

November 10, 2024



WORSHIP SERVICE – 10:45 am

**Please stand as you are able*

Prelude: *'Allegro' from Concerto in G Major*
J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Ryan Croyle, *organ*

Time of Welcome

Emilie Delo

***Responsive Call to Worship** (From Psalm 66:16-19)

Leader: Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what He has done for my soul.

People: I cried to Him with my mouth, and high praise was on my tongue.

Leader: If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened.

All: But truly God has listened; He has attended to the voice of my prayer.

***Hymn:** *"When Morning Gilds the Skies"* (located in this bulletin)

Prayer of Confession

Ruth Ann Reamer

Almighty God, in the moment of his greatest peril, Jesus was thinking of us. In dying and rising, he showed us the way to eternal life. But we confess that we forget that this life is not all there is. We are more aware of our worries and fears than of the Holy Spirit at work in us. Gracious and Loving God, forgive us. Make us truly alive in Christ, that we might live with purpose, joy, and hope. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Scripture Reading: Psalm 125

Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion, which cannot be shaken but endures forever. ² As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the LORD surrounds his people both now and forevermore. ³ The scepter of the wicked will not remain over the land allotted to the righteous, for then the righteous might use their hands to do evil. ⁴ LORD, do good to those who are good, to those who are upright in heart. ⁵ But those who turn to crooked ways the LORD will banish with the evildoers. Peace be on Israel.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: *"Trust God With Confidence"*

Rev. Tim Habecker

***Hymn:** *“Let Us Break Bread Together”* (located in this bulletin)

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer

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; lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. *Amen.*

***Affirmation of Faith – The Apostles’ Creed**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he shall come 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.

Call for the Offering (*Online giving available, scan code on back*)

Anthem: “I Will Sing the Wondrous Story”

Music by Rowland Hugh Prichard, Words by Francis H. Rowley

- 1. I will sing the wondrous story, of the Christ who died for me,
how he left the realms of glory for the cross of Calvary.*
- 2. I was lost: but Jesus found me, found the sheep that went astray,
raised me up and gently led me back into the narrow way.*
- 3. Faint was I, and fears possessed me, bruised was I from many a fall,
hope was gone, and shame distressed me: but his love has pardoned all.*
- 4. Days of darkness still may meet me, sorrow's path I oft may tread;
but his presence still is with me, by his guiding hand I'm led. Chorus*

Chorus:

*Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story of the Christ who died for me,
Sing it with the saints in glory, gathered by the crystal sea.*

***Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below. Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Hymn:** *"We Look Behind at All You've Done"* (Lyrics listed below)

We look behind at all you've done.
We trace the path on which we've come.
Holy Father, you are mercy!
Lord, everywhere we see Your hand,
The pattern of Your loving plan.
Holy Father, You are mercy!
Holy Father, You are mercy! You are mercy!

In all the wanderings of life,
You daily lead us in the light.
Loving Father, You are faithful!
Through all the sin we cannot hide,
You claim us as Your holy bride.
Loving Father, You are faithful!
Loving Father, You are faithful! You are faithful!

We look ahead, O Lord, and see
A glimpse of all that is to be.
We exalt You, Alleluia!
Almighty God, Eternal Truth,
All life is always only You!
We exalt You, Alleluia!
We exalt You, Alleluia! Alleluia!

***Invitation, Charge, and Benediction**

Rev. Habecker

Postlude: *"All Creatures of Our God and King"*
arr. Larry Shackley

Ryan Croyle

When Morning Gilds the Sky

B \flat E \flat F7 Gm C7

1 When morn - ing gilds the sky, our hearts a - wak - ing cry:
 2 To God, the Word on high, the hosts of an - gels cry:
 3 Let earth's wide cir - cle round in joy - ful notes re - sound:
 4 Be this, when day is past, of all our thoughts the last:

F C7sus C7 F B \flat E \flat F7

May Je - sus Christ be praised! In all our work and prayer
 May Je - sus Christ be praised! Let mor - tals too up - raise
 May Je - sus Christ be praised! Let air and sea and sky
 May Je - sus Christ be praised! The night be - comes as day

B \flat C7 F B \flat B \flat 7/A \flat E \flat /G F7 B \flat

we ask his lov - ing care: May Je - sus Christ be praised!
 their voice in hymns of praise: May Je - sus Christ be praised!
 from depth to height re - ply: May Je - sus Christ be praised!
 when from the heart we say: May Je - sus Christ be praised!

