



**WELCOME**  
to  
**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
OF AMBLER**

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



**August 4, 2019**

# WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*Holy, Holy, Holy!*

Jay Rouse

## CALL TO WORSHIP

O taste and see that the Lord is good;  
**Happy are those who take refuge in the Lord.**  
With hearts and hands and voices,  
**let us praise the Lord!**

\* HYMN #394

*Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*

\* CALL TO CONFESSION

\* CONFESSION OF SIN

Gracious God,  
you call us your own children  
and cover us with your love.  
We would seek to be merciful as you are,  
and to show compassion as you do,  
but we fail to live the life to which we have been called.

Where we ought to forgive, we condemn;  
the evil we should shun, we embrace.

Forgive our sinful ways,  
tame our wayward wills,  
and make us more like Christ,  
until we are raised in perfection on the last day. 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

**SPECIAL MUSIC**      *On Eagle's Wings*      arr. Mark Hayes  
Ashleigh Ayers

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

## SCRIPTURE

**MESSAGE** **“Open the Door”**  
The Reverend Ryan Balsan

**\* HYMN #509** *All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly*

# THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER AND 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**      *Be Thou My Vision* arr. Craig Courtney

**\*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 #475**

***Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing***

**\* BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

***Improvisation on Holy, Holy, Holy!***

**Chris Titko**

**\*Indicates to please stand for those who are able.**

**\*Indicates to please stand if you are able.**



**ASHLEIGH AYERS** is a graduate of the College of New Jersey where she earned a baccalaureate in Music Education with a concentration in voice. She has appeared as the soprano soloist for Faure's Requiem, Dvorak's Mass in D, Mahler's Symphony No. 2 Mvt. 5, and continues to serve at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church in Atlantic City, where she is a regular guest cantor and organist. Ashleigh currently resides with her husband in Langhorne, PA, and teaches K-2 music. We thank Ashleigh for her contribution to our worship service today.

## CHILDCARE AND SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

### NO SUNDAY SCHOOL IN AUGUST

We'll see you on September 15  
for Sunday School kick-off .



**PARENTS**, you are welcome to feed your babies wherever you feel comfortable. Room 301 (behind the balcony) has been prepared for nursing moms.

**A NOTE ABOUT SANCTUARY FLOWERS.** To dedicate sanctuary flowers, complete a Flower Ministry form found in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. **The cost to dedicate flowers is \$60.** Please bring or send your payment to the church office. Make checks payable to "First Presbyterian Church of Ambler" with "Flowers" in the memo."



### **THE SANCTUARY FLOWERS**

are given in loving memory of my mom  
from Olivia Zuo, Harry, Terry and Joyce.

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	Don Rhone
Gladys Bunio	Edith Kendus	Frank Sabol
Richard Crowell	Dot Lynch	Rachel Siegmann
Arlene Crowell	Connie Mann	Rick Stevens
Lois Domm	Dick McNeal	Betty Surret
Sandy Doubek	Jeannie Miksch	Tippett family
Falcone family	Bob & Betty Miller	Usha Varughese
Paul Furnival	Peg Morris	Carolyn Wittrock
Trey Halkett	Muriel Resh	Bill Worth
Corinne Jones	John Riley	

*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):

Lindsey Kacher, friend of Ruth and Howard Forster  
Cliff Heizmann, brother in law of Joanne Yutzler  
Elizabeth, friend of Kate  
All those on the journey to beat cancer  
R.G. Heydt, brother of Liz Ferry  
Elizabeth's friends and family, friends of Lindsey Anderson-Saler  
Peter Raggio and family, friends of Sharon Davis  
Tara, sister of Andrew Dickinson  
Family and friends of Jacob, friend of Barbara Schmitt  
Sue Segar, daughter of Kent Selko  
Park family  
Maria, friend of Elizabeth Besteman  
Andy, friend of Wendy Flickinger  
Marie, daughter of Barbara Schmitt  
German Reyes, friend of Christina Hughes  
Stephen Goldberg, friend of Dustin Majka



## **NOTICE OF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING.**

**Sunday, August 11 at 10:30 AM.** The purpose of the meeting is to elect Bill Martin as our treasurer. Paul Berry has served our congregation faithfully for many years. We are grateful for his service, his careful stewardship of our financial resources, and faithfulness to God and our congregation.



