



SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:00 am

November 17, 2019

*Open my eyes
to see as you see and weep as you weep*

*Open my heart
to love the broken and care for those without hope*

*Open my hands
to hold what I have lightly and to share cheerfully*

*Open my mouth
to speak for the voiceless and to shout for mercy*

*Open my ears
to the gentle whispers of your Spirit and to obey what you say*

*Open up my life
to the call of your voice and the needy cries of the dying*

Amen

~ written by Fred Drummond. Posted on the Tear Fund website.

Our Mission Statement

Called to love God and one another, First Presbyterian Church responds to God's grace by following Christ with ministries of hospitality, worship, faith development, service and generosity.

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

We're glad you're here with us today. We fondly refer to this community of Christ-followers as "First Pres," and you being here is one of God's blessings for our fellowship. If you wonder what we're up to at First Pres, it's actually pretty simple. In fact, we use a short phrase to remind ourselves of our shared purpose: "Above all, love." Drawn from a New Testament text (1 Peter 4:8-11), those brief words challenge us to focus everything we do on loving God and loving every single person we encounter. So every day we're learning how to do just that, as God's Spirit keeps working in our lives.

By the way, we can't take credit for this idea. It goes as far back as Jesus. He was once asked to sum up what it looks like to really be alive; what we should aim for in our lives if we want to live as fully as we can. His answer? Love God with every fiber of your being, and love the people around you. So whether we meet you in worship, or in the hallway, or in one of our many activities—or just run into you around town—we hope that you will feel the deep love of God welcoming and embracing you. We really are glad that you're here.

Use these moments prior to the Prelude to greet one another briefly. At the ringing of the chimes, please seek the presence of God in stillness and quiet. Please silence cell phones. The asterisk (*) invites you to stand as you are able.

Chimes and Prelude

The Onset of Summer
The Entrance of Autumn
Antonio Vivaldi (1678 - 1741)

*Opening Prayer

Almighty God,
your son Jesus was born among us
poor, humble and dependent.
Open our eyes and our hearts and our hands
to honor him now as our Lord and King
by welcoming him in those who are hungry and thirsty,
in all who are abandoned and lonely,
in the outcast, in the poor and the sick.
Let our love become free and spontaneous,
like the tenderness you have shown us in your son.
Welcome us also in the everlasting kingdom
prepared for us through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

*Hymn #307

God of Grace and God of Glory
CWM Rhondda

*Prayer of Confession

You call us to be your voices in this world
and we stay silent.

You call us to be your hands in this world
and we keep them hidden.

You call us to be your feet in this world
and we go our own way.

When we meet those who are doubting
and say nothing, forgive us.

When we meet those who need your touch
and do nothing, forgive us.

When we meet those who have nowhere to go
and we close our doors, forgive us.

When we are called to take up your cross
and carry nothing, forgive us.

Breathe life into these bones
bring freedom to these lives
that we might declare
with heart and soul and voice
that you are our Lord and our God. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

*Response

Meineke

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

*Passing of the Peace

Children's Choir Anthem

Bless This House
Mary Brahe & Helen Taylor

Children's Message

Response

**God of great and God of small, God of one and God of all,
God of weak and God of strong, God to whom all things belong,
alleluia, alleluia, praise be to your name.**

Ministry Updates

Scripture Reading

Psalm 90:1-8

(Old Testament, p. 547)

Anthem

Cantate Domino
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756 - 1791)

Prayers of the People and The 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.**

Offertory

I Love Thee
Douglas Wagner

*Doxology

Old 100th

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise him all creatures here below.
Praise him above ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Hymn #700

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me
I'm Gonna Live

Scripture Reading

Matthew 25:31-46

(New Testament, p. 206)

Sermon

“...and you took me in”

Dr. Greg Stovell

*Hymn #744

Arise, Your Light Is Come!
Festal Song

*Blessing

*Choral Response

Guide My Feet
African-American spiritual

Postlude

Fanfare
Jacques-Nicolas Lemmens (1823 - 1881)

Leading us in worship are Greg Stovell, Pastor; Caroline Cupp, Associate Pastor; Sándor Kádár, Director of Music; Kira Boros, Children’s Choir Director; The Cherub and Celebration Choir; The JuBellation Ringers; The Chancel Choir.

