4

*HYMN 416

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

Westminster Abbey

*SENTENCES

Rev. Weisiger

Commit your way to the LORD; trust in God, and the LORD will act.

God will make your vindication shine like the light, and the justice of your cause like the noonday.

Be still before the LORD, and wait patiently for God; do not fret over those who prosper in their way, over those who carry out evil devices. Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath. Do not fret--it leads only to evil.

For the wicked shall be cut off, but those who wait for the LORD shall inherit the land.

Psalm 37:5-9

*PRAYER OF ADORATION



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WELCOME

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, in every age you have raised up men and women to live and die in faith. We confess sometimes we miss that mark. You call us to proclaim your name, but we are silent. You call us to do what is just, but we remain idle. You call us to live

**Those who are able may stand.*

faithfully, but we are afraid. In your mercy, forgive us. Give us the courage to follow in your way. Joined with those from ages past, may we inherit the crown of righteousness you promised in Jesus Christ, in whose name our prayers now continue...

KYRIE

Andrew Senn

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Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.
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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

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

(p. 856)

GOSPEL

Luke 17:5-10

(p. 78)

EPISTLE

2 Timothy 1:1-14

(p. 208)

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

Lois and Eunice

Dr. Mullis

*I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother
Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you.
2 Timothy 1:5*

*HYMN 504

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

Union Seminary

*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

O Sacrum Convivium

Messiaen

*O sacrum convivium! In quo Christus
sumitur: recolitur memoria passionis ejus:
mens impletur gratia: et futurae gloriae
nobis pignus datur. Alleluia.*

O sacred banquet! In which Christ is
received, the memory of his Passion is
renewed, the mind is filled with grace,
and a pledge of future glory to us is
given. Alleluia.

*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 *(sung by the choir)*

Andrew Senn

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

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

*Ave, verum corpus natum de Maria Virgine:
vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine:
cuius latus perforatum unda fluxit et sanguine:
esto nobis praegustatum, in mortis examine.
In nobis miserere mei. Amen.*

Ave Verum

Hail the true body, born of the Virgin Mary: You who truly suffered and were sacrificed on the cross for the sake of man. From whose pierced flank flowed water and blood: Be a foretaste for us in the trial of death. O sweet, O merciful, O Jesus, Son of Mary. Have mercy on me. Amen.

Charles Gounod

*HYMN 421

The Church of Christ in Every Age

Wareham

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Improvisation

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The liturgist this morning is the Rev. Sarah Weisiger. The greeters are Heidi Artigue & Isaac Smith, and the ushers are Anten Kraemer (Captain), Pam Bierce, Lloyd Doletski, Benjamin Greeley, and João Magalhaes.

The chancel flowers are dedicated to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Susanne Lang, loving wife and mother and faithful Deacon of this church, by Susy & Gary Christensen.

MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Monday, October 7	Congregational Care Team	11:00 a.m.
Thursday, October 10	Membership & Evangelism	5:30 p.m.

TWENTIES & THIRTIES (T&T) GROUP

Join us today after the 11 a.m. worship service for our monthly brunch. Meet in Old Buttonwood Hall after the service and we'll walk to the Irish Pub. This Tuesday, October 8th, from 7:30-9:30 p.m., we are volunteering at Books Through Bars (4722 Baltimore Ave). Next Sunday, October 13th, at 3:30 p.m., we'll meet at church and go to Linvilla Orchard for an evening of apple picking, a hayride and fellowship. RSVP by Friday, October 11th if you plan to attend. For more information on the T&T Group, contact Annie LeCluyse (youngadults@fpcphila.org), and join the Twenties & Thirties fellowship group on Facebook.

2019 CONSTITUTION SEMINAR

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

MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP

Men's Breakfast Group will meet for breakfast and fellowship next Saturday, October 12th, at 9:30 a.m. at DiBruno Brothers, 1730 Chestnut Street. Purchase breakfast/coffee downstairs and then come upstairs where we will pull some tables together and hang out. There's no agenda and no time limit. For information contact Mac McLarin (mac.mclarin@fpcphila.org).

ADULT CE - LECTIO DIVINA

Each Sunday through November 3rd 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.

"SOUL TALK"

All women of the church and their guests are warmly invited to hear Barbara Chaapel present "Soul Talk," exploring the spiritual wisdom of poems and their role in creating community. Join

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us for an evening of wine, hors-d'oeuvres, and poetry on Wednesday, October 16th, from 6:30 - 8:30. p.m. RSVP by October 14 to Diane Rogers (womenwitwisdom@fpcphila.org), or text or call her at (856) 727-1381. Parking and child care will be available. Please bring an hors-d'oeuvre to share. We look forward to seeing you!

