



WELCOME

to
**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF AMBLER**

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



**YOU ABANDON THE
COMMANDMENT OF GOD
AND HOLD TO HUMAN TRADITION.
MARK 7:8**

**March 8, 2020
9:30 AM Traditional Worship**

INTROIT

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.

* **HYMN #610**

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

* **CALL TO CONFESSION**

* **SUNG CALL TO CONFESSION - #551**

Lord, have mercy;

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord have mercy,

Christ have mercy;

Lord, have mercy upon us.

* **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, we pray. Amen.**

*** SILENT CONFESSION**

*** ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

*** OUR RESPONSE #555**

**O Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world;
have mercy on us,
Lamb of God,
and grant us your peace.**

*** THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

ANTHEM

Devotion
Sanctuary Choir

arr. John Ness Beck

I am Thine, O Lord, I have heard Thy voice, and it told Thy love to me;
but I long to rise in the arms of faith and be closer drawn to Thee.
Consecrate me now to Thy service, Lord, by the power of grace divine.
Let my soul look up with a steadfast hope and my will be lost in Thine.

Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to the cross where Thou hast died.
Draw me nearer, nearer, to Thy precious bleeding side.

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart.
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart, in my heart.
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer blessed Lord.
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Mark 7:1-23

MESSAGE

“Traditions, Rules, and Jesus”
The Reverend Ryan Balsan

* HYMN #707

Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord

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

Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God

arr. John Behnke

Joyful Ringers

*OUR RESPONSE #648

Thankful hearts and voices raise;
tell everyone what God has done.
Let everyone who seeks the Lord
rejoice and bear the name of Christ.
Send us with your promises
and lead your people forth in joy
with shouts thanksgiving.
Alleluia, alleluia.

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

* HYMN #435

There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy

* BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE #213

In the cross of Christ, I glory,
towering o’er the wrecks of time;
all the light of sacred story
gathers round its head sublime

POSTLUDE

He Leadeth Me

Matthew Corl

*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.



THE SANCTUARY FLOWERS are given
by John Ingram, in dedication to my lovely wife
the day after our wedding.

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 | Joanna Lee | John Riley |
| Richard Crowell | Dot Lynch | Herb Rothe |
| Arlene Crowell | Cooper McMasters | Rachel Siegmann |
| Sandy Doubek | Dick McNeal | Carolyn Wittrock |
| Falcone family | Betty Miller | |
| Trey Halkett | Peg Morris | |
| Sam & Peggy Kay | Muriel Resh | |

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.



THE ROSE ON THE COMMUNION TABLE is in memory of Christine Woodland Schiller, oldest daughter of Mary Woodland and the late Dr. Horace Woodland.

Prayer requests from extended family and friends (listed in the order received):

Jimmy Richter, grandson of Barbara Schmitt
Joan Thurman, friend of Bob and Lorraine Wagner
Mark Sabo, friend of Eric and Elizabeth Schoenberg
Roy Surret and family, son of Betty Surret
Karen Hillinghead, friend of the Forster family
Janet Kocher, mother of Rick Kocher
Stephanie, niece of Edith Kendus
Susan Segar, daughter of Kent Selko
Family of Sharon Schwartz, friends of the Walters family
Danielle, friend of Jeff DePuyt
Family of Matt Mittman, friends of Fal Klitsch
Sharon, friend of Bob Walters
Joan Minor, mother of Emily Smith
Inter-Faith families
Family and friends of Gabby Cava



“BETWEEN NOW & THEN, ASKING TOUGH QUESTIONS” speaker series with Jeanne Hoff on Saturday, **March 14** (9-11AM) and Sunday, **March 15** (11:00 AM Adult Education and 12:00-2:00 PM). Jeanne will share her knowledge about making life choices including essential estate documents, wills, living wills and power of attorney.



FOOD FEST March 22, 2020. Join us in Fellowship Hall after South Ridge Worship. Come prepared to share a treasured family recipe or some dish from “the old country.” We are hoping to have an abundance of ethnic dishes that represent our varied heritages for all to sample. Working together with another family or individual is encouraged! Contact Barbara Yantek or Jan Stephens for more information.



STARTING POINT - New Members Class. If you’ve ever wondered what we as Christians and as Presbyterians believe or if you’re looking for ways to connect to the life here at FPC Ambler, then come to **Starting Point**, a new members class on **Sunday, March 29** from 12:30-3:00 PM. Lunch and childcare are provided (but registration is required for childcare.) Contact Eric Dorville (eric@fpcambler.org | 215.646.3030).



TODAY'S SCHEDULE

9:30 AM

- Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary
(**Head Usher**, Rich Myers; **Lay Reader**, Teri McMasters)
- 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 (Welcome Center)
- 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 2nd grade)
- Adult Education (C1) | Racial Reconciliation Class (C2)

This week at FPC Ambler:

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| SUN 3/8 | 6:00 PM – Kid's Club 6:30 PM – HS Youth Group |
| MON 3/9 | 11:00 AM – Normandy Small Group (Normandy Farms) 7:00 PM – Whitney/Gannon Small Group (Whitney home) |
| TUE 3/10 | 9:30 AM – Seeds of Joy Playgroup (307) 10:00 AM – Tuesday Women's Small Group (Lounge) 6:45 PM – Deacons (C1 / Lounge) 7:30 PM – Session (C1); Traditional Worship Committee (Church Office); YKD (Ruhf) Bible Study (Lounge) |
| WED 3/11 | 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 3/12 | 9:30 AM – Seeds of Joy Playgroup (307) 6:30 PM – MS Youth Group (FH) 7:00 PM – South Ridge Band Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 7:10 PM – Bible Explorers (Richards home) |
| FRI 3/13 | |
| SAT 3/14 | 9-11AM – Between Now & Then MOPS |

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

FORTENITER'S DINNER THANK YOU. The deacons would like to say a big thank you to all those who contributed food and assistance for the February 27 Forteniter's Dinner. The Forteniter's Club members were blessed and appreciate the support provided by our congregation. All participants enjoyed an evening of shared dinner, fellowship and music. It was a blessing to once again be able to serve our neighbors in this way.