**PHILLIES NIGHT – AUGUST 15.** Join us as FPC Ambler goes to Citizens Bank Park when the Phillies take on the Cubs at 7:05 PM. Tickets are \$35 each. A group of us will take public transit, or you can find your own way there and meet us at the park. All tickets must be picked up by August 11. To sign up visit our website ([fpcambler.org](http://fpcambler.org)) or contact Eric Dorville for more information ([eric@fpcambler.org](mailto:eric@fpcambler.org))



## **MAKE A SPLASH FUNDRAISER – SEPTEMBER 8**

Nathan and Bennett Falcone have a rare form of Progeria (a pre-mature aging condition) . . . but it doesn't stop them from having fun! Come join us for a fun-filled day to support your neighbors! 11AM – 3PM.

For more information visit us at [fpcambler.org](http://fpcambler.org).



## **MEN'S WEEKEND – September 19-22**

Men – sometimes there's nothing better than just being with other guys – getting away from the stress of life. All men are invited to join our men's ministry for an amazing weekend at Lake Champion. Contact Eric Dorville for more information or to register ([eric@fpcambler.org](mailto:eric@fpcambler.org) | 215.646.3030).





## TODAY'S SCHEDULE

### 9:30 AM

- Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary  
(**Head Usher**, Mike Bowman; **Lay Reader**, Jan Nader  
**Communion Servers**: Sarah Halkett, Bruce Ruhf,  
Bob Wagner, Lorraine Wagner )
- Nursery care for infants to three-year-olds (main level)
- Breakfast on the patio (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade)

### 10:30 AM

- Coffee Fellowship in Welcome Center
- Prayer Group (Conference Room 2)

### 11:00 AM

- South Ridge (Contemporary) Worship in the Sanctuary
- Nursery care for infants to three-year-olds (main level)

## This week at FPC Ambler:

<b>MON</b> 8/5	
<b>TUE</b> 7/8/6	
<b>WED</b> 8/7	6:30 AM – Men's Small Group (Welcome Center) 6:00 PM – Youth Group (youth homes)
<b>THU</b> 8/8	Youth Beach Trip 7:00 PM – South Ridge Band Rehearsal 7:10 PM – Bible Explorers (Richards home)
<b>FRI</b> 8/9	

## AA Meetings :

Sun 5PM	Mon 6PM	Tues 6PM	Wed 6PM (women)	Thu	Fri 6PM	Sat



# Announcements and *UP*coming Events

**PRAYER WARRIORS.** We are starting a new Prayer Warrior group to pray for larger needs of the church and its impact on your community and world – for our pastors, leaders, programs, and outreach. If you would like to join us please come to Conference Room 2 on Sundays from 10:30-11:00 AM. God does big things when we pray together with intention!

**SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED.** Our deacons will be collecting school supplies for students in need in our local area. A generous donation of backpacks has already been made, which allows us to fill 30 backpacks with much needed basic supplies such as pencils, notebooks, erasers, etc. Please visit the Welcome Desk to pick up a complete list of the items needed. The collection will run from Sunday 7/28 to Sunday 8/25. Thank you in advance for your generosity and support of our local students! For more information contact Toby Moyer (to5002014@gmail.com).

