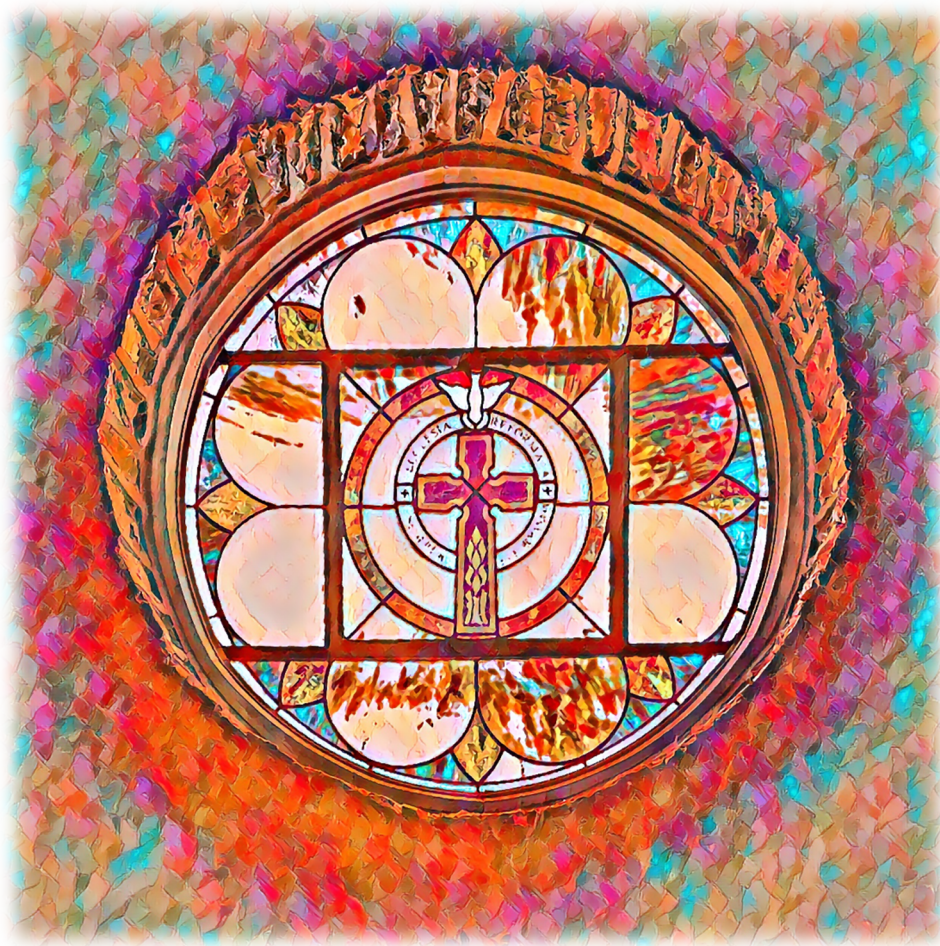


The Presbyterian Church of
Llanerch

One Hundred Fifteenth Anniversary

1909 - 2024

Doing justly • Loving Mercy • Walking humbly with God



May 5, 2024

11:00 a.m.

Welcome to the Presbyterian Church of Llanerch

Through the Spirit of Christ, we are brought together and joined as one community in the worship of God. Whoever you are, from wherever you have come, you are welcome here.

Our Mission

The Presbyterian Church of Llanerch is an inclusive Christian community whose members have been saved by God's grace, united by God in Jesus Christ, and given by God as a light to the nations. Our mission is patterned after the example of Jesus Christ, who came "not to be served but to serve."

To that end, we seek to think with the mind of Christ, to love with the heart of Christ, and to act as the Lord requires, doing justly, loving mercy, and walking humbly with our God.

If You Are New Here

We are especially glad to welcome you if you are visiting with us this morning. We invite you to the Fellowship Hall following the worship service, where there are coffee and snacks served alongside friendly conversation.

