



The Presbyterian Church of Llanerch

Celebrating The 11th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, July 31, 2016

10:00 a.m.

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

The Christian life is one of constant renewal, turning and returning to God. In this season of your life, what would it mean to strip off the old self with its practices and clothe yourself with the new self (Col. 3:9-10)?

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.

GATHERING MUSIC

GREETING AND WELCOME

* CALL TO WORSHIP

We are children of God, learning to walk.

Day by day, we are learning to be the church.

God is a loving parent, teaching us to walk.

God loves us, leads us, and feeds us.

* PRAYER OF THE DAY

* OPENING HYMN

442

Woodworth

“Just As I Am, without One Plea”

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 BOOK OF ECCLESIASTES 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23 [Page 614]

A READING FROM THE GOSPELS

Luke 12: 13-21 [Page 74]

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

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

--Rev. David Stipp-Bethune

“So What Happens at Llanerch Can Live On”

Response

* AFFIRMATION OF OUR FAITH

--The Confession of Belhar, 2.0 adapted

We believe: that true faith in Jesus Christ is the only condition for membership of this church;

Therefore, we reject any doctrine which absolutizes either natural diversity or the sinful separation of people in such a way that this absolutization hinders or breaks the visible and active unity of the church, or even leads to the establishment of a separate church formation;

We reject any doctrine which professes that this spiritual unity is truly being maintained in the bond of peace while believers of the same confession are in effect alienated from one another for the sake of diversity and in despair of reconciliation;

We reject any doctrine which denies that a refusal earnestly to pursue this visible unity as a priceless gift is sin;

We reject any doctrine which explicitly or implicitly maintains that descent or any other human or social factor should be a consideration in determining membership of the church. AMEN.

* HYMN

835

Closer Walk

“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND OUR LORD'S PRAYER

[Our Prayers of the People will employ a special form of a bidding prayer, where the congregation is asked to offer additional petitions related to the parts of the prayer. Think ahead of time, maybe make some notes, but consider the prayers you have to offer in each section, and during the silence, you're invited to offer them aloud. Note that each petition has a different "topic." Our prayers will conclude with 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.

God of heaven and earth, in your wisdom you made the whole creation and called it good.

You have lavished your creatures with beauty and sustained us with your grace. Even so, we are distracted and seduced and wreak havoc on the world you made. Humbly, then, we pray to you for comfort and healing and peace, saying, Gracious God, hear our prayer.

For those who declare war, those who wage it, and those who suffer from it, we pray...

[here's where you offer your petitions aloud] ...Gracious God, hear our prayer.

For your church, that we may overcome divisions and live in the unity given to us in

Christ... [here's where you offer your petitions aloud] ...Gracious God, hear our prayer.

For your creation, that the earth's wounds may be healed and we may become better caretakers... [here's where you offer your petitions aloud] ...Gracious God, hear our prayer.

For those who fight despair, struggle with addiction, or live without hope... [here's where you offer your petitions aloud] ...Gracious God, hear our prayer.

For those who are ill, and all who care for them... [here's where you offer your petitions aloud] ...Gracious God, hear our prayer.

For the secret burdens of our hearts... [here's where you offer your petitions aloud, or pray silently] ...Gracious God, hear our prayer.

Grateful for your mercy, we entrust these and all our prayers to you, through our Savior Jesus Christ.

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

[This Sunday you're being invited to offer your gifts, tithes, and offerings by coming forward to see the pictures of our collected mission projects. Those that the Church supports directly are on the cardboard panels; the others placed on the walls are other organizations we support as individuals, but hold in common. As you come forward, you may place your offering in the offering plate in the center aisle. Because some of us give monthly, or online and may not have something to "put in," please take and use one of the pew envelopes, even if you leave it empty.]