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Let Us Break Bread Together

E^b *B^b9* *E^b* *Fm* *E^b*

1 Let us break bread to-gether on our knees;
 2 Let us drink wine to-gether on our knees;
 3 Let us praise God to-gether on our knees;

Gm *F7* *B^b* *Cm* *B^b*

let us break bread to-gether on our knees.
 let us drink wine to-gether on our knees.
 let us praise God to-gether on our knees.

Refrain *E^b* *Fm7* *E^b* *Fm* *B^b7*

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the Lord of life,
 (*alt. text*) ris - ing sun

E^b *Cm* *A^bmaj7* *B^bsus* *B^b* *E^b* *Fm* *E^b*

O Lord, have mer-cy on me.

Ongoing/Upcoming Opportunities . . .

Welcome Back, Rev. Tim Habecker

Rev. Tim Habecker is the Senior Director of Programs at Ligonier Camp and Conference Center. Tim joined the staff of Ligonier in 2019 and is a native of Lancaster, PA. After graduating from Geneva College Tim landed in Fredericksburg, Virginia where he worked as the youth director and eventually the associate pastor at a local church. Tim and his wife Jo, a Colorado native, met and were married in Fredericksburg and have two children, Alyse and Adam. He holds an M.A. in experiential education from Prescott College in Arizona, an M.Div. from Reformed Theological Seminary in Washington, DC, and is an ordained minister in the Evangelical Presbyterian Church. Welcome back, Tim, and thank you for serving First Church this morning!

Hospitality Hour

Join us after worship this morning for a time of refreshments and fellowship in the chapel. If you're visiting with us, we would especially like to get to know you!

Birthday Blessings to:

Mia Swann

Sunday Parking Update - Mellon Square and Smithfield Garages – Oliver Garage Soon to Follow

Parking validation stickers will now be required at 2 of the 3 parking garages; **Mellon Square and Smithfield Liberty** to receive the Sunday \$1 rate. The installation of this new system for Oliver Garage will be completed by Nov 22. The validations need to be placed on the reverse side of the parking ticket. The QR code on the front of the parking ticket will be scanned first and then the validation bar code on the reverse side will be scanned secondly. If the validations are not on the reverse side of the ticket the attendants will be unable to process the validation. **They are no longer allowed to accept stamped tickets at the Mellon and Smithfield Garages.** Thank you for your cooperation and patience during this transition period!

Christmas Tree Raising - November 16

It's time to raise our beautiful 24' Christmas tree in the Chapel! Those of you who have participated in the raising of the tree in the past know that it's a task that requires many hands. **Light Up Night 2024 is November 23**, so we need to have the tree up by then. We're hoping that some of you can arrange your schedules to join us on Saturday, November 16 from 9am-1pm. There are numerous small tasks related to the raising of the tree, so even if you don't have much muscle to offer, we can still use your help. *(Enter through Oliver Avenue entrance; pastries and coffee will be available).* If you can join us, please contact Cheryl in the church office at 412-471-3436 or cswartz@fpcp.org. Thanks in advance for your help!

Light Up Night - November 23

Once again, First Church is pleased to participate in Pittsburgh's annual Light Up Night - - a festive prelude to the Christmas season. The church will be open to the public Saturday, November 23 from 4:30-8:30 pm. We will offer refreshments, tours of the church, and Christmas music, courtesy of Ryan Croyle. We will need a dozen volunteers the night of the event to help make this outreach a success. We will also need cookie bakers/donors in advance of the event. Please let Cheryl at the church office know if you can help in any way – cswartz@fpcp.org or 412-471-3436 x220.

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