



# **WELCOME**

to  
**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
OF AMBLER**

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

MY GRACE  
IS SUFFICIENT  
FOR YOU,  
FOR POWER  
IS MADE PERFECT  
IN WEAKNESS.

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2 CORINTHIANS 12:9



**November 10, 2019**

## INTROIT

## CALL TO WORSHIP

In God's realm, weakness becomes strength.

**Emptiness becomes complete.**

Fear grows into courage.

**The foolish learn wisdom.**

The wise learn God's foolishness.

**The great are humbled,**

The humble are lifted up.

**In God's steadfast love, all things are made whole.**

We will worship the God of wisdom and truth.

**Let us sing before the Lord glad songs of thanksgiving.**

## \* HYMN # 667

*When Morning Gilds the Skies*

## \* CALL TO CONFESSION

## \* CONFESSION OF SIN

Father God, you are the one who leads us  
from darkness into light, from captivity into freedom,  
from anxiety into peace, from despair into joy.

Yet we long to break free, choosing independence,  
convinced of our own wisdom,  
forgetting your love and grace.

Forgive us, draw close to us,  
embrace us once again in your loving arms,  
and enable us to follow you  
in worship and grateful service  
each day of our lives. 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**

### ***Children of the Heavenly Father***

arr. Dan Forest

Sanctuary Choir

Children of the heavenly Father safely in His bosom gather;  
nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge e'er was given.  
God His own doth tend and nourish; in His holy courts they flourish.  
From all evil things He spares them; in His mighty arms He bears them.

Neither life nor death shall ever, from the Lord His children sever,  
unto them His grace He showeth, and their sorrows all He knoweth.  
Though He giveth, or He taketh, God His children ne'er forsaketh.  
His, the loving purpose solely to preserve them pure and holy.

Children of the heavenly Father.

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## **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

### **SCRIPTURE II Corinthians 12:1-10**

## MESSAGE

**"If Only in Spite Of"**  
The Reverend Donald Kazen

**\* HYMN #819**

***Be Still, My Soul***

## THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

***With a Voice of Singing***

arr. Sondra Tucker

Joyful Ringers

**\*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 #661**

***Why Should I Feel Discouraged?***

**\* BENEDICTION**

## POSTLUDE

***How Firm a Foundation***

Dale Wood

**\*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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.



### ***THE SANCTUARY FLOWERS ARE GIVEN:***

In honor of Marge Stowe's 94<sup>th</sup> birthday  
from Tom, Carolyn, Morgann and Jacob Shaner.

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  
Richard Crowell  
Arlene Crowell  
Lois Domm  
Sandy Doubek  
Falcone family  
Paul Furnival  
Trey Halkett  
Corinne Jones

Sam & Peggy Kay  
Dot Lynch  
Connie Mann  
Dick McNeal  
Jeannie Miksch  
Bob & Betty Miller  
Peg Morris  
Muriel Resh  
John Riley

Don Rhone  
Herb Rothe  
Rachel Siegmann  
Rick Stevens  
Tippett family  
Usha Varughese  
Carolyn Wittrock  
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.*



***THERE IS A ROSE*** on the communion table to **welcome Henry Adam Thode**, born on October 28, 2019. Henry was 20 ½ inches long and weighed 8 lbs. 13 oz. Henry is welcomed by parents, Joan and Adam Thode; grandparents Chuck and Carol Brumbaugh; Uncle Chip Brumbaugh; and Great Aunt and Uncle Robin and Pete Brockman.

### **Prayer requests from extended family and friends**

(listed in the order received):

Niece of Janessa Davis  
Jason Luther, friend of Marilyn Lobley  
Michael Stipick, friend of Kirk and Patti Kiernicki  
Ambler family who lost their home in the storm  
Mother (Karen) and father-in-law of Susan Berkelbach  
Susan Segar, daughter of Kent Selko  
Family of Doris Valentine  
Gabby, niece of Matt and Janessa Davis  
Family of Stashie Moser, aunt of Carol Dugan  
Jason Farabough's Uncle Dick  
Frantzou Avril, our friend in Haiti  
Family of Chris Titko's grandmother



**MUSIC AND THEATER ENSEMBLE. Oct 30-Dec 11.**

Grades 2 through 8 are invited to join Chris Titko on Wednesday evenings from 6:45-7:30 PM in the choir room. **We will be the core group to help prepare the multigenerational Advent program: The Work of Christmas!** We will prepare skits and learn songs to help lead in this service. Please come and join us even if you missed our first gathering! Contact [Chris@fpcambler.org](mailto:Chris@fpcambler.org).



**ADVENT NIGHT.** *The entire church family* is invited to an evening of reflection, preparation, and celebration to kick off the Advent season! You'll have a chance to move through interactive stations that will guide you in pausing and resetting your focus on Jesus in the weeks leading up to Christmas. This family-friendly celebration also will include our always popular Christmas sing-along and plenty of snacks!

