

The Service for the Lord's Day

World Communion Sunday

October 7, 2018

11:00 a.m.

“A human being is a part of the whole called by us universe, a part limited in time and space. He experiences himself, his thoughts and feeling as something separated from the rest, a kind of optical delusion of his consciousness. This delusion is a kind of prison for us, restricting us to our personal desires and to affection for a few persons nearest to us. Our task must be to free ourselves from this prison by widening our circle of compassion to embrace all living creatures and the whole of nature in its beauty.”

Albert Einstein



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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 members and guests alike enter to worship with the same profound welcome.

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 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

Improvisation

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Jesse Garner

Oh taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in the Lord.

*HYMN 268

God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

Holy Manna

*SENTENCES

God is Love,
And those who abide in love abide in God,
And God abides in them.

1 John 4:16b

*PRAYER OF ADORATION



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WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Baron Mullis

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and eternal God, from the foundation of the world, you have chosen us for redemption. You commanded all living things into being, but when it came to humankind, you fashioned our bodies from the clay of the earth and breathed life into us. Made in your image, we have striven for lesser things. Given lives meant to be full of generosity of spirit, we have rushed past one another, thought little of others, and failed to live as your beacons of grace. So remind us of the promises of the Gospel as we prepare to come to your table. Remind us, that even now, you are working wonderfully within us. Hear our prayers...

**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.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

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

ANTHEM

This is the Hour

Richard Shephard

This is the hour of banquet and of song; this is the heavenly table spread for me;
here let me feast, and feasting, still prolong the hallowed hour of fellowship with thee.

Too soon we rise; we go our several ways; the feast, though not the love, is past and gone,
the bread and wine consumed: yet all our days thou still art here with us, our shield and sun.

Feast after feast thus comes and passes by; yet, passing, points to the glad feast above,
giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy, the Lamb's great bridal feast of bliss and love.

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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

Job 1:1, 2:1-10

(p. 444)

EPISTLE

Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12

(p. 213)

PSALTER

Psalms 8

(p. 482)

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

***GLORIA PATRI**

Andrew Senn

Organ *f*

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and
to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it
was in the be - gin - ning, is now and e - ver shall be,
world with - out end. A - - - men.

The musical score is written for a single melodic line on a treble clef staff. It begins with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The first measure is marked 'Organ' and the second measure is marked 'f'. The music consists of four lines of notation. The lyrics are placed below the notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots.

SERMON

What Are Human Beings?

Dr. Mullis

What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals that you care for them?

Psalm 8:4

***HYMN 284**

O God, What You Ordain is Right

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***APOSTLES' CREED**

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

Ave Verum

Edward Elgar

***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

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

***HYMN 163**

Lord, Our Lord, Thy Glorious Name

Gott sei Dank

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

March (from The Birds)

Hubert Parry

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We thank the Parish Choir for leading the music in this morning's service. Anyone interested in singing with the Parish Choir should contact Andrew Senn (andrew.senn@fpcphila.org).

The liturgist today is the Rev. Jesse Garner. The Greeter is William Swoope, and the ushers are Anten Kraemer (Captain), Fred Barfoot, Jeannie Boehner, Judy Callan, and Jon Rogers.

The chancel flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and in loving memory of Marjorie Griffiths by Peter and Carol Sime.

MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Thursday, October 11	Membership & Evangelism	5:30 p.m.
	Trustees	6:30 p.m.

YOUNG ADULT GROUP

Today, after the 11 o'clock service, join us for our monthly brunch at the Irish Pub. We'll meet in Old Buttonwood Hall following the service. If this is your first time, join us as our guest. This Wednesday, October 10th, at 7:30 p.m., we will gather at First Church for fellowship and discussion. For more information on the Young Adult Group contact Annie LeCluyse (youngadults@fpcphila.org), and join the Young Adult fellowship group on Facebook.

WOMEN OF WIT & WISDOM

On Thursday, October 18th, at 1 p.m. in Old Buttonwood Hall, Women of Wit & Wisdom will be screening the critically acclaimed 2018 documentary "Won't You Be My Neighbor" which examines the life and social impact of television icon and Presbyterian minister Fred "Mister" Rogers. Please join us for light refreshments with time for discussion and fellowship to follow. RSVP by October 16th to womenwitwisdom@fpcphila.org or to Ruth Camisa at (908) 938-1243.

SERVICE OF INSTALLATION

Please join us next Sunday, October 14th, during the 11 a.m. worship service, when Dr. Baron Mullis will be installed as the 17th pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia. The Rev. Paul Timothy Roberts Sr., President of Johnson C. Smith Theological Seminary, will preach. A reception will follow the service in Old Buttonwood Hall.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO PREPARE MEALS FOR WINTERSHELTER

Wintershelter, a shelter for 20 men at Trinity Memorial Church (22nd & Spruce Streets), is in need of volunteers to prepare and deliver meals to the shelter. Cooks can be flexible when they make the food, and deliver it labeled for the night it is to be served. Casseroles or hearty soup accompanied by fresh fruit is a typical meal. The shelter provides the rest. If you are interested, please contact Wintershelter Volunteer Coordinator Terry Newirth Hirshorn (tnewirth@haverford.edu).

BIBLE STUDIES

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY meets weekly on Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. at the church. For information contact Jerry Foote (jerry.foote@fpcphila.org). **MEN'S BIBLE STUDY** meets the second Saturday of the every month at 9 a.m. at DiBruno Brothers, 1730 Chestnut Street. The

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next meeting is Saturday, October 13th. For information contact Mac McLarin (mac.mclarin@fpcphila.org). A **COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY**, led by Delores Brisbon, meets on Tuesday mornings at the Old City Presbyterian Apartments (25 N. 4th Street). For information contact Delores Brisbon (deloresbrisbon2201@comcast.net).

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

A Bible study of each Sunday's lectionary texts is led by Rev. Jesse Garner in the MacColl Room at 9:45 a.m. Children's Sunday School is held at 10 a.m. in the Cochran Room.

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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