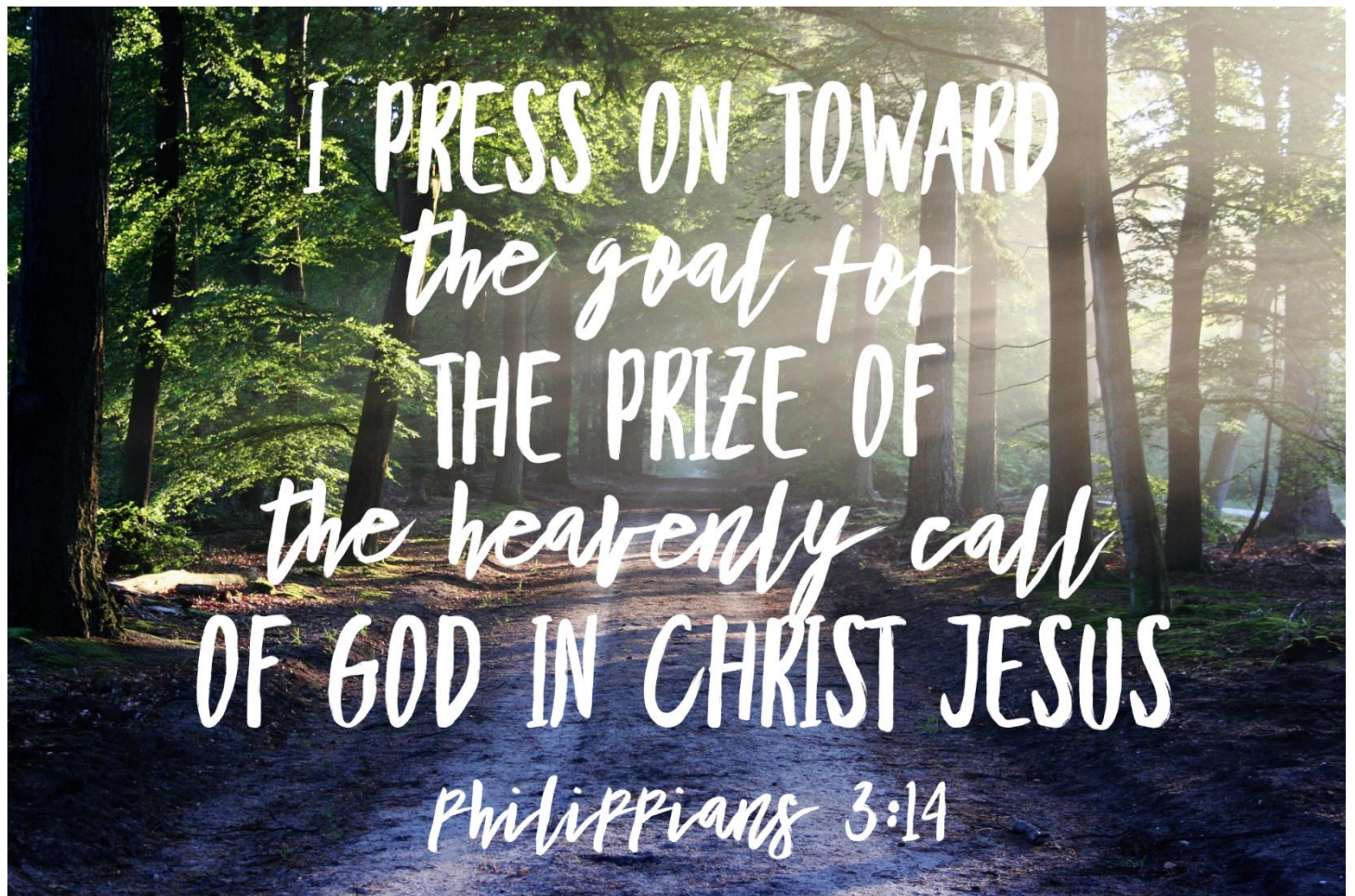


WELCOME

to
**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF AMBLER**

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



September 1, 2019

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

With a Heart of Thanksgiving

arr. Howard Helvey

CALL TO WORSHIP

The heavens declare the glory of God!

