



# The Presbyterian Church of Llanerch

Celebrating The 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, August 28, 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 “We Come As Guests Invited” *Wie Lieblich Ist der Maien*, setting by Emma Lou Diemer

### GREETING AND WELCOME

#### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

God calls us to service,  
rather than honor.  
God call us to love the unknown,  
rather than the familiar.  
We come to this time of worship,  
trusting in the grace of Jesus Christ,  
who is the same yesterday, today, and forever.  
Let us worship God!

#### \* PRAYER OF THE DAY

#### \* OPENING HYMN

301

*Two Oaks*

“Let Us Build a House”

### CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF FORGIVENESS [read in unison, and printed on the next page]

Lord, all that we have is a gift from you, yet we do not live lives of gratitude. We ignore strangers and turn away from those in need. We seek honor for ourselves and allow pride to take root in us. Forgive our foolish ways, O God, and restore us to you, that we may walk in the way of love. AMEN.

#### \* SUNG RESPONSE 399 “God Welcomes All” Sung Twice

--*Themba Amen*

“God welcomes all, strangers and friends; God’s love is strong and it never ends.”

#### 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.

#### \* 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 PROVERBS

25: 6-7 [Page 607]

#### A READING FROM THE GOSPELS

Luke 14: 1, 7-14 [Page 77]

The words of Scripture, inspired by God.

Thanks be to God.

#### SERMON

--Rev. David Stipp-Bethune

**“Dressed Like You’re Going to the Bank to Borrow Money”**

## Response

#### \* AFFIRMATION OF OUR FAITH

--The Confession of Belhar

We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker, that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells. AMEN.

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.

[The minister continues, offering petitions; and then our prayers conclude in the praying of our Lord’s Prayer, together, in unison, as indicated below.]

...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 “I come, O Savior, to Thy Table” *Ich Sterbe Taeglich*, setting by Thomas Canning

\* 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

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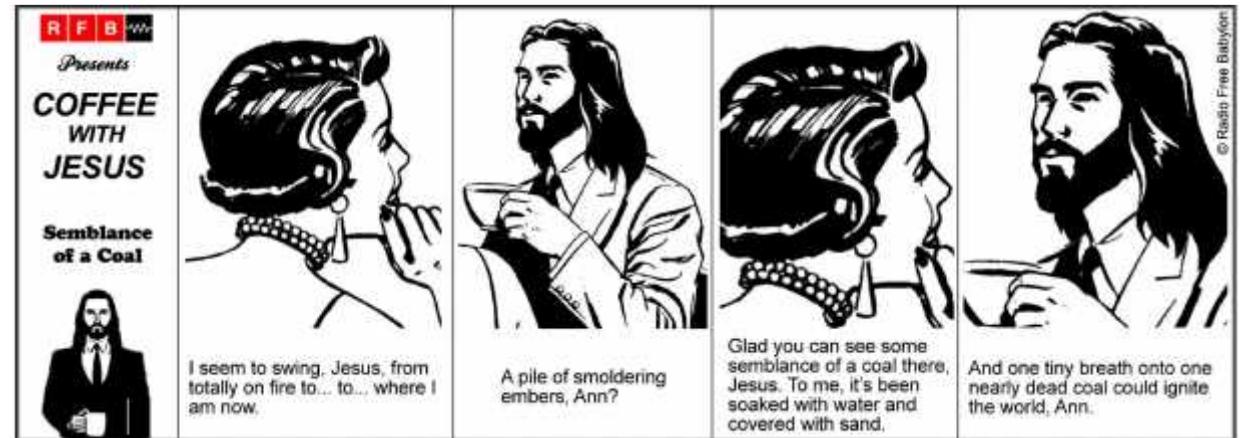
While our worship service ends, our Christian service is just beginning...

**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 and Prayer of Dedication were prepared 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 our denomination’s newest confession, The Confession of Belhar. The 222<sup>nd</sup> 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.

Rev. Stipp-Bethune will be away from the office, with family, enjoying some R & R this week. If you need pastoral assistance, please contact the Church Office. In non-office hours, please contact Kelly Dilorio at home, or Clerk of Session Mary Kane.





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!

A Service of

# Light in the Darkness

In deep awareness of the Violence, Fear-Mongering, Polarization, Racism, Terrorism prevalent in our culture, We invite you to join us for a time of reflection and prayer as we reclaim our call to be a people of light in the darkness.

Seven voices will speak to Biblical texts on “light”

A time for prayer  
A time for singing

In a “reverse-tenebrae”, we will begin in darkness and depart after the blessing reclaiming the light of Christ that cannot be contained.

*The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.*

John 1:5

**Tuesday, September 20, 2016**  
**Beginning at 7:00 pm**  
**Oxford Presbyterian Church**  
8501 Stenton Avenue, Philadelphia PA 19150

**Hosted by the Presbytery of Philadelphia**

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



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

### **PARTICIPATE IN WORSHIP WITH US:**

10 a.m. on Sunday Mornings (11 a.m. starting September 11<sup>th</sup>)

### **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, September 18<sup>th</sup>!** 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 the victims of natural and human-caused disasters—especially those affected by the devastating flooding in South Louisiana | for the many families who are traveling for vacations and family trips | for the victims of violence and terrorism, all over the world and in our own country | for the good news that Judy Turnbull has returned to her home at Rosemont | for Gerard Schrom's father (who suffered a fall at his home in Florida) | For Jeanne Twining (who is in failing health) | For Kristen Gibson (recovering from more tests and trials) | 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 enduring violence and bloodshed--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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### **Communications Coordinator**

Kelly Diiorio

### **Minister of Music**

Georgia Marshall Schrom

### **Ministers**

Members of the Congregation

### **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](http://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](mailto:revdrstipp@msn.com).

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

Today 8/28 We celebrate the 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost!

NEXT Sunday 09/04 The 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost. We celebrate the Lord's Supper during worship. It's Labor Day weekend; and it's the last Sunday of our summer schedule when worship begins at 10:00am.

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



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