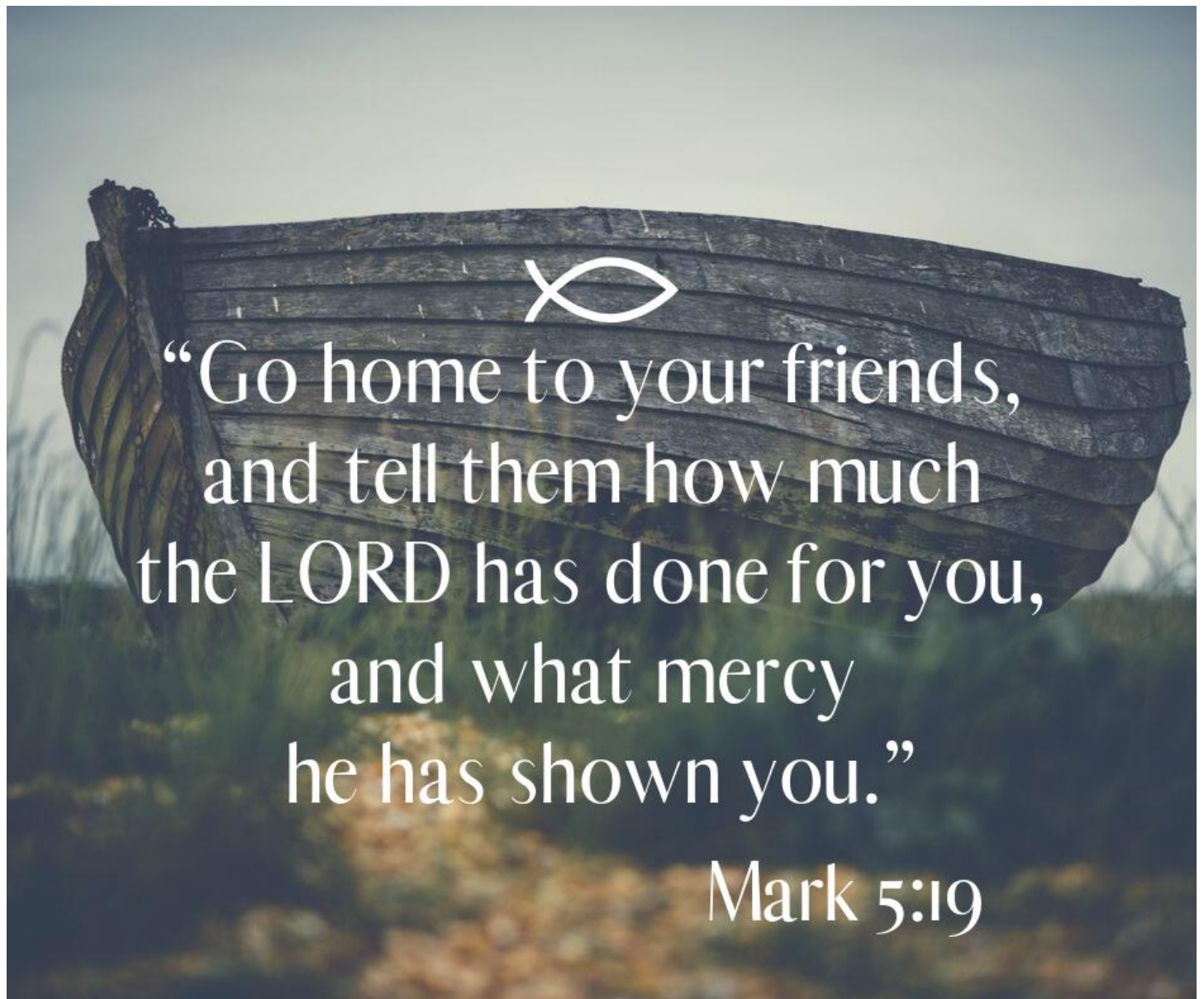


WELCOME

to
**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF AMBLER**

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



September 29, 2019

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

How Can I Keep from Singing arr. Mark Hayes

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness.

Come into God's presence with singing!

Let us worship the living Lord together.

*** HYMN #305**

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

*** CALL TO CONFESSION**

*** CONFESSION OF SIN**

Eternal God,

our judge and redeemer,

we confess that we have tried to hide from you,

for we have done wrong.

We have lived for ourselves,
and apart from you.

We have turned from our neighbors,
and refused to bear the burdens of others.

We have ignored the pain of the world,
and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed.

