



The Presbyterian Church of Llanerch

Celebrating The 10th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, July 24, 2016

10:00 a.m.

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

The version of the Lord's Prayer presented in Luke's gospel is different from our familiar version we're used to saying in worship. What happens when the version of the Lord's Prayer being said is different than the one we ordinarily use? And how do you feel when the Lord's Prayer isn't used in worship at all? Someone recently described the Lord's Prayer as the place where we "check in" with God, or where it really "gets real." Do you use the Lord's Prayer outside of worship? How does the Lord's Prayer help you to be better connected with God?

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

to stand; **bolded responses** indicate congregational responses.

VOLUNTARY

GREETING AND WELCOME

* CALL TO WORSHIP [continued on the next page]

Psalm 138, adapted

I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise; I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness;

for you have exalted your name and your word above everything. On the day I called, you answered me, you increased my strength of soul.

All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord, for they have heard the words of your mouth. They shall sing of the ways of the Lord,

for great is the glory of the Lord. For though the Lord is high, he

regards the lowly; but the haughty he perceives from far away. Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me.

The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.

* PRAYER OF THE DAY

* OPENING HYMN

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Children Praying

"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

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!" ♪

Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

A READING FROM THE GOSPELS

Luke 11: 1-13 [Page 72]

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 Inconvenient Expectation"

Response

* HYMN

The John Francis Maher version

"The Lord's Prayer"

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.

[The minister continues the prayer petitions and concludes the prayers.]

Our Offering

NEW BEGINNINGS UPDATE

[See page in the bulletin for more information about our New Beginnings program experience!]

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

* **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

Generous God, we bring you these gifts with gratitude that we have such gifts to share.

May all that we share be used for your glory, and for the work of justice and peace, compassion and joy, in this community and in your world. Holy One, we give you thanks for your steadfast love and faithfulness.

Bless these offerings and transform them into gifts of hospitality for those who need them most.

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.

Sending

* **HYMN** 175 *Lafferty*
“Seek Ye First”

* **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

* **BLESSING & CHARGE**

VOLUNTARY

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

Leading This Morning’s Worship Service Are: John Francis Maher, Guest Minister of Music and accompanist; Rev. David Stipp-Bethune, Pastor; Elders Kate Hiebert and Jennifer Schmoll.

The flowers for This Morning’s Worship Service were generously shared with us by Sam Nangle in loving memory of Sharon and Dana Nangle.

Service Notes for This Morning’s Worship Service:

1. Our Prayer of the Day, pieces of our Prayers of the People and Prayer of Dedication were crafted with suggestions from the Feasting on the Word worship Companion: liturgies for Year C, edited by Kimberly Bracken Long.
2. Special Thanks to John Francis who is our guest-accompanist this morning! Georgia is on vacation in Italy. John will be helping lead worship this morning and next Sunday, and on August 14th!

LOOKING FOR SOME WAY TO “PRAY-AND-DO” THE KINGDOM OF GOD INTO BEING IN OUR COMMUNITY?

