



WELCOME

to
**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF AMBLER**

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



October 6, 2019

**Today is World Communion Sunday.
In celebration of this day, and to demonstrate our unity
with Christian brothers and sisters around the world,
we not only celebrate communion as one body,
but we will sing hymns from around the world.**

PRELUDE

Here at Your Table Lord arr. Mark Hayes

INTROIT

O Sing to the Lord (Brazil)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Who may abide in the presence of God?

Who may live on God's holy mountain?

All those who walk blamelessly and do what is right.

All those who speak truth from their heart.

Let us live holy lives,
speak the truth in love,
and worship God in spirit and in truth.

* HYMN #328

Praise God, All You Nations
(Sing 2x) (Ghana)

* CALL TO CONFESSION

* CONFESSION OF SIN

God of light,
we confess that we live in
the shadows of hypocrisy and self-righteousness.
We honor you with our lips,
but we have not served you in our hearts.
We are satisfied with human traditions and norms
and avoid your liberating truth.

We have confused meekness with weakness,
holiness with social conformity,
and anger with righteousness.
Forgive us, we pray.

By the power of your word,
save us from the prison of our conceit,
so that we may serve you with sincere hearts;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Amos 4:1-5; James 1:19-26

MESSAGE **“Hearing, Doing, and Becoming”**
The Reverend Ryan Balsan

*** HYMN #526**

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ
(Jamaica)

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

ANTHEM

One at the Feast
Sanctuary Choir

Craig Courtney

He ate bread at their tables, He joined them in their feasts,
and many asked the Savior, “Why do you dine with these,
the outcast and the sinner, the dying and the poor?
There are many greater than these you sit before.”

Refrain:

*Break the bread and pour the wine, let them drink, let them dine,
none is greater than the least, all are one, one at the feast.*

So let the poor and the wealthy be seated side by side,
the sick among the healthy, the widow by the bride,
the hungry and the thirsty with those who have been fed
and share the feast together, come share the wine and bread.

Refrain

Gather at the table come and take your place,
there is room for many at the feast of grace.
With the bread remember, with the wine recall
Jesus gave His body and His blood for all.

Refrain.

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

OFFERTORY

Allegro

G.F. Handel

***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 #292**

As the Wind Song (China)

*** BENEDICTION**

CHORAL BENEDICTION#549

May the Love of the Lord (China)

POSTLUDE

Jubilate

Roy Douglas

***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:

in honor of the staff at FPC Ambler,
especially **Cheryl Kurpiel** for her 26 years
of faithful ministry and love.

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

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| Barbara Albright | Sam & Peggy Kay | Don Rhone |
| Richard Crowell | Dot Lynch | Herb Rothe |
| Arlene Crowell | Connie Mann | Rachel Siegmann |
| Lois Domm | Dick McNeal | Rick Stevens |
| 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):

Tom Fleckenstein, friend of the McCallum family
Bernardo Anger, friend of the McCallum family
Family of Forest Kerr, father-in-law of Glenn Rodgers
Courtney, friend of Kate
Strength and patience and peace for those struggling with relationships
Frantzou Avril, our friend in Haiti
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



#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**, Rich Myers; **Communion Servers**, Cheryl Kurpiel, Earle Matlack, Hal Stansfield)
- Nursery care for infants to three-year-olds (main level)
- Sunday School (preschool - 5th grade, middle school and high school)

10:30 AM

- Prayer Warriors (Conference Room 2)
- Reception for Cheryl Kurpiel in Fellowship Hall

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:

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| MON 10/7 | 10:30 AM – Staff Meeting (church office) 11:15 AM – Normandy Farms Bible Study (Normandy Farms) 7:00 PM – Whitney/Gannon small group (Whitney home) |
| TUE 10/8 | 10:00 AM – Marilyn Lobley Bible Study (Lounge) 6:45 PM – Deacons (C1) 7:30 PM – Session (C1); Traditional Worship Committee (church office) YKD (Ruhf) Bible Study (Lounge) |
| WED 10/9 | 6:30 PM – 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 10/10 | 6:30 PM – MS Youth Group 7:00 PM – GriefShare Group (C2); South Ridge Band (sanctuary) 7:10 PM – Bible Explorers (Richards home) |
| FRI 10/11 | 4:00 PM – Women's Retreat through 10/13 (St. Raphaella Retreat Center) |
| SAT 10/12 | 9:00 AM – MOPS (Lounge) 9:30 AM – Youth Trip to Dorney |

AA Meetings :

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| Sun 5PM | Mon 6PM | Tues 6PM | Wed 6PM (women) | Thu | Fri 6PM | Sat |
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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, **Today is 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!

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.



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, 10/6 6:30-8pm

Middle School Youth Group, 10/10

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.

Fall Retreat

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 week, 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!



Ministers: All baptized members of the congregation

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THE SESSION

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 Sean Ryan

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 Hal Stansfield
 Jan Stephens

Class of 2022

John Ingram
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 Bruce Ruhf

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