The skies proclaim God's handiwork.

**The day pronounces God's glory without a sound,
The night expounds His knowledge without a word,
And yet their voice goes out through all the earth.**

Let us join our voices with the voice of creation

In declaring God's glory!

* HYMN #612

We Praise You, O God

* CALL TO CONFESSION

* CONFESSION OF SIN

Loving God,

you have put us here as your ambassadors,
and citizens of your kingdom.

You have given us gifts of grace and love,
and have offered us mercy over and over again.

But we do not always live as your people,
instead following our own way in the world.

Rather than mercy, we offer judgment.

We seek what is good for us at the expense of others;
we pursue our own interests,
and selfishly dwell in sin,
rather than pursue righteousness.

**Have mercy on us, O God.
Forgive us of our sins,
and work in us so that we will reflect your goodness,
grace, and love for the world.**

Through Jesus Christ 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**

SPECIAL MUSIC *Rejoice, the Lord is King*

arr. Linda McKechnie

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE **Philippians 3:12-4:1**

**SERMON “Forgetting, Remembering, and Pressing On”
The Reverend Ryan Balsan**

***HYMN #510**

We Gather Here in Jesus’ Name

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

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

arr. Mark Hayes and Marvin Gaspard

* 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 #450

Be Thou My Vision

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

arr. Fred Bock

*Indicates to please stand if you are able.



CHILDCARE AND SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

JOIN US FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTING SEPTEMBER 15

**Sundays
at 9:30 AM**

Nursery care for babies and toddlers.

Children's Sunday School. Students age 3 through kindergarten are welcomed in room 306 beginning at 9:20 AM. First through fifth grade children begin worship in the sanctuary with their families and are dismissed to meet their teachers after the Children's Sermon. All children are picked up from their classrooms on the third floor.

**Sundays
at 11:00 AM**

Nursery care for babies and toddlers

Children's Church is offered for preschool through 2nd grade students. After beginning worship in the sanctuary, children are dismissed to their teachers for additional worship time, a Bible lesson and other activities.



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

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 by Bill Brandreth in loving memory of my wife, Sandy Brandreth.

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):

People traveling, Meg Gruwell
Ray Swede, friend of Rose Rivera-Hrosik
Margaret, friend of Mary Vokes
Susan Segar, daughter of Kent Selko
Mary Garret, friend of Nancy Lange
Kathy Overstreet, friend of Pat Stansfield
Courage to confront hateful rhetoric, Marcia Martin
Cali, friend of Kelley Reff
Vicky & Ron Cumer, friends of Carol Dugan
Lindsey Kacher, friend of Ruth and Howard Forster



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.



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 | 215.646.3030).



DISCIPLESHIP WEEKEND – September 27-29.

FPC Ambler will host a discipleship weekend focused on **Stewardship**. The theme of the weekend will be **Responding to God's Generosity Through All of Life**, led by Scott McKenzie and Craig Miller. The gatherings will happen at church: Friday, September 27th, 7:00-9:00 PM and Saturday, September 28th, 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM.



WOMEN'S WEEKEND RETREAT. October 11-13

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 and payment are due by September 22. Registration forms can

be found at the Welcome Desk or online at fpcambler.org.



TODAY'S SCHEDULE

9:30 AM

- Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary
(**Head Usher**, John Ingram; **Lay Reader**, Bruce Ruhf;
Communion Servers: Cindy Reed, David Reed, Bill Lobley)
- Nursery care for infants to three-year-olds (main level)
- Youth breakfast (Fellowship Hall)

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:

MON 9/2	Labor Day – Church office closed
TUE 9/3	
WED 9/4	6:30 AM – Men's Small Group (Welcome Center) 5:00 PM – Organ practice (Sanctuary) 8:00 PM – Sanctuary Choir
THU 9/5	7:00 PM – South Ridge Band Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 7:10 PM – Bible Explorers (Richards home)
FRI 9/6	Church office closed 6:00 PM – Ambler First Friday

AA Meetings :

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

Announcements and *UP*coming Events

SPECIAL REQUEST. Soon Cheryl Kurpiel will be retiring from her position as Church Business Administrator after many years of capable and loving service to our church. A reception is being planned for Sunday, October 6 (between services) when we will formally thank Cheryl. In the meantime, Cindy Berry is collecting personal notes and cards to be given to her at the reception. If you would like to write a note or card, please put it in the Berry church mailbox.

