



# The Presbyterian Church of Llanerch

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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).

## KNOW YOU ARE MOST WELCOME TO JOIN US IN THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES:

Today, 11/20 We will be celebrating Christ the King Sunday. Rev. Bill Searight will be the guest preacher.

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE – 4:00pm St. Denis Church

NEXT SUNDAY, 11/27 We will celebrate The First Sunday of Advent. Rev. Bill Searight will be the guest preacher.

9:30am – Handbell Choir rehearsal



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Celebrating Christ the King Sunday

Sunday, November 20, 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 "The Heavn's Declare" --Benedetto Marcello

"Christ Is the King, O Friends Rejoice" –*Gelobt Sei Gott*, setting by Gilbert Martin

GREETING AND WELCOME

\* CALL TO WORSHIP --adapt. From Jeremiah 23: 1-6

Rejoice, O people, in the promises of your God:  
**The days are surely coming, says the Lord,**  
**when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch,**  
One who shall reign as king, One who shall deal wisely,  
**One who shall execute justice**  
**and establish righteousness in the land.**

And this is the name by which he will be called:

**The Lord is our righteousness!**

\* PRAYER OF THE DAY

\* OPENING HYMN

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"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

--Coronation

## CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF FORGIVENESS [read in unison]

**Eternal God, Hope of the World, we bring our broken hearts to you.  
Reluctant to make you king, we allow anger and sadness to rule over  
us.  
Afraid to admit our own mistakes, we scoff at others rather than  
offering forgiveness.  
Confident in the righteousness of our judgement, we ignore the pain of  
our neighbors, trying only to shield ourselves from their misfortune.  
Forgive us, we pray, and heal us from all our faults, that we may follow  
in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

The good news is that even if we at first do not hear the divine word addressed to us, God calls again and again. Friends, believe good news of the gospel:

**in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

\* SUNG RESPONSE

643 Verse 3

--*Nun Danket Alle Gott*

♪ **"All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven, to Father  
and to Son and Spirit now be given: the one eternal God, whom heaven  
and earth adore, the God who was, and is, and shall be evermore."** ♪

\* 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

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Colossians 1: 11 – 20 [Page 200]

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 23: 35 – 43 [Page 89]

The words of Scripture, inspired by God.

**Thanks be to God.**

## A TIME OF WORSHIP ESPECIALLY FOR CHILDREN

ANTHEM

"Christ Is The King" --*Gelobt Sei Gott*, arr. Carl Schalk

1. Christ is the King! O friends rejoice; brothers and sisters, with one voice make all men know he is your choice. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. 2. The early Church whose faith was new followed the King, and round him drew thousands of faithful men and true. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. 3. O Christian women, Christian men, all the world over seek again the way disciples followed then. Alleluia,

## 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 TODAY!** 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 | for the victims of sexual assault (in all its forms) | For Gerard Schrom's father who has health concerns 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 Vicki Murphy and her family as they cope with the continuing serious illness of her brother and sister-in-law | For Doris Woodside as she recovers in the rehab unit at Lankenau Hospital | For Phoenix Hoyle, June Hoyle's grandson (June is our Preschool Director) | For Cindy Guilfoil | For Barbara Wright (Kelly Diiorio's Mother who is fighting lung cancer) | For Matthew | For Ben | For Harry, who is moving into a new house with his family | For Alma, for food | For Lise, whose daughter is struggling with addiction | 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 | 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.



We are still in need of live greens to decorate the Sanctuary and Fellowship Room. Please contact Joanne Janos if you have live greens available. The greens may be dropped off at the church parking lot on Friday, November 25<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, November 26<sup>th</sup>.

**ADVENT WREATH MAKING**

The Advent season begins in less than two weeks. With that in mind, the Christian Education Committee will again be providing the materials for making natural and artificial wreaths.

Please fill in the form below with your name, the number of wreaths that you would like to make and what category (artificial or natural). This will enable us to have enough materials available.

Please call Kelly at the church office with your order or drop it off there, if you are unable to attend church. Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup> is the last date to place your order in the offering plate.

Your donation will help support the Heifer Project this holiday season.

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 Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
 # Wreaths – indicate below:

\_\_\_\_\_ I prefer to embellish (put the finishing touches on) an artificial wreath

\_\_\_\_\_ I prefer to make my own natural wreath

\_\_\_\_\_ I need to have my wreath made for me (artificial wreath only)

Please return this form to the office or call Kelly no later than  
 WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23<sup>rd</sup>

**DONATION WELCOME!!**  
 (Supports Heifer Project)

Alleluia, alleluia. 4. Christ through all ages is the same; place the same hope in his great name, with the same faith his word proclaim. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. 5. Let Love's unconquerable might your scattered companies unite in service to the Lord of light. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. 6. So shall God's will on earth be done, new lamps be lit new tasks begun, and the whole church at last be one. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

SERMON

--Rev. Bill Searight

**“By A Few Words”**

Response

\* AFFIRMATION OF OUR FAITH

--from A Brief Statement of Faith

**In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.**

**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.**

**Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world.**

**God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.**

**With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

\* HYMN

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--Picardy

“You, Lord, Are both Lamb and Shepherd”

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.**

Gracious God, we thank you for the blessings of our lives...

And now let us continue to pray as Christ taught us to 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

"Praise"

--Alec Rowley

To the Master of Music and loveliness; praise, power, dominion forever. To the Lord of the Maker of movement, colour and light; praise, power dominion forever. To the Builder, Designer, Creator, be praise, power, dominion forever. To the Theme of all song, Inspiration of Love; to the Artist of Life, to the Greatest and Least; praise, power dominion forever. For He is the greatest upon His high throne, and He was the least as the child of a maiden; praise then to Jesus whose Mother was Mary, and praise now to Christ Who is God in the midst of us. Praise. Lord of all beauty, adoring we come to Thee; Give us Thyself both in Time and Eternity. Lord of all beauty adoring we come to Thee, off'ring all that we are or can hope to be, Lord of all beauty praise, power, dominion forever.

\* SUNG RESPONSE

36 Verse 3

--Ar Hyd y Nos

♪ **"For the harvest of the Spirit, thanks be to God. For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God. For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us, most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God."** ♪

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Sending

\* HYMN

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--Diademata

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

\* BLESSING & CHARGE

VOLUNTARY

"Fanfare and Procession"

--Charles Callahan

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 Doris Woodside in memory of loved ones.

**Leading This Morning's Worship Service Are:** Georgia Marshall Schrom, Minister of Music; Rev. Bill Searight, Guest Preacher; Kate Hiebert, Worship Leader; and the Senior Choir.

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

We welcome Rev. Bill Searight to our pulpit this morning. Rev. William (Bill) Searight most recently served at First Presbyterian Church Springfield (Flourtown). He is married to Sarah Cooper Searight, currently serving as Associate Pastor at Swarthmore Presbyterian Church, and father to Maggie and Ella Searight.

