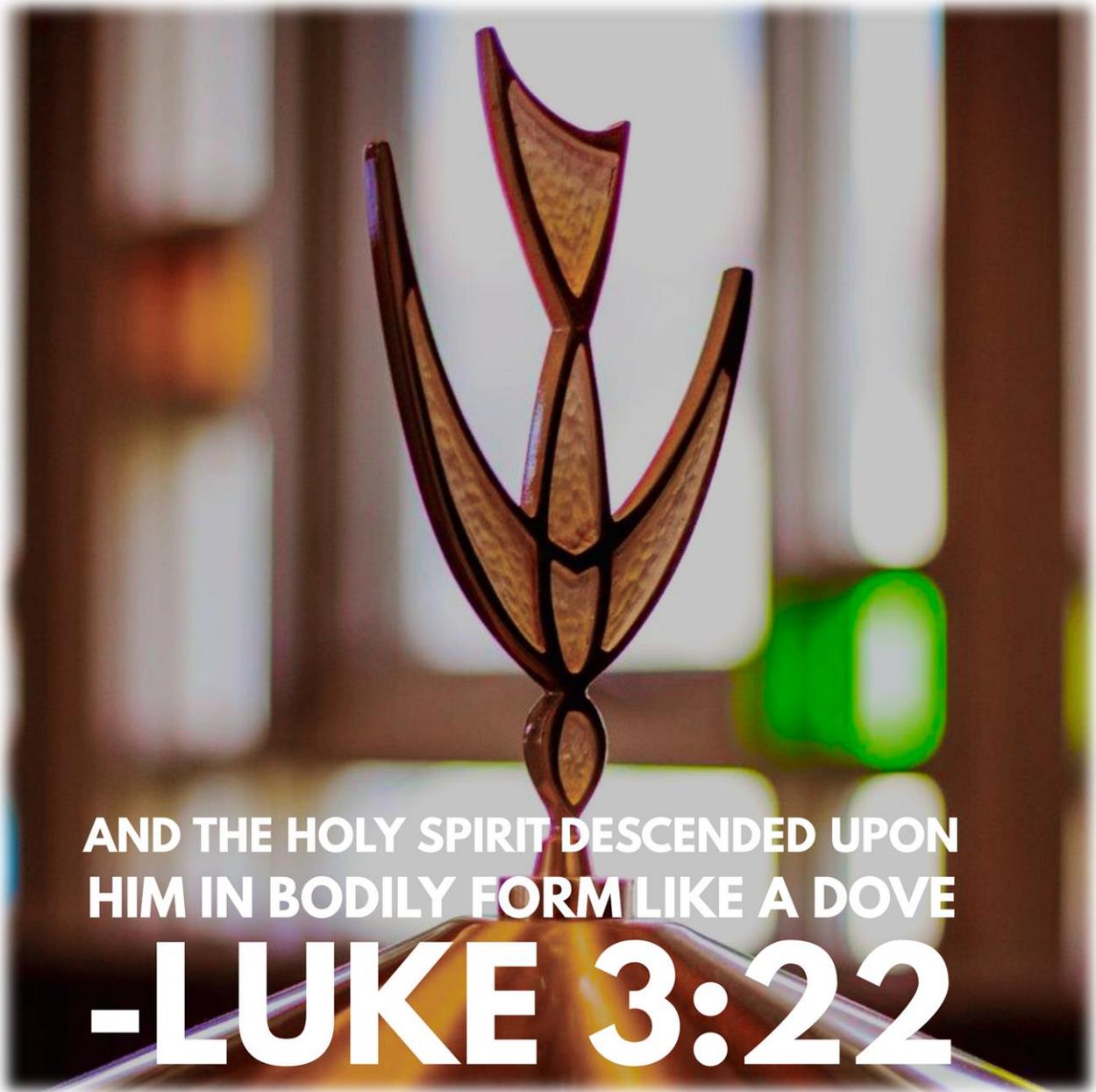




WELCOME
to
**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF AMBLER**

**A place where lives are changed by Christ
and we live out our faith together.**



**AND THE HOLY SPIRIT DESCENDED UPON
HIM IN BODILY FORM LIKE A DOVE**

-LUKE 3:22

January 13, 2019

INTROIT

OPENING SENTENCES

All creation proclaims the greatness and love of God.

God's love permeates even the deepest darkness.

The light of God shines on us with new hope.

We are called to be people of compassion and justice.

