

The Service for the Lord's Day

July 7, 2019

11:00 a.m.

“The church is God saying: ‘I’m throwing a banquet, and all these mismatched, messed-up people are invited. Here, have some wine.’”

—Rachel Held Evans

Searching for Sunday: Loving, Leaving, and Finding the Church



The **FIRST**
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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

Intermezzo in A major

Johannes Brahms

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Reverend Dr. Baron Mullis

Sing praises to the LORD, O you faithful ones, and give thanks to God's holy name.

Psalm 30:4

*HYMN 460

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

Grosser Gott

*SENTENCES

The Reverend Megan LeCluyse

Let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest-time, if we do not give up.

So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

Galatians 6:9-10,14

*PRAYER OF ADORATION



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WELCOME

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, remind us of the promises of our baptism as we prepare to come to your table. Remind us that you have promised never to leave us. Remind us that faith is a free gift of grace. Remind us that we can neither earn nor purchase your love. And reminding us of all these things, then let us be honest with you and ourselves about our failings. We have retreated from your grace and allowed ourselves to believe we are the masters of our destiny. Forgive our hubris, and restore us to wholeness, for we offer these prayers, and those in the silence of our heart, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord...

**Those who are able may stand.*

KYRIE

Andrew Senn

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

The musical score is written on two staves. The first staff is for the organ, starting with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a 4/4 time signature. It begins with a whole rest, followed by a series of quarter notes: C4, D4, E4, F4, G4, A4, B4, C5. The dynamic marking *mp* is placed above the staff. The lyrics "Lord, have mer - cy up - on us." are written below the notes. The second staff is for the voice, starting with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat, and a 4/4 time signature. It begins with a whole rest, followed by a series of quarter notes: C4, D4, E4, F4, G4, A4, B4, C5. The dynamic marking *mf* is placed above the staff. The lyrics "Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us." are written below the notes.

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.

The musical score is written on two staves. The first staff is for the organ, starting with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. It begins with a whole rest, followed by a series of quarter notes: C4, D4, E4, F#4, G4, A4, B4, C5. The lyrics "Shine in our hearts the pur-est light of your e-ter-nal word; o -" are written below the notes. The second staff is for the voice, starting with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp, and a 4/4 time signature. It begins with a whole rest, followed by a series of quarter notes: C4, D4, E4, F#4, G4, A4, B4, C5. The lyrics "pen our eyes to com-pre-hend the mes-sage of our Lord. A - men." are written below the notes.

GOSPEL

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

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OLD TESTAMENT

2 Kings 5:1-19a

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OLD TESTAMENT

2 Kings 5:19b-27

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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

An Odd Cure

Dr. Mullis

So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

2 Kings 5:14

*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

Alleluia (from Exultate Jubilate)

W. A. Mozart

*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

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.

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; come forward when guided by the usher, 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.

***HYMN 399**

We Walk by Faith

Dunlap's Creek

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Improvisation

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The soloist this morning is Caitlin Daly.

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 and Sunday School for young children and their families are on summer break and will resume in September. 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.

The liturgist this morning is the Reverend Megan LeCluyse. The Greeters are Ken & Morgan Minturn, and the ushers are Dave Nave(Captain), Fred Barfoot, Jennifer Gay, Anten Kraemer, and Don Williams.

MEETINGS THIS WEEK

There are no meetings this week.

TWENTIES & THIRTIES (T&T) GROUP

Join us today after the 11 a.m. worship service for our monthly T&T brunch. Meet in Old Buttonwood Hall after the service and we'll walk to the Irish Pub. With the many T&T events going on this week we will not be having our regular weekly gathering this Wednesday. For more information on the T&T Group, contact Annie LeCluyse (youngadults@fpcphila.org), and join the Twenties & Thirties fellowship group on Facebook.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Women's Bible Study, which meets weekly on Tuesday evenings at 7 pm has changed its location during the month of July. The Bible study will be held at Saxby's Rittenhouse at 20th and Walnut. The Women's Bible Study will not meet in August. For information contact Jerry Foote (jerry.foote@fpcphila.org).

BAKE-OFF - JULY 14TH

Next Sunday the T&Ts are sponsoring Fellowship with a friendly "bake-off" after both services! Members of the Twenties & Thirties group are baking items of their choice, and the congregation will vote on the item they like best! Be there to enjoy tasty treats and place your vote!

HYMN SING!

We are going to have an old-fashioned hymn sing on Sunday, July 28th during the 11 a.m. worship service in place of the sermon. Be sure to submit a favorite hymn using the insert in today's bulletin and next week's bulletin. On Sunday, July 21st, we will have a drawing during the service to select 10 hymns at random.



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