MEET AND GREET. Are you looking for a way to connect with others or grow deeper in your faith but don't know where to start? On **Sunday, September 22** in between services we will have a small group meet and greet in the Welcome Center and Lounge Area. This is a chance where you can meet our small group leaders and see where you can connect (and even collect a few goodies).

AUTUMN NEWSLETTER. The Autumn First Pres News is available. If you have requested a paper copy it has been mailed or placed in your church mailbox. You can view the newsletter in the weekly ENews or pick up a copy at the brochure rack. If you would like to receive a paper copy, contact the church office.

PRAYER WARRIORS. If you've thought about joining the First Pres. Prayer Warriors between services on Sundays but haven't because you'd have to come late or leave early for some reason – please come anyway! Just quietly enter Conference room when you can and take a seat and leave quietly when you need to. You'll be glad you joined this powerful time of prayer for global, national and church level issues. Please join us.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES THANK YOU. A big thank you to everyone who donated to the annual deacon's school supply drive! The supplies were over and above what was requested, and they have been delivered to Wissahickon School District, and Hope Gardens. Thank you for helping a student in need during this back to school season.

THE PARADE OF CALENDARS! One of the activities that PRIME Time sponsors is the collection of 2020 calendars and other seasonal items to be redistributed to care communities in Montgomery County. Calendars come in droves during the autumn:

- First come the large wildlife bears: a polar bear for sure
- Then the smallest warbler, tweeting sweet notes
- Next, pictures of America the Beautiful: mountains, streams, snow for December
- Then come puppies and kittens, with softest fur you can almost feel
- Finally come the heroic dogs, triumphant over wars, fire and floods

All are welcome along with cards, notepads, holiday papers and give-aways by organizations in year-end appeals. Bring along “collectables” to the October 1 PRIME Time.

AUG 30- SEP 1 CHURCH FAMILY CAMPING

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 (falkklitsch@gmail.com) or Beth Marquard (bmarqd@gmail.com | 267-755-8456.)

SEP 15 ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY AND SUNDAY SCHOOL KICK-OFF

Join us for worship at 9:30 AM (Traditional) and 11:00 AM (Contemporary). We will kick-off our Sunday School season and celebrate those who have been members for 50 or more years. Plan on enjoying some coffee, beverages, and treats in the Welcome Center between services (10:30-11:00 AM) and stop in the Lounge to greet our 50+ year members. Hope to see you there!



SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

HAPPY LABOR DAY- We are not meeting today.

UPCOMING TRIPS & EVENTS

Youth Group Kick Off September 15th 6-8pm

Middle School and High School Students join us this evening to test your skills in an escape room at the church! We will kick off the year with games, ice cream, and fun! Parents please be sure to come to this event and fill out the new school year waiver too!

Fall Retreats!

Middle School Fall Retreat - October 4-6

Breakaway Retreat is an opportunity to join nearly 500 middle school students, leaders, youth pastors and volunteers as they gather to have fun, enjoy free time, play crazy games and hear more about the God who loves them. Cost: \$150, Scholarships available.

High School - November 8-10

Reality Retreat is a weekend designed especially for High School students. It is a time of fun, fellowship, and spiritual growth. Throughout the weekend, students will experience games, interacting with other churches, participating in worship, listening to talented speakers, and enjoying times of small group discussion. Bottom line: This weekend is a favorite of many students and you don't want to miss it! Cost: \$150, Scholarships available.

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



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