In your great mercy forgive our sins,
and free us from selfishness,
that we may choose your will
and obey our commandments;
through Jesus Christ our Savior. 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

ANTHEM

How Can I Keep From Singing?

arr. Jeffrey Honoré

Sanctuary Choir

My life flows on in endless song, above earth's lamentation.
I hear the real though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging,
since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing,
it sounds and echoes in my soul; how can I keep from singing?
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging,
since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing;
all things are mine since I am his; how can I keep from singing?
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging,
since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Mark 5:2-20

MESSAGE

Grounded in Gratitude, Revealed in Prayer, Lived in Faith
The Reverend Craig Miller

*** HYMN #686**

God of Our Life

THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

OFFERTORY *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

arr. Paul Bowman

***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 #353**

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

*** BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Allegro

George Boellman

***Indicates to please stand for those who 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.

**Sundays
at 9:30 AM**

Nursery care is offered for babies and toddlers.

A traditional **Children's Sunday School** is offered for preschool through elementary children. Students age 3 through kindergarten are welcomed in room 306 beginning at 9:20 AM and should be picked up immediately following the service. First through fifth grade students begin worship with their families in the sanctuary and are dismissed to meet their teachers after the Children's Sermon. Please pick them up in room 307 after the service.

**Sundays
at 11:00 AM**

Nursery care is offered 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. Please pick up your children in room 306 immediately after the service.



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 Tom and Mary McGready
in loving memory of our daughter, Kate.

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	Corinne Jones	John Riley
Richard Crowell	Sam & Peggy Kay	Don Rhone
Arlene Crowell	Dot Lynch	Herb Rothe
Lois Domm	Connie Mann	Rachel Siegmann
Sandy Doubek	Dick McNeal	Rick Stevens
Dick Dresher	Jeannie Miksch	Tippett family
Falcone family	Bob & Betty Miller	Usha Varughese
Paul Furnival	Peg Morris	Carolyn Wittrock
Trey Halkett	Muriel Resh	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.

WE EXPRESS OUR SYMPATHY to Ellie Pirozek
on the death of her brother, Frank Sabol. A memorial service was held on
Thursday, September 26 in the sanctuary.

Prayer requests from extended family and friends

(listed in the order received):

Susan Segar, daughter of Kent Selko
Jack Grace, friend of Carol Dugan
Stella Maser, friend of Carol Dugan
Lasinda Greenwood, friend of Cindy and Mike Bowman
Rose Jenkins, friend of Kris Hunnicutt
Family of Jim Harper, friends of Connie Morgenson
Rick Warner, previous member and friend
Mary Belle Teter, friend of Barbara Frankl
Jim, son of Wendy Flickinger
Victims of Dorian
Delores Gallagher, friend of Bob and Lorraine Wagner
Jean Morrison, aunt of Linda Callegari
Cammara family, friends of Teri McMasters
Grabowski family, friends of Teri McMasters



#ServeAmbler. As disciples we are called to love God and love others. One way we can demonstrate our love is through service. **Throughout the month of October** there will be various opportunities for you to **#ServeAmbler**. **Ways to register for #ServeAmbler:** (1) Write your name and contact information on the bulletin insert and indicate where you would like to serve, (2) Register on our website at fpcambler.org, (3) Contact Eric Dorville (eric@fpcambler.org).



SOUP KITCHEN – October 18 & 19. Sign up at the Welcome Desk to help prepare the meal Friday night at our church and/or help serve the meal in Frankford on Saturday morning. 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 SOUP KITCHEN CLOTHING DONATIONS, tubs by the Fellowship Hall coat racks.



ALL CHURCH HAYRIDE AND BONFIRE! Let's gather to enjoy the fall weather and some outdoor fun! Meet us at Merrymead Farm for a Hayride followed by a bonfire and s'mores with your church family and friends. Cost is \$8/person or \$20/family. Register at fpcambler.org by October 20th.



TODAY'S SCHEDULE

9:30 AM

- Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary
(**Head Usher**, Sun Majka; **Lay Reader**, Cindy Reed)
- Nursery care for infants to three-year-olds (main level)
- Sunday School (preschool - 5th grade, middle school and high school)

10:30 AM

- Coffee Fellowship
- Prayer Warriors (Conference Room 2)

11:00 AM

- South Ridge (Contemporary) Worship in the Sanctuary
- Nursery care for infants to three-year-olds (main level)
- Children's Church (preschool thru 2nd grade)
- Adult Education (Conference Room 1)

This week at FPC Ambler:

MON 9/30	10:30 AM – Staff Meeting (church office) 7:00 PM – Whitney/Gannon Small Group
TUE 10/1	10:00 AM – Marilyn Lobley Bible Study (Lounge) 11:30 AM – PRIME Time (F.H. / Sanctuary)
WED 10/2	6:30 AM – Men's Small Group (Welcome Center) 5:00 PM – Organ Practice (Sanctuary) 7:00 PM – Alpha (Lounge); Joyful Ringers 8:00 PM – Sanctuary Choir
THU 10/3	7:00 PM -GriefShare (C2); South Ridge Band Rehearsal (Sanctuary); Women's Retreat Meeting (Lounge) 7:10 PM – Bible Explorers (Richards home)
FRI 10/4	Middle School Fall Retreat 10/4 – 10/6 6:00 PM – Ambler First Friday
SAT 10/5	Ambler Oktoberfest (all day)

AA Meetings :

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

Announcements and *UP*coming Events

#SERVEAMBLER OPPORTUNITY! This year, as part of #ServeAmbler, we will collect food items for the Mattie Dixon Community Cupboard every Sunday in October. Sunday, **October 6 will be Applesauce Sunday** and **Sunday, October 13 will be Pancake Mix Sunday**. Any size container of applesauce, including individual containers suitable for school lunches or snacks, will be appreciated on October 6. Any size or type of pancake mix (plain, buckwheat, blueberry, etc.) can be donated on October 13. Donations can be left on the white shelves behind the Welcome Center, near the elevator. Thanks in advance for your participation in this easy opportunity to help those in need. Any questions can be directed to Jan Stephens (215-641-1841) or leave a note in the Stephens mailbox. We'll announce on the following Sunday how many items were collected; let's aim for 50 applesauce containers on Applesauce Sunday!

SPECIAL REQUEST. A reception is being planned in honor of Cheryl Kurpiel for Sunday, October 6 (between services) when we will formally thank Cheryl for her many years of service. 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.

SERVE IN YOUTH MINISTRY. Our Youth ministry is going places! Throughout the year we have events that we encourage students to bring their friends to so that we can meet and get to know them. As we have more students interested in our events, we have a growing need for chaperones and drivers. If you would like to serve our church in this way, please contact Bree Reeder (breanna@fpcambler.org) or mark your interest on a Connection Card. Our next event is a day trip to Dorney Park on October 12th.

DO YOU ENJOY CARING FOR BABIES AND TODDLERS? Good news! This fall, our nursery has openings in our volunteer schedule and would love to have you join our team! We welcome monthly and bi-monthly volunteers willing to serve during either the 9:30 AM or the 11:00 AM service. If you're interested, please contact Sarah McClure (sarah@fpcambler.org) or mark your interest on the Connection Card.

ADULT EDUCATION - DISCOVER JESUS...Journey back to the time of Jesus. Marvel at the magnificence of Herod's palace. Scramble among the ruins of Qumran. Wonder at the simplicity and wisdom of Jesus' parables. **Adult Education** will use Focus on the Family's video series illuminated by renowned teacher and historian Ray Vander Laan to discover how the events of Jesus' day impacted His life, ministry, and communication. ***Please join us in Conference Room 1 and let them impact yours as well!***

PRIME TIME SEASONAL COLLECTION. 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. The activities directors also like to have puzzles, Christmas tree ornaments, and other small gift items. This collection will be distributed to 11 care communities touching at least 850 residents. Put donations in marked cartons by Fellowship Hall or in the shelves behind the Welcome Center. We will collect until November 30, then package the donations December 1-3, and volunteer drivers will make deliveries. If you would like to help in any way, please contact Diana (dianamackie@comcast.net) or Joanna (Joanna.lee1@verizon.net) .

SEPTEMBER SESSION notes are available at the Welcome Desk.

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PRIME TIME

PRIME Time ministry, designed for those adults 55+, will meet for lunch and a program October 1, November 5, and December 12, 2019 and February 4, March 3, and May 5, 2020. The **October 1st** program will feature the **Savoy Company of Philadelphia**, the world's oldest theater company performing the works of Gilbert and Sullivan. Join us for lunch (\$6.00) at 11:45 AM and the program beginning at 12:45. **Please note that the performance will occur in the Sanctuary and is open to any members of our community.**



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

THIS WEEK:

High School Youth Group, 9/29 6:30-8pm

No Middle School Youth Group, 10/3

Middle School Fall Retreat 10/4- 10/6

UPCOMING TRIPS & EVENTS

High School Trip to Dorney Park, 10/12 9:30AM- 10:30PM

Bring your friends for a day at Dorney during their fright fest. We will ride the rides during the day and be there for the fright fest in the evening!

Cost: \$50 which includes transportation, all day admission to the park and fright fest, and one dinner meal. Please sign up by TODAY!

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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THE SESSION

Cindy Reed, Clerk of Session

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