Open our hearts, O Lord, to see your light and live in your hope.

Prepare us for service to all your people and to this world.

AMEN.

* HYMN #299 *You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim*

* CALL TO CONFESSION

* CONFESSION OF SIN

Ever loving God, we confess that we have not always paid much attention to the baptism of Jesus, but viewed it as a nice story which begins Jesus' ministry. We don't always see ourselves as standing in that long line of those marked for service; and therefore it is easy for us to dismiss this as a nice story and nothing more.

Yet you have called us by name, knowing each of us, and loving us. We are astonished by this. We have behaved in unloving ways and some of our behaviors do not promote your love and peace. Forgive us for our blindness. Turn us around. Help us to be people who not only recognize the light, but who are willing to live in that light, bringing help to others in your name. For we pray this in the name of Jesus Christ.
AMEN.

* **SILENT CONFESSION**

* **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

* **OUR RESPONSE #579**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
And to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning,
Is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, Amen.**

* **THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

ANTHEM

For All the Blessings of the Year

arr. Lloyd Larson

Sanctuary Choir

For all the blessings of the year,
for all the friends we hold so dear,
for peace on earth, both far and near,
we thank Thee, Lord.

For life and health, those common things,
which every day and hour brings,
for home, where our affection clings,
we thank Thee, Lord.

For love of Thine which never tires,
which all our better thought inspires,
and warms our lives with heavenly fires,
we thank Thee, Lord. Amen.

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Luke 3:15-21 | Romans 6:1-11

MESSAGE

“What Did I Sign Up For?”

The Reverend Eric Dorville

***HYMN #482**

Baptized in Water

THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

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.

OFFERTORY

I've Got Peace Like a River

arr. by Sandra Eithun

Joyful Ringers

*** DOXOLOGY #592**

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**

*** HYMN #295**

Go To the World!

*** BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Rejoice the Lord is King Brenda Portman

*Indicates to please stand if you are able.

CHILDCARE AND SUNDAY SCHOOL



Kids Activity Packs are available for children to use during church to explore the sermon topic.

Our **Nursery** (located on the main floor) welcomes infants to three-year-olds ten minutes before the worship service.

Our **Pre-K & K Sunday School** (room 307 on the 3rd floor) welcomes children three years old through kindergarten age, 10 minutes before both the 9:30 AM and 11:00 AM worship services.

During 9:30 AM worship, Sunday School (grades 1-5) is offered. Children begin in worship with their families. After the children's sermon, children will be dismissed to meet their teachers in the back of the Sanctuary. Pick-up in room 306 on the 3rd floor.

During the 11:00 AM worship, Joyful Noise (grades 1-5) offers a chimes and vocal choir. Drop-off **BEFORE WORSHIP** in room B3 (located on the lower level under the Sanctuary.)



PARENTS, you are welcome to feed your babies wherever you feel comfortable. A few more private spaces are: room 301 behind the balcony, room 303 (youth room), and the "nook" area in the Lounge.



THE SANCTUARY FLOWERS are given in memory of Barbara F. McCammon from her loving family, Diane, Sandi, and Bob.

If anyone has a joy or concern to include in the **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**, please fill out the **yellow Prayer Request Card** found in the pew rack and give it to an usher or one of the pastors at any time.

MEMBER PRAYER CONCERNS

Barbara Albright	Sam & Peggy Kay	Frank Sabol
Gladys Bunio	Wendy Kazen	Barbara Schmitt
Richard & Arlene Crowell	Edith Kendus	Rachel Siegmann
Lois Domm	Connie Mann	Holly Stevens
Sandy Doubek	Dick McNeal	Rick Stevens
Art Elliott	Jeannie Miksch	Jeff Stone
Falcone family	Bob & Betty Miller	Tippett family
Paul Furnival	Peg Morris	Usha Varughese
Trey Halkett	Muriel Resh	Bill Worth
Melissa Jones	John Riley	
	Don Rhone	

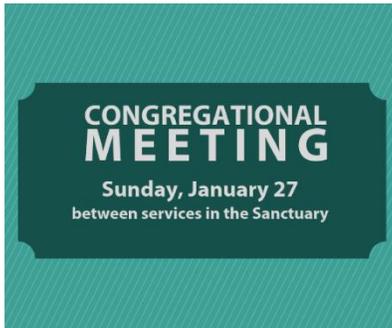
*If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, contact the church office
(Info @FPCAmbler.org/215-646-3030).*

The church staff prays for concerns during our weekly staff meeting.