WORSHIP NOTES

This morning the Jubellation ringers are playing two movements from Vivaldi's *The Four Seasons* arranged by **Andrea Handley**. The Four Seasons is a group of four violin concerti each of which gives musical expression to a season of the year. The concerti therefore stand as one of the earliest and most detailed examples of what would come to be called program music or with other words music with a narrative element.

Bless This House is a song published in 1927. The words were written by Englishwoman **Helen Taylor** and the music was composed by Australian composer **May Brahe**, a friend of Taylor's. In the United States, this song is strongly associated with Thanksgiving and is often sung around this time of the year.

*Bless this house, O Lord we pray
Make it safe by night and day
Bless these walls so firm and stout
Keeping want and trouble out
Bless the roof and chimneys tall
Let Thy peace lie overall
Bless this door that it may prove
Ever open, to joy and love*

*Bless these windows shining bright
Letting in God's Heavenly light
Bless the hearth, ablazing there
With smoke ascending like a prayer!
Bless the people here within
Keep them pure and free from sin
Bless us all that we may be
Fit O Lord to dwell with thee
Bless us all that one day we may dwell
O Lord! With Thee!*

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart in his short life of 35 years, composed more than 600 works, many acknowledged as pinnacles of symphonic, classical concerto, chamber, operatic, and choral music. He is among the most enduringly popular of classical composers, and his influence is profound. *Cantate Domino!* is an English arrangement by **Patrick Liebergen** of the choir section of Mozart's *Offertorium in Festo Sancti Benedicti KV 34*, a joyous choir anthem which builds into a glorious declaration of faith.

Cantate Domino! Sing to the Lord! Sing alleluia, sing allelu' to the Lord!

Jacques-Nicolas Lemmens was a Belgian organist and composer of the Romantic era. He trained numerous young musicians, including the eminent **Charles-Marie Widor** who wrote the famous *Toccata in F Major*. The musical term *Fanfare* originally was a brief musical signal played on trumpets or horns for signal purposes in battles, hunts, and court ceremonies. Over the time it made its way into the church as a festive music played by brass or/and organ.

FIRST PRES MATTERS

Serving today as ushers and greeters are Charlie Myhre, Dick and Carla Westerman, Rich and Esther Smith at 9:00 a.m. and Scott and Becky Gamble, Dana Rutledge, Tom, Ben and Matt Pantazes at 10:42 a.m. Our coffee and flower deacons are Denise Black and Nancy Ferdik. Our Nursery workers are Paige Conley, Katie Ford and Maurisa Warren.

The Chancel Flowers are given by Barbara Scott in memory of loved ones and Nancy Ferdik in memory of Jilda Arzarelli.

In Memoriam - Judith K. McKee, former member of First Presbyterian Church from March 27, 2006 to November 23, 2009 passed away October 26, 2019. Our sympathy and prayers are with the family and friends of Judith McKee.

Our sympathy and prayers are with Bruce and Donna Schneider and family in the death of Donna's mother, and with Bob and Sally Schwabe and family in the death of their granddaughter.

Bridge Dinner - Join us for a delicious dinner including salad and dessert at 5:30 p.m. The signup sheet is in Fellowship Hall or contact Claire Kramer at ckramer@firstpreswc.com with your reservation info (deadline is Monday by 12 Noon).

Memorial Flowers - Help to decorate our sanctuary with a memorial or honor gift of poinsettias this Christmas Season. The donation is \$12 per plant. The deadline for ordering is December 8. You can complete the online form at firstpreswc.com/poinsettias; use the Holiday Flowers envelope found in the pew racks; call the church office or fill out the form below and place in the offering plate or mail it to the church - attn: Karen Goldstein.

In Memory or In Honor of (circle one)

Given by _____

Sign up for weekly Advent wreath devotion - Lighting the Advent candles is a tradition of the church that many also practice in their homes. This year, First Pres is producing a weekly Advent wreath devotion to guide God's people of all ages in reflecting on the Advent themes of hope, love, joy and peace. This devotion will be distributed as a weekly email. If you would like to receive the email, contact Director of Christian Education Sara Pantazes at spantazes@firstpreswc.com.

