



# **WELCOME**

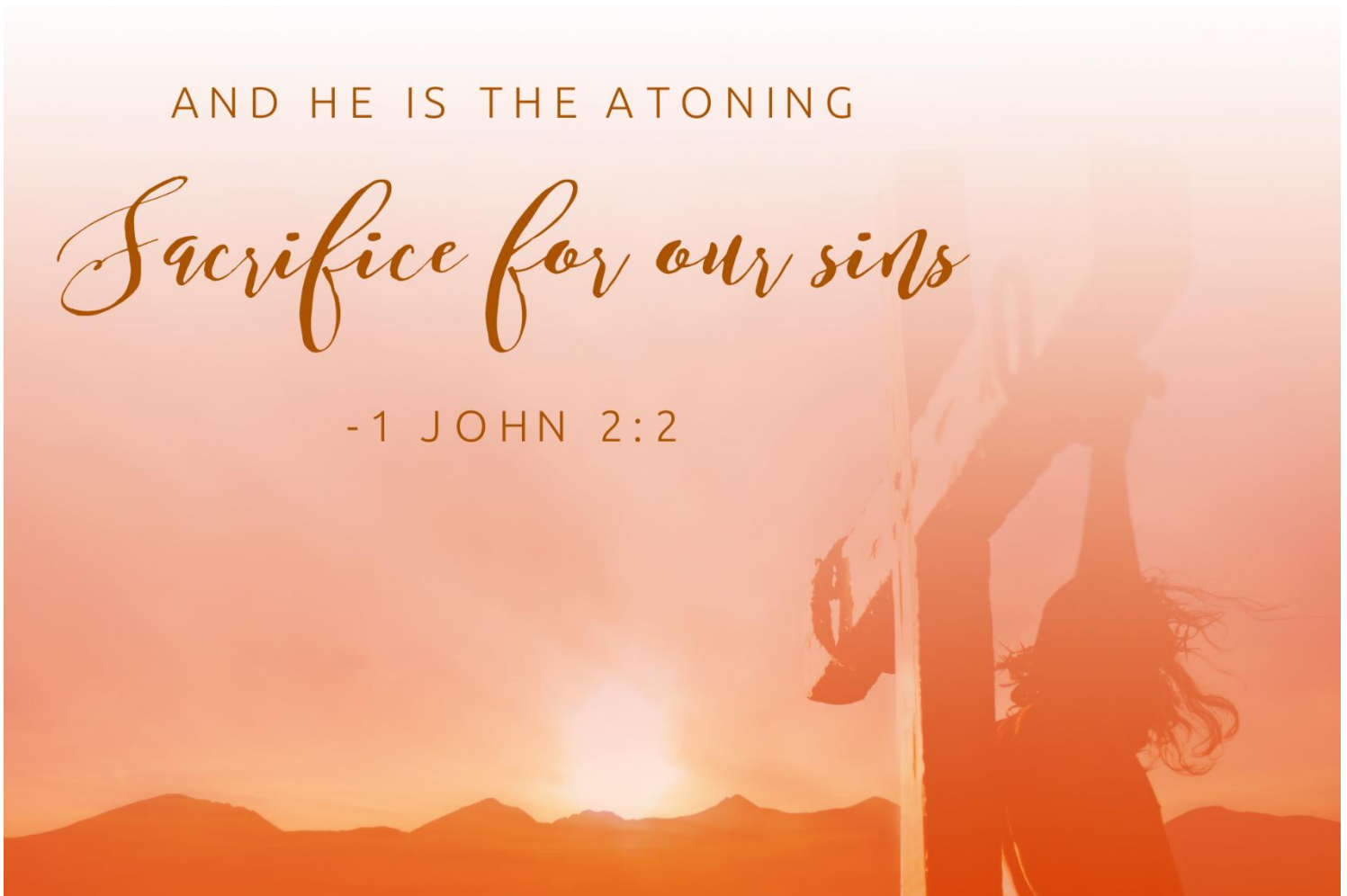
to  
**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
OF AMBLER**

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

AND HE IS THE ATONING

*Sacrifice for our sins*

-1 JOHN 2:2



**February 3, 2019**

## PRELUDE

## *Brethren, We Have Met to Worship*

David Kidwell

## INTROIT

## CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather to celebrate and joyfully sing to our God!  
**Together, let us share our praises and thankfulness.**  
Come, let us enter into this sacred space with praise.

**You O God, are the Holy God always and forever!**  
You are the Eternal One from whom all things come.  
**Come, let us enter into this sacred space with thanks.**

O God, we are your children, created by and with your love.  
**Come, let us enter into this sacred space with joy and delight.**

### \* HYMN #394

*Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*

### \* CALL TO CONFESSION

### \* CONFESSION OF SIN

Dear Lord, we come before You as Your children to give You honor and praise. You are the One and Only true God, the Giver of life and the Sustainer of our souls. We are grateful for Your grace, how You love us, how You call us to be Your hands and feet. Responding to Your great mercy, we need to confess how we have sinned and fallen short of the people You created us to be. We have said and done mean and selfish things, we have hurt others, and we have lived as if the universe revolves around us. We have strayed from our worship of You and gone our own way. We are sorry. Please forgive us. Cause us to truly repent and turn around to face You. In Jesus' Name we pray, Amen.