Prayer requests from extended family and friends

(listed in the order received):

Alisa Dupuy, friend of Barbara Schmitt
Harry, friend of Bill Brams
Inter-Faith families and volunteers
Ethel Preiss, mother of Lynn Gould
John and Wendy Minalga & family, friends of Kelly Campion
Jackson, grandson of Ruth and Howard Forster
Family of David Manson, friends of Connie Morgenson
Family of Russ Terry, friends of Ron Moritz
Carol Messer, friend of Kris Hunnicutt
Jean Morrison, Aunt of Linda Callegari
Jim Dyson, brother of Nancy Ostrander
Liz List, friend of Emily Smith
Sue Ring and family, sister of Pat Stansfield
Suminski family, friends of the Bewley family
Family of Justin Lieb, friends of Jason Farabaugh



2019 Congregational Meeting Sunday, January 27

10:30 AM (between services) in the Sanctuary

The purpose of the meeting is to receive the 2019 budget and approve the terms of call for Ryan Balsan, Pastor/Head of Staff, and Eric Dorville, Associate Pastor.



Women's Event – Saturday, February 2 (8:30AM-12:30 PM) for a timely session with our friend and sister in Christ Mary Fran Bontempo. The topic will be “The Power of Reinvention.” Register by January 27th by signing up at the Welcome Desk or online at fpcambler.org. \$10 includes lunch (only \$5 for each friend you bring). **Registration deadline for childcare is January 23.**



Forteniters Dinner, February 7, 2019

The deacons will be requesting your help in providing chicken divan casseroles, cookies, or fruit for this upcoming dinner. You are also invited to join us in serving and sharing in this evening of meaningful and rewarding fellowship. **Stop by the Welcome Desk for more info, OR** sign up online at fpcambler.org.



Chili Cook-Off, Sunday, February 10, 2019 12:15 PM in Fellowship Hall

Pull out your crock-pots and your chili recipes and prepare to be judged!

All are invited to join the fun.

Register online at fpcambler.org



SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:30 AM

- Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary
(**Head Usher**, Rich Myers ; **Lay Reader**, Pat Stansfield)
Nursery care for infants to three-year-olds (main level)
- Sunday School for Pre-K through High School (3rd floor)

10:30 AM

Coffee Fellowship in Welcome Center

11:00 AM

- South Ridge (Contemporary) Worship in the Sanctuary
- Nursery care for infants to three-year-olds (main level)
- Sunday School for Pre-K and K (3rd floor, room 307)
- Joyful Noise Music Ministry (grades 1-5)

This week at FPC Ambler:

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| <p>Sun
1/13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12:15 PM Women's Re:Charge Meeting • 6:30 PM HS Youth Group | <p>Wed
1/16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:30 AM Men's Small Grp. • 8:00 PM No Regrets Men's Small Group |
| <p>Mon
1/14</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:30 AM Staff Meeting • 7:00 PM Whitney Gannon Small Group | <p>Thurs
1/17</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:00 PM Personnel, C1 • 6:30 PM MS Youth Grp • 7:00 PM SR Band • 7:10 PM Richards Small Grp. |
| <p>Tues
1/15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:00 AM Lobley Bible Study • 7:00 PM Youth Committee • 7:30 PM Traditional Worship Committee | <p>Fri
1/18</p> <p>Youth Winter Retreat thru 1/20</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:00 PM Elysian Camerata Concert |
| | <p>Sat</p> <p>Haiti Mission trip thru 1/25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast |

AA Meetings: Sun, 5PM; M, T, Fri 6PM; Wed - Women 6PM

Announcements and *UP*coming Events

ARE YOU AN ONLINE GIVER? As the new year begins please be sure to go to your online account with VANCO and make any changes that might be necessary. **Did you increase your pledge?** Then you will need to go to your account and make that change. Any recurring payments you may have set up for the Capital Campaign will continue to be applied unless you make a change (Any Capital Campaign contributions made in 2019 and beyond, will now be applied to ½ Building Preservation and ½ Mission). **Have you changed credit cards?** Please be sure you make the necessary updates to account numbers, etc. Any questions in how to do this . . . please call Cheryl Kurpiel 215.646.3030. Thank you for your generosity and faithfulness in giving!