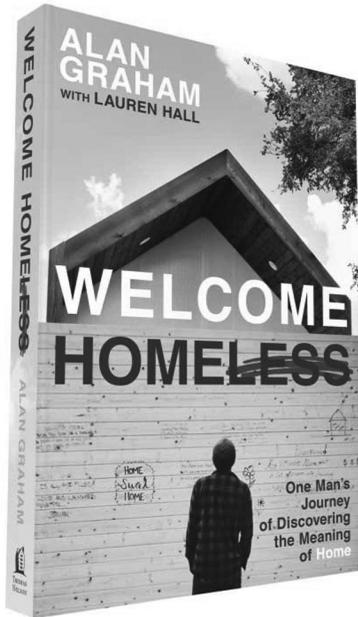
The Chester County Migrant Ministry is a year round program aimed at meeting the physical and spiritual needs of immigrant workers in our area. Our Church supports this ministry throughout the year but there is a special need at Christmas. The poorest of these families do not have the resources to provide for basic family needs and also for Christmas gifts. We can make a difference in the lives of these families in a very direct way by providing gifts. We remind them that even in difficult times God loves and cares for them too. When you volunteer to sponsor a migrant family you will receive their names, ages, and a few of their needs and wishes. You will buy, wrap and deliver the gifts back to the church. Volunteers will deliver the gifts during a Christmas party on December 8. If you would like to be a sponsor, make a financial donation, or get to know these families better during the Christmas party please sign up in Fellowship Hall. Contact Anna Bentley at 484-432-0742 or annagbentley@gmail.com for additional information.

Christian Faith & Issues Class - Palestine/Israel Conflict - This Sunday, we will watch a video summarizing the history of Palestine focusing since the 1900's and how events have led up to the present situation. There will also be an update on the plight of Christians in the Middle East – especially those affected by war (Syria and Iraq). Come and join this discussion. On Sunday November 24, in honor of the upcoming Thanksgiving Holiday, we will discuss current events, but only those which we are thankful for. Please join us in Room 209, at 10:30 a.m., on either, or both, Sundays! If you wish to receive our weekly CFI Topics by email, please contact Dan Campbell at campbelldt@verizon.net.

Salvation Army Bell Ringing - Would you like to “ring in” the Christmas season? The Salvation Army needs volunteers from First Pres to ring the bells at a Salvation Army kettles. We need volunteers on Friday, 11/22 at the West Chester Amish Market and at the Exton Big Lots, Friday, 11/29 at the West Goshen ACME and at the West Chester Shop Rite, Friday, 12/06 at the West Goshen ACME and at the West Chester ShopRite, and Saturday, 12/07 at the Exton Boscov's. Sign up in Fellowship Hall, online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c45a4ac29aaf58-salvation>, or by contacting Monica Treichel at mztreichel@verizon.net or 610-505-6076.

Upcoming Book Study

Starting in January



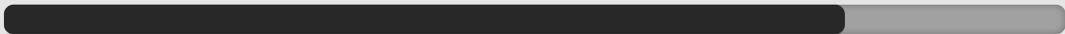
Starting this January, First Pres will continue leaning into the topic of homelessness as a response to our commitment to Jesus' words in **Matthew 25**. Our next step will be a church-wide study of **Welcome Homeless** by Alan Graham. Session chose this book trusting that the conversations it inspires will broaden our understanding of the topic of homelessness and will lead us as a church to continue reaching, serving, and connecting with the homeless in our own community. The book can be found on Amazon or you can sign up in Fellowship Hall and we can order the book for you. Stay tuned for how different groups throughout the church will be studying this book in 2020!

See more about Matthew 25 in the most recent newsletter!

2019 Contributions

Current
\$883,866

Goal
\$1,112,636



The above shows the giving amount as of 11/13/2019 compared to the 2019 full year goal. This chart will be presented each week to keep the congregation well-informed of our progress. Further details can be found on the Financial Reporting page on our website.