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

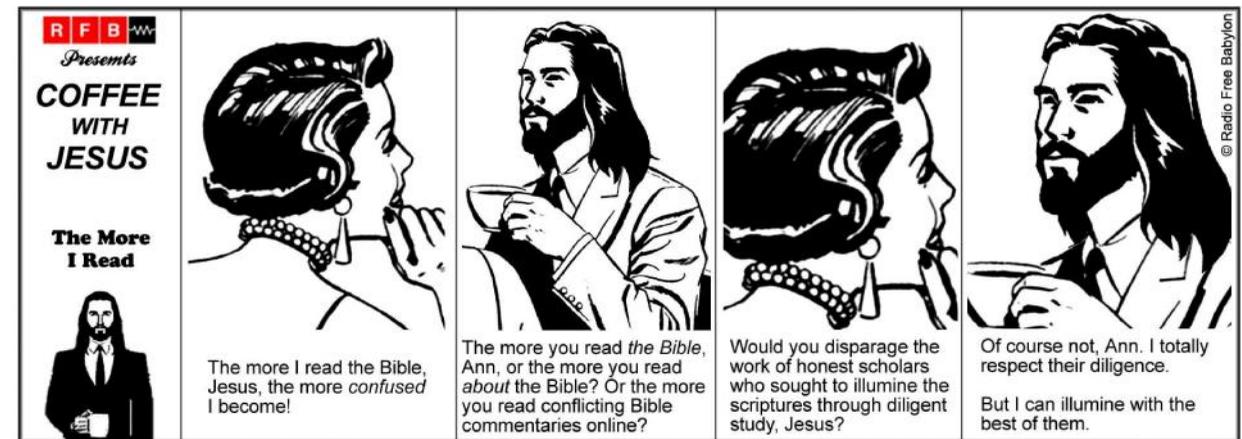


On Saturday, July 30, our church will be working in partnership with our friends at Christ Community Church (Riverview) as they prepare an evening meal for the many guests of the Life Center at 63rd Street in Upper Darby. The Life Center provides many services to homeless and needy neighbors, including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



At Presbyterian Church of Llanerch

-) Early 2015: We met as a congregation with our New Beginnings program leader to begin the process of assessment of our church and community. Elements of the assessment included the history and current situation of our church, the building and grounds of the church, and a professionally prepared description of our neighborhood and the economic, social, and religious needs of those living within a 7 minute drive of the church.
-) Spring 2015 Members of the congregation receive copies of the assessment document to read, and members of the church were chosen to lead small groups in reading and studying the booklet. Some hard facts were laid out for us to consider about numbers and money.
-) Summer 2015 Four groups led by Gerard Schrom, Peter Hiebert, Mary Kane, Donna Helms, and Mark Burgert led 6 weekly meetings combining Bible study with discussion of different parts of the assessment. Churches in the New Beginnings Program are asked to consider some significant changes in the way that they operate in the community and think of themselves. Among the possible choices for churches with declining membership are to move, close down, or to re-invent themselves. An important measure for any church is its relationship with the community around it.
-) Fall 2015 The Small Group leaders meet to develop a summary of the outcome of the small groups which was presented in worship. The groups felt strongly that they wanted to stay in the building and in the community. They were devoted to the mission activities of the church and wanted to work to strengthen those relationships within and beyond the church.
-) Spring 2016 Small Group leaders and other participants met for weekly meetings at the church and hosted in member's homes. The group considered the current strengths of the church (what do we do best to reach the community) and begin examining specific programs and activities that are likely to be closest to the way that we want to live in the church, with each other, and in the community. Those meetings conclude today in worship!



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

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 Sunday, August 21st!** Please bring your gifts to worship and include them in the special dedication during worship!

Join us on July 30th in serving a meal at the Life Center. Check out the details in this bulletin or speak with Kate Hiebert!

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 all those who are traveling for vacations and trips (Especially Georgia and Gabrielle Schrom who are traveling in Italy) | **For the violence in Baton Rouge, LA; for other victims of gun violence, and the victims of terrorist attacks; for the victims of natural and human-caused disasters;** | **For Jeanne Twining** (who is in failing health at Harlee Manor) | **For Kristen Gibson** (who had a chemical stress test and follow-up surgery this past week) | **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 Diiorio'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 Diiorio, 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	7/24 It's the 10 th Sunday after Pentecost and we're also including a special New Beginnings Update in worship! John Francis Maher, from Broad Street Ministries is our guest accompanist.
NEXT Sunday	07/31 The 11 th Sunday after Pentecost. Our Guest Musical Accompanist will be John Francis Maher from Broad Street Ministries.
Sunday	08/07 The 12 th Sunday after Pentecost will be celebrated with the Lord's Supper, and the Rev. Bill Searight will be preaching and leading worship.



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