**Mark your interest on a Connection Card or register at [fpcambler.org](http://fpcambler.org).**



**HOSTING INTER-FAITH FAMILIES.** During the month of January, we will host Inter-Faith families here at our church home. **Volunteers can sign up in person or online at [fpcambler.org](http://fpcambler.org).** There are many ways to serve including providing and serving a dinner meal or serving as an overnight host. Inter-Faith team members are available in the Lounge to help you sign up or you can visit our website at [fpcambler.org](http://fpcambler.org) to register

online. This is a great way to put into practice the hospitality and love of Christ. Thank you for supporting this important mission.



## TODAY'S SCHEDULE

### 9:30 AM

- Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary  
(**Head Usher**, Teri McMasters; **Lay Reader**, Matt Davis)  
Nursery care for infants to three-year-olds (main level)
- Sunday School (preschool - 5<sup>th</sup> grade, middle school and high school)

### 10:30 AM

- Coffee Fellowship (Welcome Center)
- Prayer Warriors (Conference Room 2)
- Children's Handchime Choir (Choir Room)

### 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 2<sup>nd</sup> grade)
- Adult Education (C1) | Racial Reconciliation Class (C2)

## This week at FPC Ambler:

<b>SUN</b> <b>11/10</b>	6:00 PM – Kid's Club
<b>MON</b> <b>11/11</b>	10:30 AM – Staff Meeting (Church Office) 11:15 AM – Normandy Farms Bible Study (Normandy Farms) 7:00 PM – Whitney/Gannon Small Group
<b>TUE</b> <b>11/12</b>	10:00 AM – Marilyn Loble Bible Study (Lounge) 6:45 PM – Deacons (C1)
<b>WED</b> <b>11/13</b>	6:30 AM – Men's Small Group 5:00 PM – Organ Practice (Sanctuary) 6:45 PM – Music and Theater Ensemble (Choir Room) 7:00 PM – Joyful Ringers 8:00 PM – No Regrets Small Group (C2); Sanctuary Choir (8:00 PM)
<b>THU</b> <b>11/14</b>	6:30 PM – MS Youth Group (FH) 7:00 PM – GriefShare (C2); South Ridge Band Rehearsal 7:10 PM – Bible Explorers (Richards Home)
<b>FRI</b> <b>11/15</b>	
<b>SAT</b> <b>11/16</b>	8:00 AM – Men's Breakfast (FH)

## AA Meetings :

Sun 5PM	Mon 6PM	Tues 6PM	Wed 6PM (women)	Thu	Fri 6PM	Sat
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# Announcements and *UP*coming Events

***SUPPORTING OUR NEIGHBORS.*** On October 31, 2019 an Ambler family lost their home and suffered serious injuries when a tree fell and destroyed their home during a storm. The eight family members affected by this tragedy range in age from two to eighty-one. We have an opportunity to support this family. FPC Ambler is collecting money to purchase gift cards for them, and every donation is welcome to support and care for this family. Checks can be made out to First Presbyterian Church of Ambler with “Ambler Family” in the memo.

***CALLING ALL SOPRANOS, ALTOS, TENORS AND BASSES.*** Do you enjoy singing but your schedule doesn't allow you to commit to rehearsing on a weekly basis throughout the year? Here's a special opportunity to share your talents and sing to the glory of God. We are looking for singers (members and non-members alike) who would like to participate in the adult Sanctuary Choir for three very special services during Advent. On December 15, there will be one intergenerational service at 10:00 AM. We will premiere a new anthem written by Chris Titko and arranged by Michael Joy. On December 22, at the 9:30 AM service, we will have our “music Sunday” which will feature two special anthems. We're also asking for extra singers at the 9:00 PM Christmas Eve service. Even if you can only come to one or two of the services, we'd love to have you participate. Interested? If so, you are invited to join the choir for rehearsals on Wednesday evenings: November 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> (this is a Tuesday night), December 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 18<sup>th</sup>, from 8:00-8:30 p.m. as the choir prepares the music for these services. We only ask that you commit to attending at least four of the six rehearsals. Contact Michael Joy at [michaeljoy@comcast.net](mailto:michaeljoy@comcast.net) or mark your interest on the Connection Card.

***DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE IN COLLEGE?*** We want to stay connected to our college students throughout the year. Send their name, address and any contact information to Eric Dorville ([eric@fpcambler.org](mailto:eric@fpcambler.org))

***MISSION TRIP TO PUERTO RICO.*** In 2018 Hurricane Maria devastated Puerto Rico. Many communities are still trying to re-build and we have a

chance to help make a difference. From **April 4-11, 2020** we will be sending a team of people to partner with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. Together we will serve the people of Puerto Rico by cleaning debris and other repairs. Cost is \$400 per person. Those interested in serving must be 15 years or older and contact Eric Dorville (eric@fpcambler.org | 215.646.3030)

**ONBOARDING TEAM.** We all know what it's like to be on the outside looking in. We don't want our members and guests who worship with us to experience that. **At FPC Ambler we have many guests worshipping with us each week.** We are looking to create a **team of people who will help welcome them.** The scriptures instruct us to welcome and love those who walk through our doors – and we need you to make that happen. If you're interested contact Eric at eric@fpcambler.org or **join us for coffee in between services on December 8** to find out more information.

**THANKSGIVING OFFERING.** Many of us are blessed to be able to spend time with our families eating delicious food for Thanksgiving. Sadly, this isn't reality for many. Thankfully, Mattie N. Dixon, our local food cupboard helps to address those needs for hundreds of local families. This year's Thanksgiving Offering will benefit Mattie Dixon's mission and help put food on families tables making it a memorable holiday for all. God blessed us to be a blessing so please give joyously and generously so that lives may be changed by Christ. Thanksgiving offering envelopes can be found in your offering envelope box and in the pews.

**GRIEFSHARE.** If you, or anyone you know, are experiencing the journey of losing a loved one, you are welcome to join our ongoing GriefShare group. As the holidays are approaching, we know that this time can be especially difficult for many people. We meet on Thursday nights from 7-9PM in Conference Room 2. We are always open to new people joining us. Contact Georgina Dietz for more information (gkbard@gmail.com | 267.735.1971) – or just come!

**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. Donations can be placed in the shelves behind the Welcome Center. We will collect until November 30. If you would like to help in any way, please contact Diana (dianamackie@comcast.net) or Joanna (Joanna.lee1@verizon.net) .

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**MEN'S BREAKFAST**

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Come join us for fellowship and a delicious meal at the next Men's Breakfast on Saturday, November 16 at 8:00 AM in Fellowship Hall. Sign up on the Connection Card or contact Eric Dorville (eric@fpcambler.org | 215.646.3030)

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**ELYSIAN CAMERATA CONCERT**

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With great passion and unwavering commitment, Elysian Camerata now forges ahead well into their second decade of exceptional music making. On Friday, November 22 **"The British are Coming!"** to our sanctuary. The concert will feature Purcell: Trio Sonata TBD, Vaughan Williams: Phantasy Quintet; Elgar: Piano Quintet in A minor, Op. 84. Following the concert, the musicians will look forward to sharing some food and conversation with the audience at the post-concert reception. There is no admission charge, however a free-will contribution is always appreciated (suggested donation: \$20 for adults only.) ***Come and bring a few mates!***

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**MEN'S EVENT – BURY THE HATCHET**

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Men: Let's admit it – we aren't always up for the emotional, pulling on your heart strings, sentimental stuff. Sometimes we prefer the rough, rugged, no nonsense just have fun approach. Well this is for you. On Tuesday, November 26 at 7PM you're invited to go axe throwing at Bury the Hatchet in King of Prussia. Cost is \$30 per person. Visit our website (fpcambler.org) to sign up or contact Eric Dorville (eric@fpcambler.org).



## **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: No Sunday School today, we are away on our Fall Retreat!

## **THIS WEEK:**

No High School Youth Group, 11/10

Middle School Youth Group, 11/14 6:30-8:00 PM

## **UPCOMING TRIPS & EVENTS**

### **Bake Sale! - December 8<sup>th</sup> between services**

We are raising money for our youth ministry programs and selling baked goods just in time for Christmas, if you would like to donate cookies to sell, just bring them the morning of the sale!

### **Winter Service Project - December 10<sup>th</sup> 6-8 PM**

Help to serve the homeless this winter as we make care bags for the Kensington community. We will meet at the church, bring \$10 with you, drive to the dollar store together, and fill up bags with a few treats for those in need. All Middle School and High School students are invited! Drivers are needed if adults would like to attend!

### **High School Service Project - December 14<sup>th</sup> AM**

High School Students will deliver the bags we make from the dollar store to those in need this morning as we partner with West Kensington Ministries. Drivers are needed if adults would like to attend!

### **Christmas Party - December 15<sup>th</sup> 6-8 PM**

Middle School and High School students are invited to come and celebrate the Christmas season this night as we enjoy a meal together, play games, sing some songs, and have a white elephant gift exchange! All students and friends are welcome to join us!

## **SAVE THE DATE!**

January 17-19<sup>th</sup> MS and HS Winter Retreat

**Contact Bree Reeder with any questions or to sign up for these events  
Breanna@fpcambler.org | 215.646.3030**



Ministers: All baptized members of the congregation

### CHURCH STAFF

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### THE SESSION

Cindy Reed, Clerk of Session

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Marilyn Lobley  
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### BOARD OF DEACONS

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