



The Presbyterian Church of Llanerch

Celebrating The 9th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, July 17, 2016

10:00 a.m.

Questions for reflection, before, during, and after this morning's service:

How do you balance studying the Word and fostering a relationship with God while also serving others?

Gathering

As you come to worship, take a few moments to bring yourself before God—your present state of mind and preoccupations, as well as your desire to meet God during this time.

[Our service begins when the voluntary begins, and we turn our attention toward God, in worship.]

The * indicates the parts of the service where the congregation is invited to stand; **bolded responses** indicate congregational responses.

VBS SONG

"I'm in Awe of You"

GREETING AND WELCOME

* CALL TO WORSHIP

In Jesus Christ all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell.

Through him God was reconciled to all things in heaven and on earth,
even to us,

that we might be holy and blameless before God.

In awe and gratitude, let us worship the Lord our God.

* PRAYER OF THE DAY

* OPENING HYMN

611

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

Hymn to Joy

CALL TO RECONCILIATION AND PRAYERS OF FORGIVENESS

* ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

* SUNG RESPONSE 475 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" Verse 1 --*Nettleton*

♪ "Come, thou Fount of every blessing; tune my heart to sing thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above; praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love!" ♪

Vacation Bible School Reprise

SONGS FROM VBS 2016 - Surf Shack "Catch the Wave of God's Amazing Love"

Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

A STORY FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES Genesis 18: 1-10A [Page 185]

The wisdom of God for all people; the call of God for all who live.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON --Rev. David Stipp-Bethune

"The Promise of Children"

Response

* AFFIRMATION OF OUR FAITH --The Confession of Belhar, 2.0 adapted

We believe: That Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another;

that this unity can be established only in freedom and not under constraint; that the variety of spiritual gifts, opportunities, backgrounds, convictions, as well as the various languages and cultures, are by virtue of the reconciliation in Christ, opportunities for mutual service and enrichment within the one visible people of God; that true faith in Jesus Christ is the only condition for membership of this church. AMEN.

* HYMN 5 *Jennings-Houston*

"God the Sculptor of the Mountains"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND OUR LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

[Our prayers continue with several petitions that will be concluded with the refrain: ...In faith, O God, we seek your grace.]

...And hear us as we pray in the name of the one who prays for us, using as our words the words he taught us to use when we pray, saying:

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.

Our Offering

INVITATION TO PRESENT GOD'S TITHES, OUR GIFTS, AND OFFERINGS

SUNG OFFERTORY "Let's Join the Wave" from VBS 2016 --Matt Huesmann

See insert

* SUNG RESPONSE #606 "Praise God, from Whom all Blessings Flow" --*Doxology*

"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."

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Sending

* HYMN 23 *Austrian Hymn*

"God, You Spin the Whirling Planets"

* ANNOUNCEMENTS

* BLESSING & CHARGE

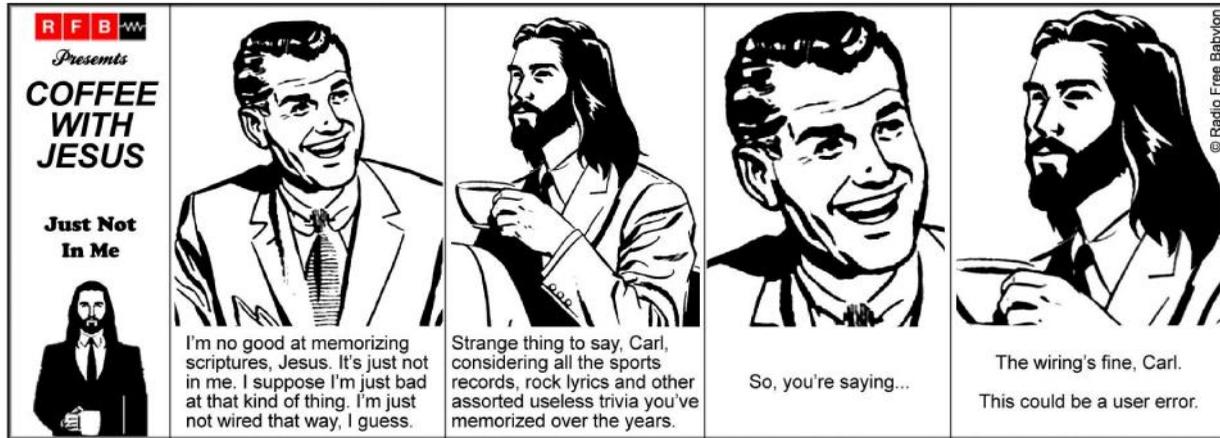
* VBS SONG "Go with the Flow"

While our worship service ends, our Christian service is just beginning...

Leading This Morning's Worship Service Are: Georgia Marshall Schrom, Minister of Music;
Rev. David Stipp-Bethune, Pastor.

Service Notes for This Morning's Worship Service:

1. Our Call to Worship, our Prayer of the Day, parts of our Prayers of Confession were crafted with suggestions from the Feasting on the Word worship Companion: liturgies for Year C, edited by Kimberly Bracken Long.
2. Our Affirmation of Faith this morning was taken from the introductory paragraphs of our denomination's newest confession, The Confession of Belhar. The 222nd General Assembly ratified its inclusion to our Book of Confessions at its recent meeting in Portland. Written by a South African denomination in the mid 1980's this statement has been reaffirmed and adopted as a confessional document to which we are obligated as Presbyterians. We will continue to explore the Confession of Belhar in the weeks to come.



