

First Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia



CELEBRATION!

April 7, 2019 - Fifth Sunday in Lent

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Baron Mullis

Opening Acclamation

Open our lips, O Lord,
And our mouths shall proclaim your praise!

*Song (insert)

How Firm a Foundation

*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

Reading the Word of God

Isaiah 43:16-21

Alex Weisiger

***Confession of Faith**

We trust in Jesus Christ,
Fully human, fully God.
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor
and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed
and blessing the children,
healing the sick
and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts,
forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.
Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
Jesus was crucified,
suffering the depths of human pain
and giving his life for the sins of the world.
God raised this Jesus from the dead,
vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil,
delivering us from death to life eternal.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

From the PCUSA Brief Statement of Faith

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)

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

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 & Thirties Group (formerly Young Adults)

Join us today for T&T Brunch after the 11 o'clock service. Meet in Old Buttonwood Hall after worship and we'll walk to the Irish Pub together. This Wednesday, April 10th at 6:30 p.m. (note the time change) we will step out into the community for dinner with the students at the Christian Association at UPenn (118 S. 37th Street, 19104). Meet at the CA located off of 37th Street between Sansom and Chestnut on the west side of the street. For more information on the Twenties & Thirties Group, contact Annie LeCluyse (youngadults@fpcphila.org), and join the Young Adult fellowship group on Facebook.

Band of Boomers Spring Event - Today!

The spring Band of Boomers event will be a trip to Adventure Aquarium in Camden, NJ today at 1 p.m. We will meet in Old Buttonwood Hall after the 11 o'clock service and coordinate transportation. We will then eat lunch at the Aquarium upon arrival.

Bike Ride on the Schuylkill River Trail - This Saturday, April 13

It's time to get that bike out and join us for a ride on the Schuylkill River Trail on Saturday, April 13th! We'll meet at 10 a.m. at the Locust St. entrance to the trail (25th & Locust) and enjoy an easy ride to Conshohocken (@ 1 hr.) where we'll have lunch (location TBD). When we're ready, we'll ride back to where we started. This is a beautiful ride along the river (almost no hills), and you don't have to be a "bike jock" to do it. Contact Mac McLarin (william.mclarin@gmail.com, 804-307-8740) for more information.

Procession of Palms - Next Sunday

Next Sunday, April 14th, First Church will join with other Rittenhouse Square neighborhood congregations for the procession of palms to mark Palm Sunday. Participants can join the procession and walk as long as they wish, with various congregations dropping off along the way. The procession begins at the goat statue in Rittenhouse Square at 10:15 sharp, and stops first at Church of the Holy Trinity (19th & Walnut) before making its way to First Church at 10:30. Those who wish to remain at First Church may do so; the procession will continue to Trinity Memorial Church (22nd & Spruce), St. Patrick's Church (20th & Locust), and conclude at 11 am at Church of the Holy Trinity.

fpcQ BRUNCH - Next Sunday

Let's enjoy the burst of spring and have brunch together next Sunday, April 14th. Meet in Old Buttonwood Hall following the 11 a.m. service.