



WELCOME
to
**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF AMBLER**

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



*Let everything that
has breath praise
the Lord
-Psalm 150:6*

January 27, 2019

PRELUDE

Solid Rock and *'Tis So Sweet*

Howard Helvey

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

May none of God's wonderful works keep silence,
night or morning.

**Bright stars,
high mountains,
the depths of the seas,
sources of rushing rivers;
may all these break into song
as we sing to Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

May all the angels in the heavens reply

Amen! Amen! Amen!

Power, praise, honor, eternal glory to God,
the only giver of grace.

Amen! Amen! Amen!

* HYMN #1

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

* CALL TO CONFESSION

* CONFESSION OF SIN

**Holy God,
You are the Light of the World,
yet we still refuse to let you
into the darkest places of our lives.**

**You are the Good Shepherd,
but we fail to follow where you lead.
We are sheep that have gone astray.**

**You are the bread of life,
but we seek other things to satisfy us.**

**You are the Way,
but we seek to find our own paths without you.**

**You are the Truth,
but we seek easier truths,
deceiving ourselves and others.**

**You are Life.
Forgive us and grant mercy, forgiveness, and grace
so that we can have abundant life with you.
In Jesus' Name we pray, 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

God Is So Good
Sanctuary Choir

arr. Douglas Wagner

God is so good . . . he's so good to me!
He answers prayer . . . he's so good to me!

The Lord is good and ever blesses us;
the wonders of his works proclaim his greatness.
He loves and cares for us, he's always at our side.
The Lord is good, we are his own.

He cares for me . . . he's so good to me!
I love the Lord, I love him so,
I love him so, he's so good to me!
God is so good!

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 150
Revelation 5:1-14

MESSAGE

“This Ain’t Vegas”
The Reverend Ryan Balsan

PROFESSION OF FAITH – The Second Helvetic Confession

We teach that the true God alone is to be adored and worshipped. This honor we impart to none other, according to the commandment of the Lord, “You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.”

Indeed, all the prophets severely inveighed against the people of Israel whenever they adored and worshipped strange gods, and not the only true God. But we teach that God is to be adored and worshipped as he himself has taught us to worship, namely, “in spirit and in truth”, not with any superstition, but with sincerity, according to his Word; lest at any time he should say to us: “Who has required these things from your hands”? For Paul also says: “God is not served by human hands, as though he needed anything.”

***HYMN #707**

Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord

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

Prelude in C

David Johnson

*** DOXOLOGY #592**

*** PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

*** HYMN #700**

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

*** BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Allegro Maestoso

G.F. Handel

*Indicates to please stand if you are able.

**I will pour out my spirit on all flesh;
your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
your old men shall dream dreams,
and your young men shall see visions.**

-Joel 2:28

The Prophet Joel promised that when the Lord pours out His Spirit, God's people will see visions and dream dreams. These visions and dreams are gifts from God, fulfilling God's commission to his people to be a blessing to the nations. One of the privileges church leaders have is to dream dreams and catch glimpses of a vision that God has for us in our community and in the world.

The Session of FPC Ambler believes that our congregation is called to be a place where lives are changed by Christ and we live out our faith together. We also believe that, to do that, we are continually being called out into the world to serve in Jesus' name. We have been dreaming about expanding our ministry and living into our vision. Starting with our Stewardship Team, we began working on a "Dream List" that would be funded through increased revenue. Below you will see a few ideas, but hardly an extensive list. We want to know your hopes and dreams of where God will lead us in 2019 and beyond.

What if . . .

- We could prepare and send 10,000 meals 4 times per year?
- We could fully fund a new water system in Haiti every year?
- We could expand our mission presence internationally, sending people from FPC Ambler to work with mission partners around the world?
- We could provide the snacks at the Ambler tutoring program at the Borough Hall for the whole year?
- We could update our third floor to make our Christian Education space as nice as the rest of our building?

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- We could renovate our kitchen to make it more usable for and by our community?
- We could invest in the front lawn of our church to make our property more inviting?

These are only a few hopes and dreams. We invite you to pray with your Session as we dream dreams, so that we grow and serve together as the Lord leads us.

If you have a vision, or a dream we want to hear all about it!

Let one of our pastors know, so that they can share your dreams and visions with the Session:

Ryan Balsan (ryan@fpcambler.org)

Eric Dorville (eric@fpcambler.org)

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 Fellowship Hall during the month of January.
- **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.) **Students are dismissed from the game room on the third floor.**



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 by Claudette Fleischmann in loving memory of my husband, Charles Fleischmann, and my daughter-in-law, Suzanne Fleischmann.