Birthday Wishes to a special church member - Harold Freeman will celebrate his 100th birthday December 4. Let's help one of our oldest church members enjoy this milestone by sending him birthday cards. He lived at Barclay Friends until the fire destroyed all his belongings. He now happily lives at Cathedral Village, Apt. H317, 600 E. Cathedral Rd., Phila., PA 19128. He served as a Men's Retreat leader, a teacher in several men's spiritual growth sections, a Stephen Minister and was one of the founders of Safe Harbor. He served as an Elder and a Deacon and gave a sermon about the presence of the Holy Ghost in his life on a Men's Sunday. Help him celebrate this special day by sending him lots of cards!

Habitat Faith Build - Put on your work boots and kick off Advent by participating in Habitat for Humanity's Faith Build, a partnership between our mission partner and local congregations. The home has been entirely funded by religious groups and built by volunteers who worship in our area. The work day will run from 8:30am - 3:30pm in Coatesville on Wednesday, December 4. No experience is required. To sign up, visit the website or email Pastor Caroline at ccupp@firstpreswc.com.

Tree Decorating at Barclay - Join our neighbors at Barclay on Thursday, December 5 from 9:30-11:00am to set up and decorate their Christmas trees. This is a wonderful opportunity for young children - the residents love helping little ones decorate the tree. We can also use some strong hands to help put the trees up in each Barclay neighborhood. Please RSVP to Pastor Caroline by 11/27 - ccupp@firstpreswc.com.

THIS WEEK @ FIRST PRES

SUNDAY 11/17 - Fabric Missions Quilt Sale

8:00 am	Worship	Chapel
9:00 am	Worship in Sanctuary/Nursery (to age 2)	
9:00 am	Adult Bible Study	Chapel
9:00 am	Sunday School (age 3 to Grade 6)	
9:00 am	Confirmation Class	
10:00 am	Family Fellowship	Herron Lounge
10:30 am	Christian Faith and Issues	Room 209
10:42 am	Contemporary Worship	Sanctuary
11:15 am	Kids Connect during sermon	Chapel
11:45 am	Nominating Committee	Room 209
7:00 pm	Youth Hawk Night	Whole Church

MONDAY 11/18

6:30 pm	Spiritual Connections	Room 210
7:00 pm	Trustees Meeting	Room 209

TUESDAY 11/19

5:30 pm	Men's Ministry Study	Room 217
7:00 pm	CLM Meeting	Room 209
7:00 pm	Finance Committee	Library
7:30 pm	High School Bible Study	Room 216

WEDNESDAY 11/20 - Bulletin Deadline at Noon

6:30 am	Mens Study Group	Room 210
9:00 am	Sew Many Blessings	Quilting Room
5:00 pm	Childrens Choir	Choir Room
5:30 pm	Bridge Dinner	Social Hall
6:15 pm	Contemporary Worship Band Rehearsal	Sanctuary
6:15 pm	Women's Bible Study	Room 209
6:30 pm	Adult Bible Study	Chapel
6:30 pm	Middle School Bible Study	Room 216
7:30 pm	Chancel Ringers	Room 208

THURSDAY 11/21

9:30 am	Coffee, Kids and Chaos	Fellowship Hall
6:30 pm	Chess Club	Social Hall
6:40 pm	JuBellation Ringers	Room 208
7:00 pm	Getsemani Partnership Committee	Room 109
7:00 pm	Men's Study Group	Room 209
7:30 pm	Chancel Choir	Choir Room

FRIDAY 11/22- Church Office closes at Noon

11:00 am	Sweet Dreams	Quilting Room
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SATURDAY 11/23

10:00 am	Matthew Genk Memorial Service	Sanctuary
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SUNDAY 11/24

8:00 am	Worship	Chapel
9:00 am	Worship in Sanctuary/Nursery (to age 2)	
9:00 am	Adult Bible Study	Chapel
9:00 am	Sunday School (age 3 to Grade 6)	
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10:42 am	Contemporary Worship	Sanctuary
11:15 am	Kids Connect during sermon	Chapel
11:30 am	Thank You Lunch for 10:42 volunteers	Fellowship Hall

Candlelight Christmas Concert

Saturday
Dec. 7
— **7:00pm**

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Sunday
Dec. 8
— **4:00pm**

The Chancel Choir, Soloists and Orchestra will perform Antonio Vivaldi's magnificent Gloria as well as traditional Christmas carols

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