Children in Worship

Children (and their wiggles) are always welcome in worship. Our Nursery is open today for children who would like to play with supervision.

Prepare for Worship

As you come to worship, you are invited to take a few moments to bring yourself before God, to prepare yourself in heart, mind, soul and strength. Please be considerate and silence all electronic devices.

The * indicates parts of the service where the congregation is invited to stand; *italicized portions* are spoken by a worship leader, **bolded portions** indicate congregational responses.

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Session

Donna Helms, *clerk*
Paul Gibson
Katherine Hiebert
Gabrielle Vivanco
Craig Kane
Joan Sheppard

Gathered as a Community

Introit

The Church's One Foundation

AURELIA

setting for organ by Janet Linker

Welcome

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Voluntary

from Renaissance Suite No. 1

arr. Darin Kelly

Timberdale Brass Quintet

* Litany of Thanksgiving

*For the Church universal,
and for this congregation of your people,
we give you thanks, O God.*

*For this place in which we gather
for praise and prayer, witness and service,
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord,
we give you thanks, O God.*

*For your presence among us
whenever your Word has been proclaimed,
your sacramental gifts of bread and wine shared,
we give you thanks, O God.*

*For those who have been made your children
by adoption and grace,
who in this place were cleansed of sin,
buried with Christ in the waters of baptism,
and raised to new and eternal life,
we give you thanks, O God.*

*For disciples young and old
who have been nurtured here in faith,
we give you thanks, O God.*

*For all who have come here
asking your blessing in marriage,
seeking to love with your love,
we give you thanks, O God.*

*For deacons, elders, musicians, teachers, and pastors
who have led and loved us,
and by the offering of their gifts,
equipped us for the work of ministry,
we give you thanks, O God.*

*For faithful stewards among us
who have lived for others,
serving you by loving neighbors,
we give you thanks, O God.*

*For all the saints who have stood among us,
whose memory still enlivens our faith
and emboldens our witness,
we give you thanks, O God.*

*For the ministries of worship and mission,
nurture and fellowship,
and for all whose lives have been touched by them,
we give you thanks, O God.*

* Gathering Prayer

* Hymn

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

REGENT SQUARE

setting by John Ferguson

7th century, Latin

Trans. John Mason Neale, 1851; alt. 1861, 1972

Henry Thomas Smart, 1867

1. Christ is made the sure foun-da - tion, Christ the head and
2. To this tem - ple, where we call You, Come, O Lord of
3. Here be - stow on all Your ser - vants What they ask of
4. Laud and hon - or to the Fa - ther, Laud and hon - or

cor - ner - stone, Cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,
Hosts, to - day; With Your wont - ed lov - ing - kind - ness
You to gain, What they gain from You for - ev - er
to the Son, Laud and hon - or to the Spir - it,

Bind - ing all the church in one; Ho - ly Zi - on's
Hear Your peo - ple as they pray, And Your full - est
With the bless - ed to re - tain, And here - af - ter
Ev - er three and ev - er one; One in might and

help for - ev - er, And our con - fi - dence a - lone.
ben - e - dic - tion Shed with - in its walls al - way.
in Your glo - ry Ev - er - more with You to reign.
one in glo - ry While un - end - ing a - ges run.

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, we give you thanks,
for by your power you created us,
and by your goodness you call us to be your people.

We confess that 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.

(Please offer in silence your personal confession.)

Hear our prayer, O Lord.

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

Promise of Restoration

Friends, believe the good news:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

* Sung Response 645 verse 1

MIT FREUDEN ZART

♪ Sing praise to God who reigns above,
the God of all creation, the God of power,
the God of love, the God of our salvation.

With healing balm my soul is filled,
and every faithless murmur stilled:

to God all praise and glory! ♪

* Sharing in Peace

The peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you!

Life of the Community

Anthem

Look Around!