**\* SILENT CONFESSION**

**\* ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**\* OUR RESPONSE #581**

**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**

**\* HYMN #792**

***There Is a Balm in Gilead***

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE**

**Genesis 3:1-19  
I John 2:1-2**

**MESSAGE**

**“Our Biggest Problem”  
The Reverend Donald Kazen**

# THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER AND THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*Our communion today will be by intinction. In order to alleviate people having to stand in the aisle for longer than necessary, we are going to try something different. Please remain seated and the ushers will bring you forward a couple of rows at a time. Come down the center aisle as usual and return by the side aisles. Those of you on the right will go to the back and come up the center aisle and we would like those in the balcony to come whenever the spirit moves you. If you prefer not to come forward or if you are unable to come forward, please raise your hand and you will be served. Thank you for your patience as we try to make communion by intinction more comfortable for everyone.*

## **ANTHEM**

***In Remembrance of Me***  
Sanctuary Choir

Buryl Red

## **OFFERTORY**

***Leaning on the Everlasting Arms***

Marianne Kim

## **\*DOXOLOGY #606**

**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 #438**

***Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me***

## **\* BENEDICTION**

## **POSTLUDE**

***Solemn Processional***

Lloyd Webber

**\* Indicates to 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](mailto:ryan@fpcambler.org))

Eric Dorville ([eric@fpcambler.org](mailto: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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.
- **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 in loving memory of Viola Veith from Scott and Pat Latimer.

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):

Rena Kracka, friend of Liz Ferry  
Karen, mother of Kate Sachs  
Mother of Jeff Depuyt  
Lou Spiegelberg, brother of Lauren Keatley  
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



### **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](http://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](http://fpcambler.org)



### **Family Drive-In Movie Saturday, March 2, 4-7PM**

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! Register at [fpcambler.org](http://fpcambler.org)



## SUNDAY SCHEDULE

### 9:30 AM

- Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary  
(**Head Usher**, Glenn Rodgers; **Lay Reader**, Bill Martin  
**Communion Servers**, Dick Drescher, Drew Gajan, Christina Hughes)  
Nursery care for infants to three-year-olds (main level)
- Sunday School for Pre-K through High School (3<sup>rd</sup> floor).  
(1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> **Grade students should be picked up in room 306.**)

### 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 (3<sup>rd</sup> 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:

<b>Sun</b> <b>2/3</b>	<b>6:30 PM</b> - Youth Group Superbowl party (McCallum home)
<b>Mon</b> <b>2/4</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b> – Staff Meeting (office) <b>11:15 AM</b> – Normandy Small Group (Normandy Farms) <b>7:00 PM</b> – Whitney Small Group (Whitney home)
<b>Tue</b> <b>2/5</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b> – Lobley Bible Study (Lounge) <b>11:30 AM</b> – PRIME Time (F.H.) <b>7:30 PM</b> – Session (C1)
<b>Wed</b> <b>2/6</b>	<b>6:30 AM</b> – Men's Small Group (Welcome Center) <b>8:00 PM</b> – No Regrets Small Group (Lounge)
<b>Thu</b> <b>2/7</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b> – Girl Scouts Troop #748 (rm 307) <b>6:30 PM</b> – MS Youth Group <b>7:10 PM</b> – Thursday Small Group (Richards home)
<b>Fri</b> <b>2/8</b>	
<b>Sat</b> <b>2/9</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b> – Alpha Leadership Training (C2); MOPS (room 304)

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 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.

**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 17<sup>th</sup>.

**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 [fpcambler.org](http://fpcambler.org) and 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 on 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](http://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.

**FEB**

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**PRIME TIME**

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Calling all Prime Timers! 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 5<sup>th</sup>; join us as we learn more about this interesting time in local history!

**FEB**

**22 & 23**

**SOUP KITCHEN MINISTRY**

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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.



## **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 February 26!

### **Here's our upcoming schedule:**

- **No High School Youth Group** tonight, **2/3**
- **Middle School Youth Group** on Thursday, **2/7**

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

#### **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 6pm and stay until the half time show is over. See you there! Parents you are welcome to stay too!

#### **Giving Tree Fundraiser!**

Our youth will be fundraising for their summer trips for the next 4 weeks! You can find us by the tree in the Narthex for more information, thank you all for your support!

#### **30 Hour Famine, February 22- 23**

WHAT: For 30 hours, we'll skip meals to raise funds that will help feed hungry children around the world.

WHY: Every five seconds, a child under 5 dies—and nearly half those deaths are from hunger-related causes. That's why we're taking action now!

WHEN: Feb 22- 23, sign up on our Instagram page or through our weekly email. Once you sign up, be sure to get your fundraising packet from Bree

CONTACT: Bree Reeder for questions or to sign up!



Ministers ..... All baptized members of the congregation

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