



# The Presbyterian Church of Llanerch

Celebrating The 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

Sunday, October 2, 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 "Gift of Finest Wheat" *Bicentennial*, setting by Jeffrey Honoré

### GREETING AND WELCOME

#### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;

God's mercies never come to an end.

The love of the Lord is new every morning;

great is the faithfulness of our God.

"The LORD is my portion,"

says my soul, "therefore I will hope in God."

God is good to those who wait;

Therefore, let us worship God!

#### \* PRAYER OF THE DAY

#### \* OPENING HYMN

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*Dove of Peace*

"I Come With Joy"

### CALL TO RECONCILIATION

### PRAYER OF FORGIVENESS [read in unison]

Sovereign God, we confess that have not turned away from sin. We worry that our hope is lost and forget the promise of your love. We take the gift of faith for granted and fail to keep your commandments. Forgive us, God of grace. Help us, by your Holy Spirit, to hold fast to the teaching of your Word and guard the treasure entrusted to us; 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 2 Timothy 1: 1-14 [Page 211]

A READING FROM THE GOSPELS Luke 17: 5-10 [Page 80]

The words of Scripture, inspired by God.

Thanks be to God.

### A TIME OF WORSHIP ESPECIALLY FOR CHILDREN

SERMON --Rev. David Stipp-Bethune

**"A Story of Reversal: If you had less than a speck of faith...,  
you might be able to do more than a speck of good"**

### Response

\* AFFIRMATION OF OUR FAITH --The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally

begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

\* HYMN

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*I am the Bread*

“I Am the Bread of Life”

**Celebration of our Lord's Supper**

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OFFERTORY

“One Bread, One Body”

--setting by Ron Schmoltze

THE STORY OF THE TABLE

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND 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.

It is right, it is good, and it is joyful to give thanks to you, God of mystery and miracle.

When there was only darkness, you made light. When we cried out to you from captivity, you claimed us as your own. When we forgot our love for you, you did not forget us, sending your prophets to turn us around and renewing your promises with a bow in the sky, the parting of the sea, your own Son. And so we praise you, tuning our voices to the

angels' songs, joining all those who sing on earth and in heaven:

SUNG RESPONSE see hymnal, p. 9

♪ “Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.” ♪

Thank you for Jesus—for his teaching and healing, his challenging and feeding, his living and dying and rising, that we might be raised with him, and all the world made new. We thank you that on the night before he died he took bread, gave thanks, and broke it, and shared it with his friends, saying, take, eat—my body broken for you. Thank you for the way he took the cup, the new covenant sealed in his blood, shed for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you eat and drink, he said, do it in remembrance of me. With thanksgiving we take this bread and wine, gifts of the good earth, offering ourselves as a living sacrifice dedicated to your service. Great is the mystery of faith:

SUNG RESPONSE see hymnal p. 10

♪ “Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.” ♪

Come in glory and pour out your Holy Spirit on your people gathered here and on these gifts—bread and wine of earth, to body and blood of heaven; our frail flesh and blood to your holy people, that we might be Christ's body to your world. For this world we now pray: end all war, mend your wounded earth, heal those who suffer, comfort those who mourn, and infuse us with your peace that is rooted in what is just. Through the power of your Spirit unite us with Christ and with one another as we work and wait in hope, confident in that day when Christ will come to make all things well and we will feast together at his heavenly table. All glory and honor are yours, Holy God, through Christ and in the unity of the Spirit, now and forever. And seal in us the works of your love and justice as we pray together as our Savior Christ has taught us:

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.

SUNG RESPONSE see hymnal p. 11

♪ “Amen, amen, amen.” ♪

BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND POURING OF THE CUP

COMMUNION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

[Communion will be served using serving trays; bread and cup will be passed in the congregation. As you are served, be served by partaking of each element right away; and then, when you've partaken, you may act as server for your neighbor. The servers and worship leaders will commune last.]

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Bless the Lord, O my soul;

And all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul;

And forget not all God's benefits.

God of great abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people.

Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit that we may proclaim

your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. AMEN.

**Sending**

771  
"What Is the World Like"

*New World*

\* HYMN

\* ANNOUNCEMENTS

\* BLESSING & CHARGE

...Seek the lost.

