



The Presbyterian Church of Llanerch

Celebrating The 16th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, September 4, 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 from “Three Mysteries” I. O Salutaris --Jackson Hill

GREETING AND WELCOME

* CALL TO WORSHIP

O Lord, you search us and know us;
we praise you, O God, our Maker.
You are the potter, we are the clay;
we are the work of your hands.
Wonderful are your works!
Let us worship God.

* PRAYER OF THE DAY

* OPENING HYMN 511 *Llanfair*
“Come, Behold! the Feast of Heaven”

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF FORGIVENESS

Sovereign God, we confess that have not turned away from sin. We follow the advice of the wicked and scoff at those who do good. We

make plans we cannot complete and promises we will not fulfill.

[time for personal prayers, in silence]

Forgive us, God of grace.

For you have made us, you know us, you have sought us out, to save us and claim us.

Refresh and renew our hearts,

so that we may seek your will and do all the good we can; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

* SONG 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 THE PROPHET JEREMIAH 18: 1-11 [Page 720]

A READING FROM THE GOSPELS Luke 14: 25-33 [Page 78]

The words of Scripture, inspired by God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON --Rev. David Stipp-Bethune

“How Much Does This Cost, Again?”

Response

* AFFIRMATION OF OUR FAITH --The Confession of Belhar

We believe that God’s life giving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity, that God’s life giving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of

life for society and the world; that the credibility of this message is seriously affected and its beneficial work obstructed when it is proclaimed in a land which professes to be Christian, but in which the enforced separation of people on a racial basis promotes and perpetuates alienation, hatred and enmity; AMEN.

* HYMN 509 *Holy Manna*
 "All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"
The Celebration of the Lord's Supper

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OFFERTORY "Communion" --Denis Bédard
Celebration of the Lord's Supper

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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, then concludes the prayer by inviting the congregation to offer "Amen."]

COMMUNION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

[Communion will be served by Intinction. The congregation will be invited to come forward to be served a piece of bread that is dipped into the cup—and both elements are partaken together. If you are unable or uncomfortable in coming forward, please remain at your seat and you may be served there.]

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION AND OUR LORD'S PRAYER

God of grace, you invited us to your table and welcomed us as part of your family. You fed us with your body and seek to satisfy our deepest hunger. We thank you for these gifts. Now, renewed and sustained, send us out into the world by the power of your Spirit that we may be your witnesses, sharing the life-giving news of the gospel. Seal in us the work of your promises and love in this bread and cup, as we pray together the words Jesus taught us to use, 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 5 *Jennings-Houston*
 "God, the Sculptor of the Mountains"

* ANNOUNCEMENTS

* BLESSING & CHARGE

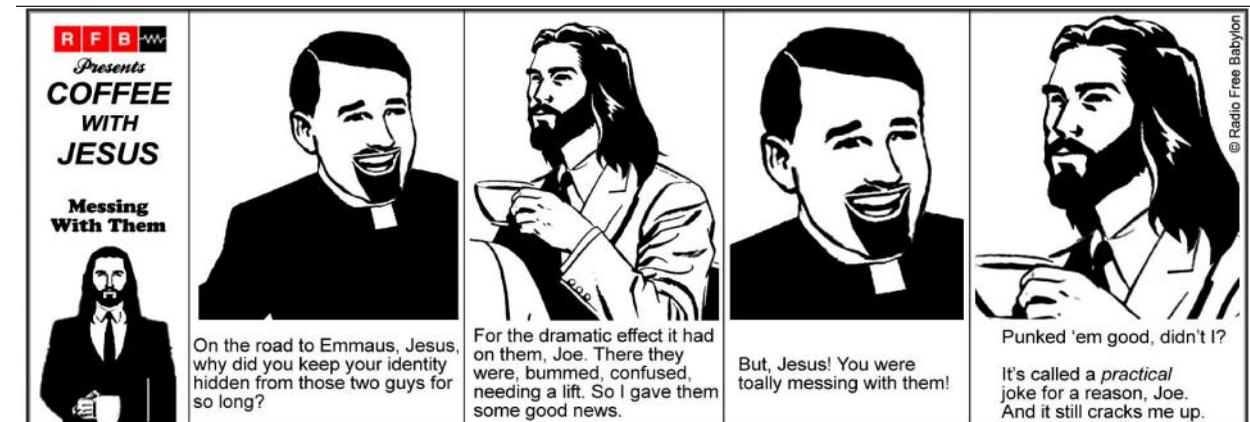
VOLUNTARY " Dialogue sur *Te Deum*" --Denis Bédard

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 Invitation to Present our Offerings and our 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. Our Affirmation of Faith this morning was taken from our denomination's newest confession, The Confession of Belhar. 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!

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

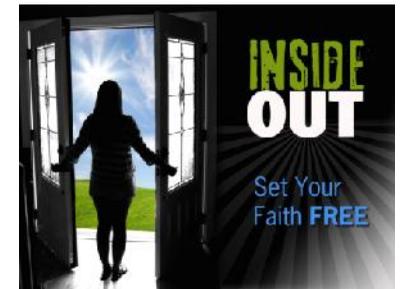
Hosted by the Presbytery of Philadelphia

- September 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.

Blessing of the Backpacks



Blessing of the Animals



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

PARTICIPATE IN WORSHIP WITH US:

11 a.m. on Sunday Mornings (STARTING NEXT SUNDAY!)

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 18th!** 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 Labor Day celebrations and the work that sustains us all | for the victims of violence and terrorism, all over the world and in our own country | for Judy Turnbull (who has returned to Rosemont) | For Jeanne Twining (who is in failing health) | 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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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 09/04 The 16th Sunday after Pentecost is celebrated along with the Lord's Supper. It's also Labor Day Weekend!

Monday 09/05 LABOR DAY. Church Offices are closed in observance of the holiday.

Tuesday 09/06 First Day of School in Haverford Township!

NEXT Sunday 09/11 Worship for the 17th Sunday after Pentecost will include the commissioning of our Sunday School program, the Blessing of Backpacks for children and teachers, and 9/11 Remembrances and Blessings. PLEASE NOTE: Worship will begin at 11:00am—and continue at 11:00am until Memorial Day weekend, next year!



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