



The Presbyterian Church of Llanerch

Celebrating The 21st Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, October 9, 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 “Partita on *Fredericktown*: When in Our Living God Is Glorified” --Kevin J. Sadowsky

GREETING AND WELCOME

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth!

Come and see what God has done!

God has turned our sea into dry land.

We have passed through the river on foot.

Bless our God, O peoples.

Let the sound of God’s praise be heard!

When you tested and tried us, O God,

you brought us out to a spacious place.

You kept us among the living

and prevented our feet from slipping.

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth!

How awesome are the deeds of our God!

* PRAYER OF THE DAY

* OPENING HYMN

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St. Denio

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF FORGIVENESS [read in unison]

We remember times of blessing in our lives: when we have been released from suffering and despair, when we have been freed to reclaim life and hope; but we also remember times of hardship: when we have been cast out into deep waters, when we have been banished in exile from the world we call home. O God, it is hard to claim the hope and promise of the past in the presence of today’s troubles. Meet us today with your good news that we may be renewed by the power of your presence.
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

Give praise to God, who accompanies us on our journey, who hears our cries and anguish, and who remains faithful and answers our prayers. Give glory to God, who brings life out of death and joy out of sorrow!

Thanks be to God.

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ which surpasses all understanding be with you!

And also with you!

Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

A READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT 1 Corinthians 3: 5-9 [Page 167]

A READING FROM THE GOSPELS Luke 10: 1-12, 17-22 [Page 71]

The words of Scripture, inspired by God.

Thanks be to God.

A TIME OF WORSHIP ESPECIALLY FOR CHILDREN

SERMON --Rev. Kurt Pleim

“Free to be Sent”

Response

*** AFFIRMATION OF OUR FAITH**

--The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord. who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*** HYMN**

315

New Dimensions

"In the Midst of New Dimensions"

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 *Offertory from "Service Sonata"* --Robert J. Powell

*** 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** 69 *Here I Am*
"I, the Lord of Sea and Sky"

*** ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*** BLESSING & CHARGE**

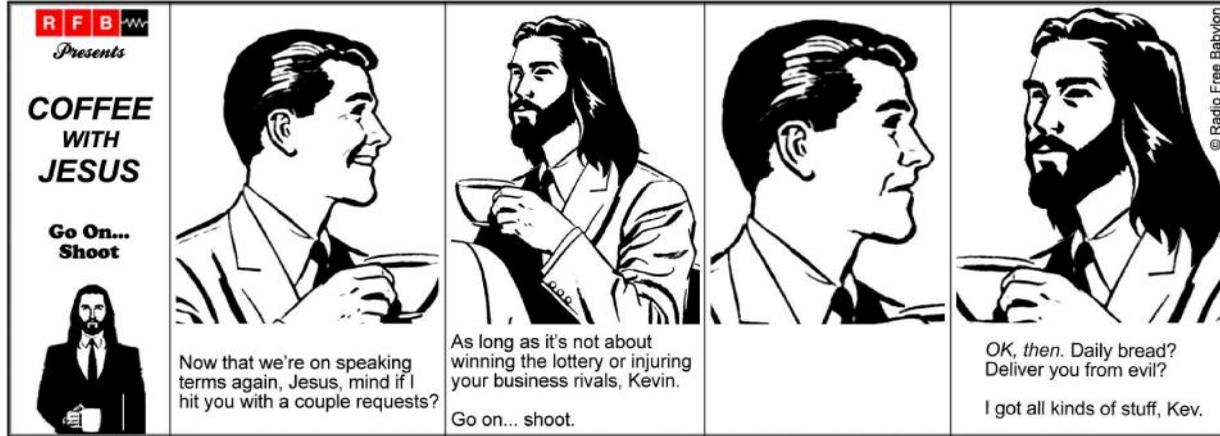
VOLUNTARY "Fanfare on *Fredericktown: When in Our Living God is Glorified*" --Robert J. Powell

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

Leading This Morning's Worship Service Are: Georgia Marshall Schrom, Minister of Music; The Heins' family, Worship Leaders; Rev. Kurt Pleim, Pastor, Beverly Hills Presbyterian Church in Upper Darby

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.



UPCOMING EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS IN OUR CONGREGATION:

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.

October 22nd: Join us for a special Italian Dinner with music and interpretation from Georgia Marshall Schrom and Gabrielle, who visited Italy this last Summer. Georgia got to play the organ at the famous St. Mark's Cathedral in Venice, and wanted to share a bit of that musical program with us! Bring your favorite Italian dish to share and join us for good, fellowship, and flair!



Session has called a congregational meeting on Sunday, October 23rd, following morning worship for the purpose of acting on the request to dissolve the pastor's terms of call. This is a necessary step, so that the Presbytery can recognize the

change of status, and also act to dissolve the pastoral agreements, clearing the way for needed actions—so that Rev. Stipp-Bethune can be transferred to the Presbytery of the Pines, and that Llanerch can move ahead in securing pastoral services.



Rev. Stipp-Bethune will be away this week, traveling to Arkansas; he'll be out of town October 12th through the 15th, but will be back for worship on the 16th! If you need pastoral assistance, please contact the Church office.

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 those in the path of Hurricane Matthew, especially for those who have sustained damage and devastation; | For the victims of natural and human-caused disasters, and for the victims of violence and terrorism, all over the world and in our own country | For Lila McCleary's (who returned home from Texas with a fractured arm) and at the death of her brother, Dwain Pittenger; | For Gerard Schrom's father (who suffered a fall at his home in Florida) and for Gerard and his brother who are traveling to Florida for a visit; | 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, 10/09 We're Celebrating the 21st Sunday after Pentecost, and a Pulpit Exchange with Beverly Hills Presbyterian Church for our Church Has Left the Building celebration.

Today at 2:00pm is our Blessing of the Animals Service.

Monday 10/10 Session meets at 7:00pm.

NEXT Sunday 10/16 We celebrate the 22nd Sunday after Pentecost.



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