Rejoice!

Feed the hungry.

Rejoice!

Honor and glorify our Sovereign God forever!

Rejoice!

\* VOLUNTARY

--George Oldroyd

"Pour light upon us from above, And fire our hearts with Thy strong love"

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

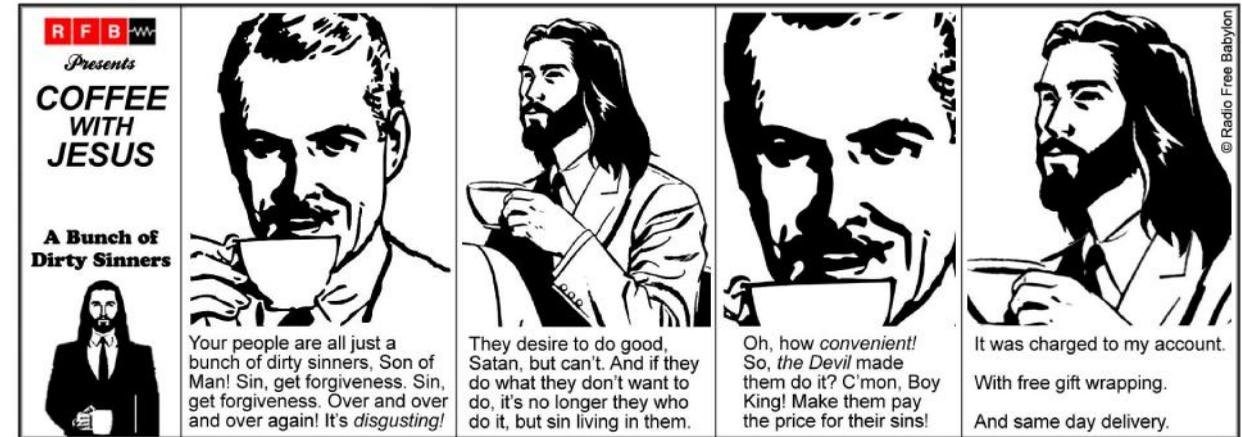
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**The flowers for This Morning's Worship Service** are generously shared with us by Kevin and Debbie Ford in honor of Brittany Ford Pizio, Lila McCleary and Gerardo Hidalgo Cuellar who all celebrate birthdays today.

**Leading This Morning's Worship Service Are:** Georgia Marshall Schrom, Minister of Music; Rev. David Stipp-Bethune, Pastor; and Kate Hiebert, Worship Leader.

**Service Notes for This Morning's Worship Service:**

1. Our Great Prayer of Thanksgiving was adapted from one of the suggestions found in the Feasting on the Word worship Companion: liturgies for Year C, edited by Kimberly Bracken Long.



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## UPCOMING EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS IN OUR CONGREGATION:

October 2<sup>nd</sup>: World Communion Sunday! Worship includes the Lord's Supper!

October 9<sup>th</sup>: 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. 2:00pm at Llanerch.

October 22<sup>nd</sup>: Join us for a special dinner and musical program with pictures, descriptions, and music from Georgia and Gabrielle Schrom's tour of Italy—especially including organ music Georgia got to play at St. Mark's Cathedral in Venice.

October 23<sup>rd</sup>: A congregational meeting will follow morning worship, for the purpose of acting on the pastor's request to dissolve the terms of call.

## 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 16<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 violence and terrorism, all over the world and in our own country | For Lila McCleary's brother, who had brain surgery but who's recovery and health are not well | For Lila McCleary who returned from west Texas with a fractured arm and is in the health unit at Dunwoody | 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 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 | 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](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, 10/02 10/02 World Communion Sunday! We'll celebrate the Lord's Supper as a part of the worship service marking the 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

NEXT Sunday 10/09 PULPIT EXCHANGE SUNDAY FOR "Church has Left the Building." Rev. Kurt Pleim, from Beverly Hills Presbyterian Church will be preaching at Llanerch while Rev. Stipp-Bethune is preaching at Beverly Hills.  
Join us at 2:00pm for our Blessing of the Animals Service



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