



**First
Presbyterian**
CHURCH *Pottstown*



Service of the Lord's Day

November 1, 2020

God's People Gather

"I was glad when they said unto me, let us go to the House of the Lord!" (Psalm 122:1)

With glad hearts, we welcome you to worship among this community of believers! The decorated tubes in the pews are guides to assist us in caring for one another by maintaining safe distances. You may move the tubes in either direction in the pew to accommodate your "bubble." We invite you to hum the hymns or meditate on the words as the Sanctuary Singers sing on our behalf.

Greetings and Announcements

Prayer of Preparation

Eternal Light, shine into our hearts; Eternal Goodness, deliver us from evil; Eternal Power, be our support; Eternal Wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance; Eternal Love, have mercy upon us, that will all our heart and mind and strength we may seek your face and be brought to your holy presence through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

Prelude Improvisation on 'Resignation' Martin

*Call to Worship *(based on Hebrews 12:1)*

L: Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,
let us lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely,
P: and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us.
L: In the name of Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith,
P: let us worship God!

*Hymn **My Life Flows On**

My life flows on in endless song,
above earth's lamentation.
I hear the clear, though far-off hymn
that hails a new creation.

Refrain:

No storm can shake my inmost calm
while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,
how can I keep from singing?

Through all the tumult and the strife,
I hear that music ringing.
It finds an echo in my soul.
How can I keep from singing? (Refrain)

Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, in every age you have raised up men and women to live and die in faith. We confess that we are often indifferent to your will. You call us to proclaim your name, but too often we remain silent. You call us to do what is just, but too often we remain complacent. You call us to live faithfully, but too often we are afraid. (*silent confession*) In your mercy, forgive us. Give us courage to follow in your way, that, joined with those from ages past, we may inherit the kingdom you promised in Jesus Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

L: Friends, believe the good news:

P: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

L: Jesus says, "Follow me; I will lead you into life."

*Response

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

Minute for Stewardship

Liz Remelius

God's Word is Heard

Time with Children

Anthem Largo Handel

Janet Marquardt, violin

Scripture Reading Mark 9:30-32, 16:1-7

Sermon Faithful, Hopeful, Loving

Rev. Kerry Pidcock-Lester

God's People Respond

Remembrance of Those Who Have Died in the Faith

*Affirmation of Faith

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By God's great mercy God has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for us, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

Alleluia, alleluia, Amen! (*1 Peter 1:3-5*)

*Offering of our Gifts

*Prayer of Dedication

*Doxology

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies

I see. All I have needed Thy hand hath provided. Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.

Prayers of the People

...The Lord be with you.

And also with you...

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.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever, Amen.

God's Sends Us Out

***Hymn For All the Saints**

For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle; they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

***Benediction**

***Postlude Bourrée Roman**

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

Please leave the sanctuary by the side aisles and both doors; the deacons will guide you.

Our sanctuary singers and instrumentalists this morning are John Genter, Becca Lipsky, Sarah Pinard, Cindy Foust, Leanne Campbell and Gary James. Thank you!

The sanctuary flowers are given in grateful memory of John and Donna Miller Pidcock, and William and Anne Alexander Lester, saints who rest from their labors and shine in glory.