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
Gladys Bunio
Richard & Arlene
Crowell
Lois Domm
Sandy Doubek
Art Elliott
Falcone family
Paul Furnival
Trey Halkett
Melissa Jones

Sam & Peggy Kay
Wendy Kazen
Edith Kendus
Connie Mann
Dick McNeal
Jeannie Miksch
Bob & Betty Miller
Peg Morris
Muriel Resh
John Riley
Don Rhone

Frank Sabol
Barbara Schmitt
Rachel Siegmann
Holly Stevens
Rick Stevens
Jeff Stone
Tippett family
Usha Varughese
Bill Worth

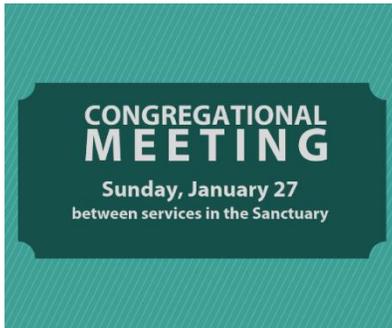
*If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, contact the church office
(Info @FPCAmbler.org/215-646-3030).*

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

Prayer requests from extended family and friends

(listed in the order received):

Brian Harrington and family, friends of Christina Hughes
Haiti Mission team
Janet, friend of Wendy Flickinger
Those struggling with mental health or addiction
Rose Hrosik-Rivera, friend of Carol and Rick Kocher
Barbara Graham, friend of Marianne Watters
Jim and Donna Buckley, friends of Jerry and Peggy Brooke
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



2019 Congregational Meeting TODAY.

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. **2018 Annual Reports are available at the Welcome Desk.**



Women's Event – Saturday, February 2

Doors open at 8:30 AM for registration.

Program 9:00 AM – 12:30 PM. The topic will be “The Power of Reinvention”, with speaker Mary Fran Bontempo. Register today by signing up at the Welcome Desk or online at fpcambler.org. \$10 includes lunch (only \$5 for each friend you bring).



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**, Mike Bowman; **Lay Reader**, Matt Davis)
Nursery care for infants to three-year-olds (main level)
- Sunday School for Pre-K through High School (3rd floor).
(1st-5th Grade students should be picked up in Fellowship Hall for the month of January.)

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)
- Adult Education, conference room 1
- Sunday School for Pre-K and K (3rd floor, room 307)
- Joyful Noise Music Ministry (grades 1-5). **(Students are dismissed from the game room on the third floor.)**

This week at FPC Ambler:

Sun 1/27	12:00 PM -Youth Giving Tree Construction (F.H.) 6:00 PM – SURGE (306)
Mon 1/28	11:15 AM – Normandy Small Group 4:30 PM – ALL Staff Mtg (C1) 7:00 PM – Whitney Small Group (Whitney home)
Tue 1/29	10:00 AM – Lobley Bible Study (Lounge) 2:00 PM – FUSION (F.H)
Wed 1/30	6:30 AM – Men’s Small Group (Welcome Center) 8:00 PM – No Regrets Small Group (Lounge)
Thu 1/31	7:10 PM – Richards Small Group (Richards home)
Fri 2/1	Haiti Mission Trip thru 2/5
Sat 2/2	8:30 AM – Women’s Event (Welcome Center/Sanctuary)

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

Announcements and *UP*coming Events

ADULT EDUCATION TODAY. Wendy Flickinger will lead a class on the God's promises to His people and how God's faithfulness was manifest in the gift of the land of Israel. We will also explore how we see God's fellowship in our own lives. Plan to join us in Conference Room 1 (it's the one on the left, at the end of the hall past the offices).

ALPHA SMALL GROUP. Alpha is an opportunity to explore the Christian faith in a friendly, open, and informative environment for anyone who is curious or questioning the Christian faith. The group will meet Wednesday (7-9PM) evenings from February 13 – April 7, 2019. Dinner is included and will be served at 7 PM in Fellowship Hall. The group will be led by Don and Sandy Price (donpricepa@gmail.com.) If you would like more information check Alpha Group on the Connection Card.