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 Dr. Baron A. Mullis, *Pastor and Head of Staff*

The Reverend Megan LeCluyse, *Celebration Team Leader*

Mr. Andrew Senn, *Director of Music and Organist*

Ms. Suzanne Riemann, *Church Administrator*

The Reverend Jerry K. Foote, *Minister for Congregational Care*

The Reverend Sarah Weisiger, *Minister for Membership and Faith Formation*

Mrs. Patti Sassoli, *Director of Communications*

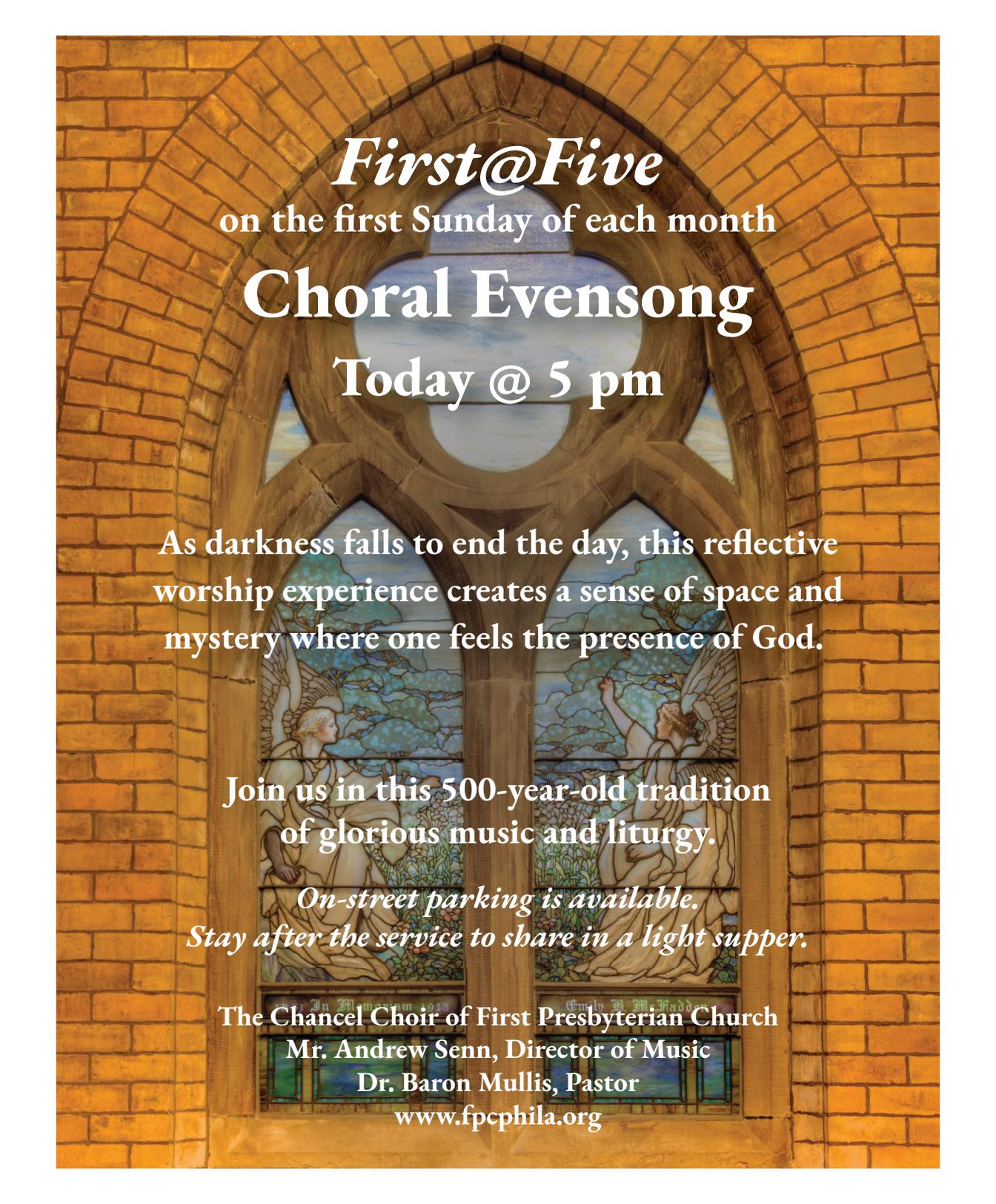
Ms. Annie LeCluyse, *Young Adult Leader*

The Reverend Barbara A. Chaapel

The Reverend Kenneth J. Ross

The Reverend Herbert D. Valentine

Parish Associates



First@Five
on the first Sunday of each month

Choral Evensong

Today @ 5 pm

As darkness falls to end the day, this reflective worship experience creates a sense of space and mystery where one feels the presence of God.

Join us in this 500-year-old tradition
of glorious music and liturgy.

*On-street parking is available.
Stay after the service to share in a light supper.*

The Chancel Choir of First Presbyterian Church
Mr. Andrew Senn, Director of Music
Dr. Baron Mullis, Pastor
www.fpcphila.org



Zia was created in 2015 to address food insecurity, a major issue for many Philadelphians, especially children. First Church is partnering with Zia for its Breakfast in the Classroom initiative at Laura W. Waring Elementary (18th & Green Sts.), where 100% of the students live at or below poverty level.

Please join us at 9:45 on October 20th to learn more about Zia's efforts (and many flexible volunteer opportunities). More information is available at www.ziafood.org.

Contact Paula Gross (paulajgross@gmail.com) for information on volunteering.

ZIA FOOD DRIVE

October 6th - November 3rd

First Church is sponsoring a food drive for Zia's food bank operated at Laura W. Waring Elementary School. This food bank provides the ingredients for 8-10 meals a month for almost 30 member families. The following non-perishable items can be dropped off in Old Buttonwood Hall and will be added to fresh food that Zia secures for the Food Bank, to provide complete balanced meals.

Skippy peanut butter
Welch's grape jelly
Swanson chicken or beef broth
Ken's Italian dressing

Hellmann's Mayonnaise
Parmalat Milk
Spices (cinnamon, oregano, garlic powder, chili powder, etc.)