BEING GENEROUS IS A WAY OF LIFE HERE AT FPC! Through the Christmas offering you have contributed \$7,200.00 to the work of Inter-Faith Housing Alliance. This includes the work of the Hospitality Network that houses families in our building for the month of January, as well as the transition housing at Hope Forest and Hope Gardens. Thank you for your kindness in helping our neighbors by sharing what God has given you for this important ministry here in Ambler.

FEBRUARY MISSION OFFERING. Over the last few years we have sent many teams to Haiti to help bring clean water to three communities. This is all possible because of your faithful generosity. In your offering envelopes box there are designated envelopes for mission. Throughout the year the donations in these envelopes will go to one of our mission partners. In February these mission offerings will go towards our Haiti Water projects and will enable members from our church to travel to Haiti. The cost of installing a clean water system is no small feat, but because of your faithfulness we can help our brothers and sisters in Haiti have clean water who would not be able to otherwise. Thank you in advance for your support.

JAN

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ELYSIAN CAMERATA CONCERT

Elysian Camerata will perform chamber music for strings by Boccherini, Bartók, and Brahms at 7:30 PM in the Sanctuary. Reception to follow concert. \$20 free will offering is suggested for adults.

JAN

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MARTIN LUTHER KING HOLIDAY

Church Office closed. All are invited to join the Wissahickon Faith Community Association (WFCA) for the annual unification walk from Wissahickon High School to Bethlehem Baptist Church. Meet in the school parking lot at 2:45 PM. After the walk, all are invited to a 4:00 PM service at Congregation Beth Or (in celebration of the teachings of Martin Luther King, Jr.)

JAN

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MIRIAM CIRCLE

Miriam Circle will meet in Fellowship Hall at 11:00 AM. Please bring a sandwich and dessert, a beverage will be provided. Our assignment is to read lesson four in our study book.

Contact Barbara Schaubel (bschaub2@comcast.net)

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FAMILY DRIVE-IN MOVIE

SAVE THE DATE! Don't miss this family favorite evening (4-7PM) of creative fun! Make the vehicle of your dreams out of cardboard boxes and watch a movie from your new ride while enjoying dinner and snacks. This free event is a great way to fellowship with other families while bonding with your own!



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Middle School and High School classes meet during the first worship service (9:30 - 10:30 AM).

Middle School: Room 303

High School: Room 304

YOUTH GROUP. Youth Groups meet regularly on Sunday (High School) and Thursday (Middle School) from 6:30 - 8:00 PM. A night of combined Youth Groups –FUSION - happens once a month in place of regular Youth Groups. FUSION starts at 2:30 PM with Homework Club, dinner at 5:30 PM, games, lesson and worship from 6:30-8:00 PM (come when you can, stay as long as you are able).

Here's our upcoming schedule:

- 12/13/19 High School Youth Group 6:30 – 8:00 PM
- 12/17/19 Middle School Youth Group – 6:30-8:00 PM

UPCOMING EVENTS:

High School and Middle School Winter Retreat. January 18-20

Where: Tel Hai Camp, Honey Brook, PA

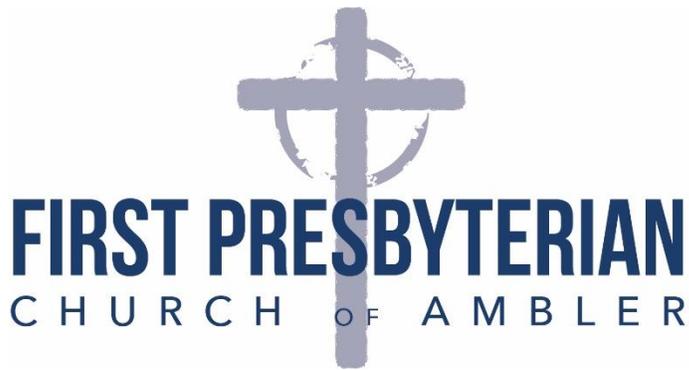
Join us for a weekend away with our friends from Supplee youth group! We will hear from a great band and speaker, play games, worship together, make smore's, and have fun!

To sign up contact Bree Reeder (breanna@fpcambler.org)

High School Mission Trip- San Diego, CA. June 16- 22

Interested in coming on our high school mission trip this summer?

We will partner with a variety of different social service organizations in San Diego. These include service partners who serve the elderly, the homeless and the hungry. You'll also be able to experience the Latino culture of San Diego. Sign-ups are open on our website!



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