HAITI DONATIONS NEEDED. "A small team will travel to Haiti on February 1st, to visit our three current partners, and assess a new site. We would very much appreciate your **donation of NEW crayons and markers for the children in these communities.** We will also gladly take any **OLD, wheelie luggage you no longer want**, as we prepare to install the next system later this spring/early summer. **Donations are needed before February 1st.** Please contact Tamara Hayden with any questions (215-896-3153) and thank you!

FEBRUARY CARE PACKAGES. The Ruth Circle would like to send care packages to the college students and military personnel of the church. Do you know a college student or military service person who would appreciate receiving a care package? Flyers are available at the Welcome Desk and should be completed and returned to Cindy Berry's church mailbox by **Sunday, February 10th.** If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Cindy Berry (215-205-3070 | cindyberry51@gmail.com.) Donations are gratefully accepted to help defray shipping cost. The care packages will be delivered the week of February 17th.

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.

ARE YOU AN ONLINE GIVER? As the new year begins please 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!



INCLEMENT WEATHER. In case of bad weather please check social media and our website (fpcambler.org) or call the church office (215.646.3030) for closure or cancellation notices. **Please use your own good judgment about whether or not it is safe for you to travel.** Our sermons are always available on

our website and app!

THE JANUARY SESSION NOTES are available on blue paper at the Welcome Desk.

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PRIME TIME

Calling all Prime Timers! Please plan to be with us on Tuesday, February 5th, at 11:30 AM, for a hot meal (still only \$6) and a talk by Heather Greenleaf, author of **An Imperfection in the Kitchen Floor**. The book is set-in two time periods in Willow Grove, the earlier of which frequently references historic Willow Grove and the long defunct Amusement Park. Ms. Greenleaf lives in Willow Grove and holds degrees in Art History from George Washington University and in Culinary Arts from the Restaurant School at Walnut Hill College. **An Imperfection in the Kitchen Floor** is her first novel. **Please RSVP to the church office by January 29** (215-646-3030) if you plan on joining us for lunch so that we can order the correct amount of food. We look forward to seeing you on February 5th; join us as we learn more about this interesting time in local history!

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SOUP KITCHEN MINISTRY

Sign up at the Welcome Desk for our next Soup Kitchen. You can be part of this effort by helping to prepare the meal Friday night at our church, serving the meal in Frankford on Saturday morning, or both. Contact Mark and Barb Yantek (215-641-4928/myantek@verizon.net). Clothing items are also needed: sweatshirts, coats, small blankets, socks and sneakers (new or clean/used in good condition). Items can be left in the container marked SOUP KITCHEN CLOTHING DONATIONS, by the Fellowship Hall coat racks.

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FAMILY DRIVE-IN MOVIE (4-7PM)

SAVE THE DATE! Don't miss this family favorite evening 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!



Youth Ministry

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

Confirmation: Conference Rm 1

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). Our Next FUSION is January 29!

Here's our upcoming schedule:

- **No High School Youth Group** tonight, **1/27**
- **No Middle School Youth Group** on Thursday, **1/31**
- **FUSION** on Tuesday, **1/29**

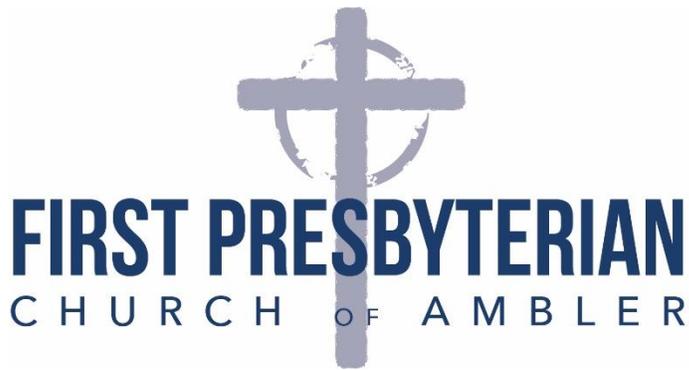
UPCOMING EVENTS:

Giving Tree Fundraiser TODAY after South Ridge service

Before our fundraiser we need to make our tree! Join us in Fellowship Hall for a pizza lunch and we will construct our Giving Tree! All middle school and high school students are invited to help. If you are going on the mission trip, please make every effort to attend!

Super Bowl Watching Party! Sunday, February 3

Bring a friend and a snack to share with the group! We will be at the McCallum's house this year! Come at 6:00- PM and stay until the half time show is over. See you there!



Ministers All baptized members of the congregation

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