OFFERTORY "Be Thou My Vision" --John Francis Maher

* 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 39 *Faithfulness*
"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

* ANNOUNCEMENTS

* BLESSING & CHARGE

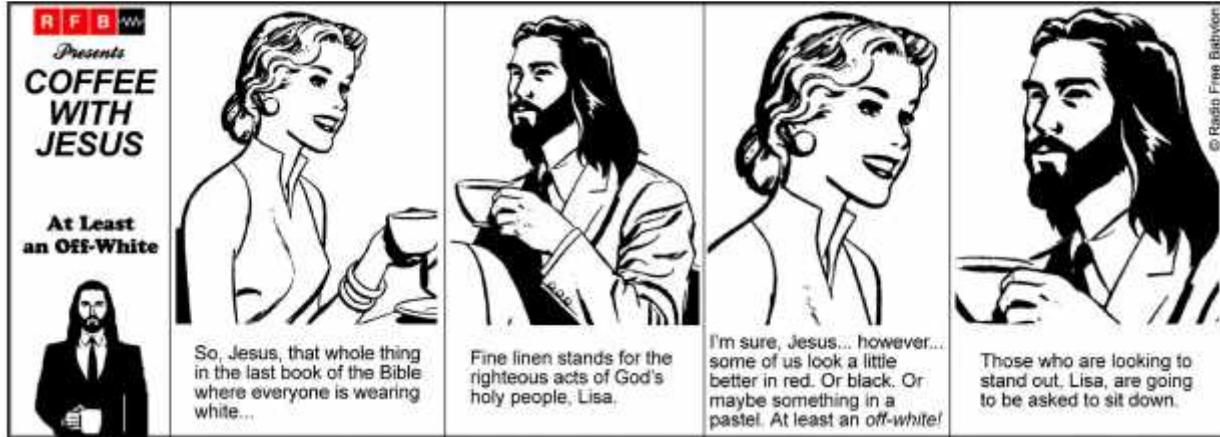
SENDING MUSIC

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.

Service Notes for This Morning's Worship Service:

1. Our Call to Worship, part of our Prayers of Confession, our Prayer for Illumination and parts of our Prayers of the People, 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 recent 222nd General Assembly ratified its inclusion to our Book of Confessions. 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.



Rev. Stipp-Bethune will be on vacation starting Sunday, July 31st, following worship, and be out of town until August 18th. During that time, the Rev. Bill Searight and Rev. Andy Greenhow will be leading worship and preaching on Sunday's August 7th and 14th, respectively. If you have questions or concerns, or need pastoral assistance, please contact the Church Office or Clerk of Session, Mary Kane.



Llanerch Presbyterian Church
American Red Cross Blood Drive

AUGUST 15TH, 2-7PM AT
The Havertown Free Library (which is air-conditioned!)



Let us help you celebrate 100 days of summer! When you present to donate blood or platelets this August, you will receive a coupon redeemable for a free medium Iced Coffee and a free donut from Dunkin' Donuts.*



All presenting donors will receive a coupon for a FREE donut & Medium Iced Coffee from Dunkin' Donuts AND a coupon for a FREE Turkey Hill Iced Tea.

1601 Darby Road – Haverford, PA
Community Room
Monday, August 15, 2016
2pm-7pm

Make your appointment early and get the best spot!

Or call 1-800-Red-Cross

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 Sunday, August 21st!** Please bring your gifts to worship 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 all those who are traveling for vacations and trips; | For Lila McCleary’s brother, Dwain Pittinger (who is struggling with heart concerns) | **For the violence we’ve witnessed world-wide, in Germany and France, as well as in our own country—some by terrorist attack and others because of hard-heartedness | For the victims of natural and human-caused disasters** (even in Havertown and surrounding communities) | **For Jeanne Twining** (who is in failing health at Harlee Manor) | **For Judy Turnbull** (who is now at Broomall Presbyterian Village) | **For Michelle Siegle** (Eleanor Siegle’s daughter-in-law), | **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 | 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 7/31 It’s the 11th Sunday after Pentecost! John Francis Maher, from Broad Street Ministries is our guest minister of music and accompanist.

NEXT Sunday 08/07 The 12th Sunday after Pentecost. Rev. Bill Searight will be preaching and leading worship.

Sunday 08/14 The 13th Sunday after Pentecost! Rev. Andy Greenhow will be preaching and leading worship. John Francis Maher, from Broad Street Ministries is our guest minister of music and accompanist.



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