



The Presbyterian Church of Llanerch

Celebrating The 14th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, August 21, 2016

10:00 a.m.

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.

VOLUNTARY *Largo* from “Guitar Concerto”--Antonio Vivaldi, transcribed for organ by Kevin Norris

GREETING AND WELCOME

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us delight in God’s gift of sabbath;
let us honor the day of the Lord.
We delight in the God who sets us free;
we honor the Lord by doing justice.
Let us worship God.

* PRAYER OF THE DAY

* OPENING HYMN

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“Praise Ye, the Lord, the Almighty”

Lobe Den Herren

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF FORGIVENESS

Sovereign God, we confess that have not turned away from sin. We dismiss the prophets you send and ignore your call to service. We waste your gift of sabbath and reject your offer of healing. Forgive us, God of

grace. Let us approach you again with reverence and with awe, giving thanks for your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

As a potter holds a piece of clay, God holds and shapes our lives. I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God.

* 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!” ♪

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ has been released among you, and may it go with you!
And also with you!

Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF THE PROPHET ISAIAH 58: 9B-14 [Page 688]

A READING FROM THE GOSPELS

Luke 13: 10-17 [Page 76]

The words of Scripture, inspired by God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

--Rev. David Stipp-Bethune

“When the Law gets Crosswise with Grace”

Response

* AFFIRMATION OF OUR FAITH

--The Confession of Belhar

We believe that the church must witness against and strive against any form of injustice, so that justice may roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. We believe that the church as the possession of God must stand where the Lord stands, namely against injustice and with the wronged. We believe that in following Christ the church must witness against all the powerful and privileged who selfishly seek their own interest and thus control and harm others. AMEN.

“We Cannot Measure How You Heal”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND OUR LORD’S PRAYER

[Our Prayers of the People are in the form of a bidding prayer. We’ll begin responsively as indicated, allow time for the congregation to share prayers aloud, and use a refrain for the other petitions, before concluding our prayers 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.

[Trusting in the power of God to deliver us, let us make our prayers of intercession for all, saying: God our Savior, **hear our prayer.**

...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

OFFERTORY *Largo* from "Sonata No. 6" for cello —Antonio Vivaldi, transcribed for organ by Kevin Norris

* 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

“I, the Lord of Sea and Sky”

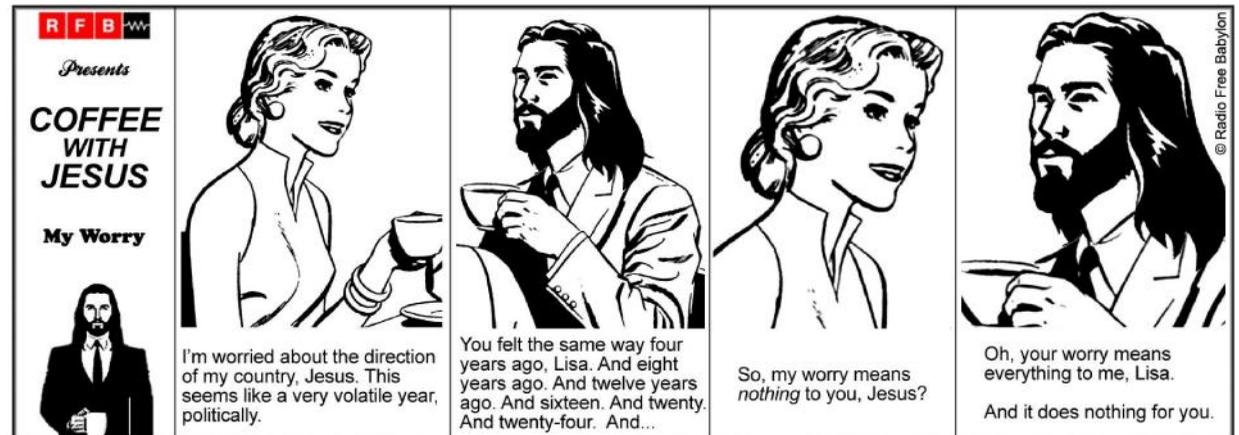
While our worship service ends, our Christian service is just beginning...

The flowers for This Morning’s Worship Service were generously donated by Jeanne Wilkins in loving memory of Bob.

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:

2. Our Affirmation of Faith this morning was taken from 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.





The Llanerch Worship Time returns to “normal” on Sunday, September 11, 2016.

Our worship Time moves back to 11:00am that Sunday!



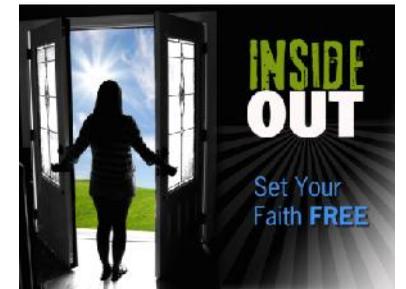
It's that time of year, again! Summer isn't quite over, but school starts soon. And here's a list of favorite “Back to Church” activities to put on your fall calendar! Don't miss out!

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- September 4th: Labor Day Weekend. Worship is at 10:00am and includes the Lord's Supper.
 - September 11th: Worship time returns to 11:00am. Rally Sunday. Commissioning of our 2016-17 Sunday School Program. Blessing of Backpacks during worship!
 - September 18th: Sunday School begins!
 - September 25th: Kick off for “Church Has Left the Building”
 - October 2nd: World Communion Sunday! Worship includes the Lord's Supper!
 - October 9th: Blessing of the Animals Service.
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Blessing
of the
Backpacks



Blessing of the Animals



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 Louisiana's natural and human-caused disasters—especially those facing the recent flooding, and violence; | for Milwaukee and the violence there; | For Jeanne Twining (who is in failing health) **| For Kristen Gibson** (recovering from more tests and trials) **| 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 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 8/21 We celebrate the 14th Sunday after Pentecost!

NEXT Sunday 08/28 The 15th Sunday after Pentecost.

Sunday 09/04 Worship for the 16th Sunday after Pentecost will include the celebration of the Lord's Supper! It's also Labor Day weekend!

[Please Note: We return to our regular worship time of 11:00am, on Sunday, September 11th!]



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