



The Presbyterian Church of Llanerch

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The Presbyterian Church of Llanerch

Celebrating The 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, October 23, 2016

11:00 a.m.

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, 10/23 The 23rd Sunday after Pentecost. A congregational meeting follows morning worship, for the purpose of voting to dissolve the terms of call for the pastor. A Session Meeting will follow the time of Fellowship this morning.

NEXT Sunday 10/30 We will be celebrating the 24th Sunday after Pentecost. This will be the last week of preparation for the Church Has Left the Building. It will also be Rev. Stipp-Bethune's last Sunday in the pulpit.
9:45am – Senior Choir rehearsal

Halloween 10/31 Trunk or Treat in our church parking lot, beginning at dusk.



Direct your phone or tablet computer to our Church's website by scanning the image on the left.



Search for "The Presbyterian Church of Llanerch," then click on "Like."

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 Prelude on "Exaudi Orationem Meam, Domine Deus" (Hear My Prayer, O God)
--Bruce Simonds

GREETING AND WELCOME

* CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 84:1–2, 4–5, 12

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

My soul longs for the courts of the Lord.

My flesh sings for joy to the living God.

Happy are those who live in the house of the Lord, ever singing your praise, O God.

Happy are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

O Lord of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.

* PRAYER OF THE DAY

* OPENING HYMN 1 Nicaea
"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF FORGIVENESS [read in unison] [appears on following page]

Merciful God, hope of your people in every age, we confess that we have sinned against you. We have wandered from your pathways, turned toward idols, lived without compassion, and disregarded the well-being of your creation. Do not turn away from us, O Lord, but renew your covenant, for only in you will our lives be healed. Guide us and lead us in your ways, for happy are those who live in your house. AMEN.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Grace flows like a river; mercy like a never-ending stream. Believe the good news:

in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

* 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."** ♪

* 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 2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18 [Page 213]

A READING FROM THE GOSPELS Luke 18: 9-14 [Page 81]

The words of Scripture, inspired by God.

Thanks be to God.

A TIME OF WORSHIP ESPECIALLY FOR CHILDREN

SERMON --Rev. David Stipp-Bethune

"When Mr. Trump or Mrs. Clinton Heads Up to the Temple to Pray"

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

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, November 20th!** 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 recovery for the victims of Hurricane Matthew—in Haiti, other Caribbean places, and in the United States | for the victims of violence and terrorism | for the victims of sexual assault (in all its forms) | For Gerard Schrom, traveling to see his father in Florida | | For Michelle Siegle (Eleanor Siegle's daughter-in-law), | 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 | 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.

FRESH FRUIT FOR THE LIFE CENTER MEAL

Llanerch is providing fresh fruit for the Life Center Meal on October 29th. Kate Hiebert will be coordinating donations of fruit and helping people who want to provide and be involved. We're also collecting snap-top tubs (from yogurt, take out, etc.) to use as take-home containers. See Kate about dropping-off, picking up, or to help out on October 29th!



TRUNK-OR-TREAT

We're once again hosting a Trunk-or-Treat on Halloween evening—6:30-8:00pm. There's a sign-up sheet in the fellowship room for cars that will be decorated and for us to receive treats to share with the neighborhood! We'll again be welcoming children and families out in the neighborhood to visit our parking lot and to share a spooky musical experience in our sanctuary.

Please come join us for the fun and support us with

your gifts of treats to share!



**PRESBYTERIAN
DISASTER ASSISTANCE**

OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE

The needs for the response are great. God's people are once again called on to stand in the "GAP"—Give. Act. Pray.

Give: Financial support for relief efforts can be designated for Hurricane Matthew by giving to DR000193. Gifts can be made [online](#), by phone at (800) 872-3283, or by check, which can be mailed to: Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) / P.O. Box 643700 / Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700.

Act: Learn how you and your congregation can help families who have lost everything in the devastation.

Pray: Pray for those who suffered loss of family or home or for those who are working tirelessly to provide rescue, humanitarian aid, and spiritual and psychological support.

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

773
"Heaven Shall Not Wait"

Heaven Shall Not Wait

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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.

[Our Prayers of the People will be in the form of a bidding prayer; we will use the following response for each petition.]

...God of mercy,

hear our prayer.