**FPC AMBLER'S FAMILY CAMPING TRIP IS BACK!** We have reserved the group site at Green Lane Park on Labor Day weekend (Friday evening August 30 – Sunday September 1.) This is tent camping, but with amenities such as hot showers and flush toilets only steps away. Recreational opportunities on site include fishing, hiking trails, bike riding, badminton, stories and s'mores around the campfire and more! The tent site rental is free for families, but is limited to 80 persons so RSVP right away to reserve your spot today! For more information contact Mafalda Klitsch (falklitsch@gmail.com) or Beth Marquard (bmarqd@gmail.com | 267-755-8456.)

**COUPLES' SMALL GROUP.** Christina Hughes will be starting a small group for couples (all ages welcome!) in September, which will meet twice per month on Sunday nights (6 - 7:30 PM) at the church (childcare will be provided as needed). Christina would like to do a "soft start" this summer and bring those interested together to discuss the devotional book we'll be using and to get to know one another. For those who may be interested, please contact the church office. Christina will be in touch to find a time when the majority can meet once or twice this summer.

***SUMMERTIME IS PRIME TIME...for planning ahead!*** Prime Time will again collect excess 2020 calendars, seasonal stationeries, greeting cards (Christmas and other celebrations) and other holidays goods. Please hold at your home until the first Prime Time meeting in the autumn (October 1). We will collect until December 2 and then allocate and distribute the collection to 10 or 12 local care communities.

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**16 & 17      SOUP KITCHEN**

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Sign up at the Welcome Desk for our next Soup Kitchen on Friday, August 16 and/or Saturday, August 17. 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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**11-13      WOMEN'S RETREAT WEEKEND**

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Often unnamed and shadow characters, biblical women reveal courage and wisdom. Through scripture study and group discussions, we will wonder together how their stories inspire our own. This weekend, speaker Judith Brackett will talk about **"How might biblical women inspire our sense of wonder in our wonderful God?"** Registration forms can be found at the Welcome Desk or online at [fpcambler.org](http://fpcambler.org).



## **SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL**

The Middle School and High School will gather for breakfast club on our front patio (Butler Ave.) during the first worship service (9:30 - 10:30 AM). We will have weekly smoothie specials, donuts, etc. provided for students at no cost.

## **UPCOMING TRIPS & EVENTS**

### **Every Wednesday in August from 6-8 PM (7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>)**

Middle School and High School will be meeting at different homes for summer hangs, pool time, and lots of fun! If you would be interested in hosting one of these nights, please talk to Bree Reeder for more information!

### **Save the date for our Summer Beach Day! August 8**

Cool off from the summer heat spending a day at the beach! All middle school and high school students, and friends are welcome! More information to come!

### **Church Wide Phillies Game! August 15**

The youth are invited to Citizens Bank Park when the Phillies take on the Cubs at 7:05 PM. Tickets are \$35 each. We'll take public transit, or you can find your own way there. All tickets must be picked up by August 11. To sign up visit our website ([fpcambler.org](http://fpcambler.org)) or contact Eric Dorville for more information.

**Contact Bree Reeder with any questions or to sign up for these events!**



Ministers: All baptized members of the congregation

### CHURCH STAFF

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### THE SESSION

Cindy Reed, Clerk of Session

<u>Class of 2020</u>	<u>Class of 2021</u>	<u>Class of 2022</u>
Redmond Brubaker	Marilyn Lobley	John Ingram
Scott French	Scott Miksch	Lauri McCallum
Barb Yantek	Hal Stansfield	Bruce Ruhf
Bob Walters	Jan Stephens	
Sean Ryan		

### BOARD OF DEACONS

<u>Class of 2020</u>	<u>Class of 2021</u>	<u>Class of 2022</u>
Teri McMasters	Jen Balsan	Bill Brams
Steve Graven	Mike Bowman	Sun Majka
Sara Van Sant	Marco Cardillo	Rich Myers
Katherine Schoenberg (2)	Janessa Davis	John Richards
	Toby Moyer	Glenn Rodgers
	Glen Valentine	Angela Tippet

### Memorials Committee

Liz Ferry  
Katie Marlowe  
Mary McGready

### Endowment Committee

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Steve Lehman  
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