WEDDING THANK YOU. Thank you to all of our church family for everything that was done in preparation for our wedding from decorating, to setting up, creating centerpieces, to serving the food, and for all of God's love you have shared with us each and every day. John and Sara Ingram.

MISSION OFFERING. For years we have worked to provide clean water for communities throughout Haiti. **We are now expanding our mission to provide clean water to communities in El Salvador.** Unsafe drinking water is one of the leading causes of disease and death throughout the world. We want to change that – and you can help. During the month of March, you are invited to join our mission to provide clean water for those who don't have it. Simply put your financial gift in the "Mission Offering" envelope from your envelope box or the pew racks. Additionally, you can make a check payable to FPC Ambler with "Mission Offering: Water Project" in the memo. Thank you for your faithful generosity.

CALLING ALL SOPRANOS, ALTOS, TENORS AND BASSES. Do you enjoy singing but have a busy schedule that 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 choir for Easter Sunday, April 12th** at the traditional worship service. This service will be at **8:45 AM** instead of the usual 9:30. Interested? If so, you are invited to join the choir for rehearsals on Wednesday evenings: March 11, 18, 25, April 1, and 8 from 8:00-8:30 PM as the choir prepares two anthems for the traditional worship service on Easter Sunday. If you can join us, we'd also love to have you sing on April 5 for the Palm Sunday service and/or the Maundy Thursday service on April 9. We ask that you commit to attending at least four rehearsals and come at 8:20 AM on April 12th to get ready for the service. Contact Michael Joy at michaeljoy@comcast.net if you're interested.



CHILDREN AND SACRAMENTS CLASS. On **Sunday, March 15**, following South Ridge Worship, all **5th and 6th grade students and their parents** are invited to join Pastor Ryan for a class on the sacraments of the Church. This class will begin at 12:30 and will be over by 3 p.m. We will begin with lunch, and then will have an interactive class on the meaning of the sacraments, with time for questions from parents and students.

This class is designed for parents and students to learn about and deepen our understanding of the sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper. Students are invited to bring in any pictures, certificates, or other memorabilia or gifts you received when you were baptized. If you have not been baptized, you are still welcome to the class, to learn what baptism is about!

If you plan to come, please RSVP to Kim Smith at kimberly@fpcambler.org, or call the church office at 215.646.3030 so we can plan for lunch and the class.

AFTER PARTY. Have you been coming to FPC Ambler for a while and are looking to connect with others? Then come to the **After Party**. Join one of our pastors and a small group of others for lunch at KC's Alley following our South Ridge Worship service on the last Sunday of the month. Our next gathering will be on March 29. This is a great way to get to know others and enjoy great food.

THE 3RD ANNUAL WEST KENSINGTON MINISTRY GOLF OUTING will be held on Friday, May 8th at Jeffersonville Golf Club. You can register or provide sponsorship donations at: www.westkensingtonministry.com. Contact Bob Walters or Bill Martin for additional information.

ATTENTION CRAFTERS. The Women's Recharge Team is planning a ***Spirit of Christmas Fair*** on Saturday, November 7 in Fellowship Hall to raise money for women's missions and retreat scholarships. Crafts will be an integral part of the Fair. If God has given you (man or woman) a talent, perhaps you would like to share by making things to sell at the fair. If so, there is a sign-up sheet at the Welcome Desk or you can contact Sharon Davis (215-794-2486), Cindy Reed (215-643-2879), or Marilyn Loble (610-279-1739). Also, if you have a talent you would like to teach to others so that they might make things, that would be wonderful as well.

THE FEBRUARY 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

Confirmation Classes: Conference Room

THIS WEEK:

High School Youth Group, 3/8

Middle School Youth Group, 3/12

UPCOMING TRIPS & EVENTS

ALL NIGHT Laser Tag at Ultrazone March 20-21, 11pm- 6:30am

Join us for a night of laser tag with Supplee youth group! We'll play games, eat pizza, and sleep (a little!) Bring a snack to share with the group. This is a great event to bring a new friend to join us for the evening! \$25 for this event! Adult and parent drivers and chaperones are needed!

Student sign-ups are due Friday!

High School Mission Trip! June 15- 21

We are partnering with Street Life Ministries in NYC for our mission trip this summer! We will be staying together in one house in Queens, NYC.

Interested in joining us? We will be serving in the city in a multitude of ways through home repairs, children's VBS, serving the homeless, and more!

The Great Escape! Middle School Summer Trip, July 27- Aug. 1

All rising 6th graders through rising 9th graders are invited to join us for a week full of energy, fun, games, worship, and grow in their faith and relationship with God. Anyone interested in this trip is welcome to attend!

**Contact Bree Reeder (Breanna@fpcambler.org | 215.646.3030)
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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| <u>Class of 2020</u> | <u>Class of 2021</u> | <u>Class of 2022</u> |
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