



The Presbyterian Church of Llanerch

Celebrating The 19th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, September 25, 2016

11:00 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 “Meditations for Organ” --Noël Goemanne

GREETING AND WELCOME

* CALL TO WORSHIP

When they call to me, I will answer them,
says the Lord—I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue and honor them.

And let grace become the bridge

That we might cross the great chasm between us.
With thanksgiving and praise for these gifts, and God’s welcome of us,
let us worship God.

* PRAYER OF THE DAY

* OPENING HYMN 100 *Star of the County Down*
“My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout”

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF FORGIVENESS [read in unison]

Sovereign God, we confess that have not turned away from sin. We dress

ourselves in fine clothing while others sit in tattered rags. We fill ourselves with rich food while others beg for scraps of bread. Forgive us, God of grace. Make us rich in good works, generous, and eager to share all the blessings of abundant life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 NEW TESTAMENT EPISTLES 1 Timothy 6: 6-19 [Page 210]

A READING FROM THE GOSPELS Luke 16: 19-31 [Page 79]

The words of Scripture, inspired by God.

Thanks be to God.

A TIME OF WORSHIP ESPECIALLY FOR CHILDREN

SERMON --Rev. David Stipp-Bethune

“Your Coming In, But Your Going Out”

Response

* AFFIRMATION OF OUR FAITH --The Confession of Belhar

WE BELIEVE that the church must stand by people in any form of suffering and need, which implies, among other things, 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; that the church as the possession of God must stand where the Lord stands, namely against injustice and with the wronged; that in following Christ the church must witness against all the powerful and

privileged who selfishly seek their own interests and thus control and harm others.

Therefore, we reject any ideology which would legitimate forms of injustice and any doctrine which is unwilling to resist such an ideology in the name of the gospel. AMEN.

* HYMN

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Germany

“Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND OUR LORD’S PRAYER

[Our Prayers of the People will begin with the congregation sharing prayers and prayer requests aloud, followed by the responsive prayers printed below and concluding with the Lord’s Prayer in unison.]

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.

Lord,

we call to you, our refuge,
provide your safe space.

We call to you, our fortress,
provide your strength.

We call to you, our trust,
provide your vision.

We call to you, our deliverer,
provide your promise.

We call to you, our cover,
provide your gentleness.

We call to you, our faithful,
provide your presence.

We call to you, our shield,
provide your defense.

We call to you, our bunker,
provide your confidence.

We call to you, our protector,
provide your future.

We call to you, our rescuer,
provide your breath.

We call to you, our satisfaction,
provide your peace.

We call to you, our savior,
provide your grace. And seal in us the works of your love and justice as we pray together with the words Jesus taught us to use when we pray:

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 from "Meditation for Organ" --Noël Goemanne

* 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

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Wareham

“The Church of Christ in Every Age”

* ANNOUNCEMENTS

* BLESSING & CHARGE [continues on next page]

...Seek the lost.

Rejoice!

Feed the hungry.

Rejoice!

Honor and glorify our Sovereign God forever!

Rejoice!

VOLUNTARY

“Toccata - The World”

--Jan Bender

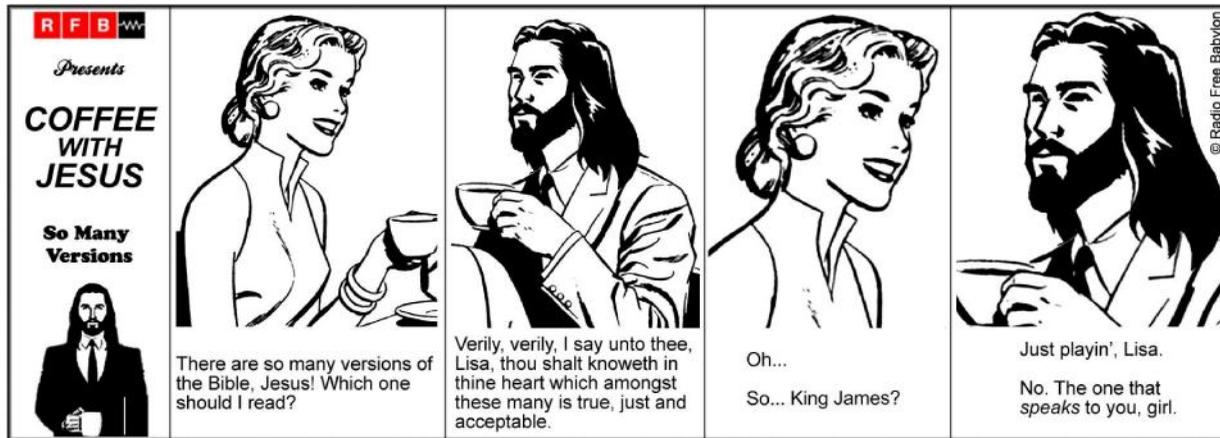
While our worship service ends, our Christian service is just beginning...

The flowers for This Morning's Worship Service are generously shared with us by the Hiebert Family in honor of all teachers and students.

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 Prayers of the People were from the suggestions in the materials 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 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.



UPCOMING EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS IN OUR CONGREGATION:

- September 25th: Kick off for "Church Has Left the Building"
- October 2nd: World Communion Sunday! Worship includes the Lord's Supper!
- October 9th: Pulpit Exchange. Rev. Stipp-Bethune will be preaching at Beverly Hills Presbyterian Church; and Rev. Kurt Pleim will be leading worship and preaching at Llanerch!
Blessing of the Animals Service.

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

PARTICIPATE IN WORSHIP WITH US:

11 a.m. on Sunday Mornings

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, October 16th!** 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 victims of violence and terrorism, all over the world and in our own country | For Lila McCleary's brother, who had brain surgery and is recovering, and for Lila who is in West Texas for a visit; | For Gerard Schrom's father (who suffered a fall at his home in Florida) | 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 recovering from surgery) | For Kelly Diorio'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, 09/25 The 19th Sunday after Pentecost. And we kick off our "Church Has Left the Building" Program Emphasis!

09/ 27 Session meets at 7:00pm.

NEXT Sunday 10/02 World Communion Sunday! We'll celebrate the Lord's Supper as a part of the worship service marking the 20th Sunday after Pentecost and world-wide communion. Join us as we share the sacred banquet feast of our Lord and the intersection of the Kingdom of God with our world and our lives.



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