SIGN UP FOR SATURDAY, JULY 30TH MISSION OPPORTUNITIES WITH CHRIST COMMUNITY CHURCH!



On Saturday, July 30, our church will be working in partnership with our friends at Christ Community Church (Riverview) as they prepare an evening meal for the many guests of the Life Center at 63rd Street in Upper Darby. The Life Center provides many services to homeless and needy neighbors, including a free meal for all

comers each evening. Please consider how you can help with this project: by providing bread or a dessert, by donating canned goods for a main dish soup, or by volunteering to help cook (at Riverview) or serve (at the Life Center). We would love to offer about 3 volunteers for cooking (2-5 pm) and 3 for serving (5-7:30 pm) that day. There's a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Room. Can't wait until January to follow Christ's message of love to those in need? Join us now!



Join us on Sunday, July 24th for a special New Beginnings Update for Llanerch. You'll hear a presentation from New Beginnings leaders, hear about conversations and fall plans. Come learn how you can be a part of our transformation!

WAYS YOU CAN HELP OUR MINISTRY... and take part in it:

PARTICIPATE IN WORSHIP WITH US:

10 a.m. on Sunday Mornings (DURING THE SUMMER)

PARTICIPATE IN HELPING OTHERS:

We receive gifts for CHESTER EASTSIDE MINISTRIES food and outreach ministries on the third Sunday of each month. **Our next offering is TODAY, Sunday, July 17th!** Please bring your gifts to worship on July 17th and include them in the special dedication during worship!

PARTICIPATE IN THE PRACTICE OF PRAYER:

Our congregation believes and attests to the power of prayer. We pray "together" in church and we pray "together" as individuals. Here are some of the things we are praying:

For the shooting death of Alton Sterling in Baton Rouge, LA and for the shooting death of Philando Castile near Minneapolis, MN—for their families and communities; for the police officers involved and their families; | For the victims of the terrorist attacks in Istanbul, Indonesia, and Iraq | For the victims of natural and human-caused disasters, especially in the flooding in West Virginia | For Judy Turnbull (who is now at Broomall Presbyterian Village) | For Michelle Siegle (Eleanor Siegle's daughter-in-law who suffered a massive stroke), | For Jack Bellwoar and for Gail | For Steven Joachim (Eleanor Siegle's great-grandson) | For Phoenix Hoyle, June Hoyle's grandson (June is our Preschool Director) | For Cindy Guilfoil (who is undergoing chemotherapy for cancer) | For Kelly Diorio's Mother (who is fighting lung cancer) | For Matthew | For Ben | Thanksgiving and safe-keeping for first responders, good neighbors, helping people, and disaster planning | For our congregation in our New Beginnings discernment small group meetings | For our congregation, our elders and deacons, our pastor | Our Church Staff: Kelly Dilorio, Georgia Schrom, David Pokorny, and Rev. David Stipp-Bethune | Our Preschool staff, students, and families | For the Families, Friends, Communities, and our nation in the wake of the circumstances that led to the loss of life--that justice may roll down like waters.

By adding these prayers to your personal prayers, we engage God together.

WE REALLY DO WANT TO HEAR YOUR FEEDBACK:

Our hope and prayer is that our worship services, programs, and ministry opportunities are both meaningful and helpful to you, and we'd appreciate knowing how well or how not-so-well that we're doing. Comments, feedback, and helpful criticisms are welcome—please make notes or suggestions, and sign them. You can drop them off, mail them to the church office, or e-mail them to the church office or pastor. Please be aware we can only consider signed responses. Thank you for your help.



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OUR MISSION

The Presbyterian Church of Llanerch is an inclusive Christian community whose members have been: saved by God's grace, united by God in Jesus Christ, and given by God as a light to the nations. Our mission is patterned after the example of Jesus Christ, who came "not to be served but to serve." To that end, we seek to think with the mind of Christ, to love with the heart of Christ, and to act as the Lord requires, doing justly, loving mercy, and walking humbly with our God.

WELCOME!

We are grateful that you are choosing to worship with us! Worship at "Llanerch" is our signature event each Sunday, and we hope and pray that you find today's service meaningful and that you experience authentic fellowship with our faith community. Child care for younger children is provided in our nursery (ask one of our ushers if you need directions) and a time of fellowship with coffee and treats follows our worship service. Information about our ministry and activities is included in our bulletin and in the brochure in your pew. You may also connect with us online at www.llanerchpres.org or find us on Facebook (The Presbyterian Church of Llanerch). Our pastor is Rev. David Stipp-Bethune and can be contacted through the church office, or the Pastor's Study at 610-789-1820, or via e-mail: revdrstipp@msn.com.

KNOW YOU ARE MOST WELCOME TO JOIN US IN THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES:

Today 7/17 It's the 9th Sunday after Pentecost, and we're Celebrating with a VBS reprise!

NEXT Sunday 07/24 The 10th Sunday after Pentecost. Our Guest Musical Accompanist will be John Francis from Broad Street Ministries.

Join us on the 24th for a special New Beginnings update and presentation!

John Francis from Broad Street Ministries will be our guest musician and music leader on July 24th and 31st. John has led music at Llanerch before, join us for a special opportunity to be led and sing with the guitar.



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