[Our prayers are concluded by praying the Lord's Prayer in unison.]

...In the name of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and Lord—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

"Take My Life" The text is Hymn 697 --Robert Hobby

* 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

“I, the Lord of Sea and Sky”

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING (For the Agenda and additional information, see page 5)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

* BLESSING & CHARGE

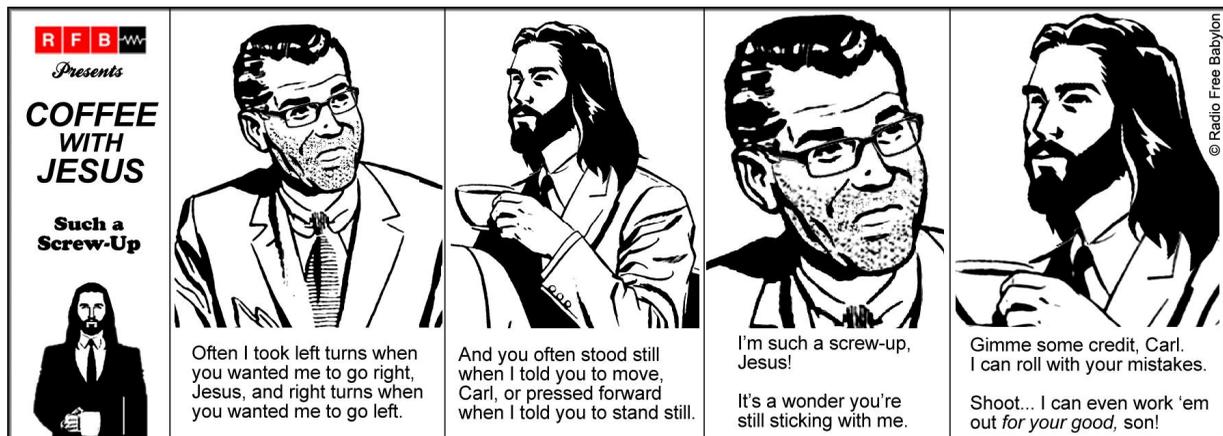
While our worship service ends, our Christian service is just beginning...

The flowers for This Morning's Worship Service are generously shared with us by Jeanne Wilkins in memory of loved ones.

Leading This Morning's Worship Service Are: Georgia Marshall Schrom, Minister of Music; Rev. David Stipp-Bethune, Pastor. Moderating our Congregational Meeting will be Ruling Elder Courtenay Willcox of the Presbytery's Commission on Ministry.

Service Notes for This Morning's Worship Service:

1. Our Call to Confession and Prayer of Forgiveness, were suggestions from, and our Prayers of the People and Prayer of Dedication were adapted using the Feasting on the Word worship Companion: liturgies for Year C, edited by Kimberly Bracken Long.



AGENDA FOR CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE MODERATOR

OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO ORDER

PRESENTATION OF THE TERMS OF DISSOLUTION

The Session and Rev. Stipp-Bethune have agreed to the following terms:

1. Rev. Stipp-Bethune's last Sunday preaching will be October 30th.
2. Rev. Stipp-Bethune's last day of work will be Monday, October 31st.
3. Rev. Stipp-Bethune and his family can remain in the manse free of charge through November 8th (if necessary) though a mover is scheduled for November 2nd and 3rd.
4. Rev. Stipp-Bethune will arrange a walk-through of the manse and turn in keys before or on November 8th.

REQUEST TO DISSOLVE THE TERMS OF CALL

Motion: That the congregation join with the Reverend David Stipp-Bethune to request that the Presbytery of Philadelphia dissolve the pastoral relationship between him and the Presbyterian Church of Llanerch, effective November 1st, 2016. The terms of dissolution having been approved by Session, this item comes to the congregation from the Session with the recommendation that the congregation concur by voting in the affirmative.

* In the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), pastor's calls consist of agreement with the pastor and the congregation, the congregation and the Presbytery, the Presbytery and the pastor. It is the norm that the Presbytery does not formally act to dissolve the pastoral relationship unless or until both the pastor and the congregation agree—though the Presbytery can act at the request of either.

A WORD ABOUT THE COVENANT OF CLOSURE

FINANCIAL UPDATE

ADJOURNMENT

CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING AND CHARGE