Helen Kemp

combined children and adult singers past and present;
Handbell choir; John Trainer, pianist

Look! Look around! Look around at this holy place.
Look! Look all around! Thank you, God, thank you, God.
Thank you, God for the beauty and the space. [R]

Look at the windows, with colors of rainbows,
symbols of promise, a sign of God's love.
Look at the table, the cross and the candles,
"The light of the world," God's gift from above. [R]

Look at the people singing and praying,
receiving forgiveness, beginning anew.
Look at the babies in arms of their parents;
their baptism tells them, "God's love lives in you." [R]

So fathers and mothers, sisters and brothers,
grandpas and grandmas and all of the others;
Let us sing all together, a song of celebration,
a hymn, a joyful hymn of adoration.

Joyful, joyful, we adore you,
God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flow'rs before you,
op'ning to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

Look! Look around! Look around at this holy place.
Look! Look all around!
Thank you, God for this place. Thank you, God!

Listening to the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Matthew 25:31-40

[NT page 29]

Holy wisdom, holy Word.

Thanks be to God.

Scripture Reading

I Corinthians 13:1-13

[NT page 175]

Holy wisdom, holy Word.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The Face of God

Rev. Dr. Andrew L. Rosencrans

Responding in Faith

* Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

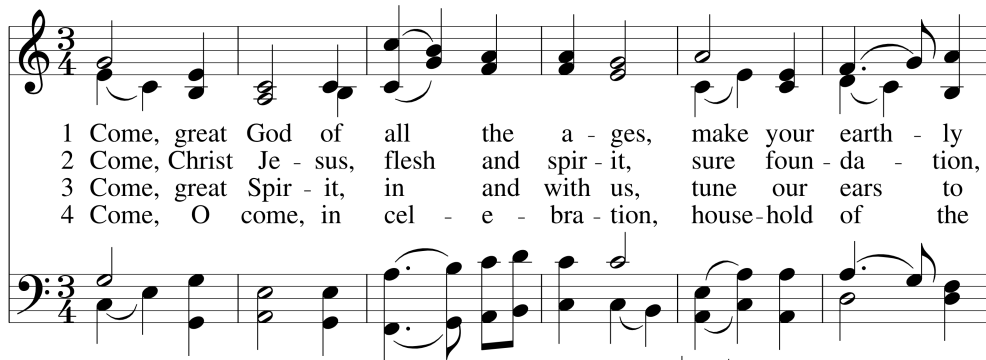
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen

* Hymn

Come, Great God of All the Ages

ABBOT'S LEIGH

setting by Bruce Neswick



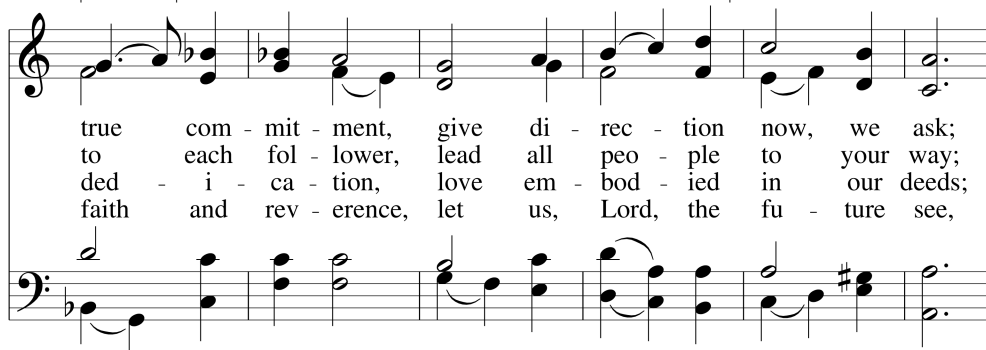
1 Come, great God of all the a - ges, make your earth - ly
2 Come, Christ Je - sus, flesh and spir - it, sure foun - da - tion,
3 Come, great Spir - it, in and with us, tune our ears to
4 Come, O come, in cel - e - bra - tion, house - hold of the



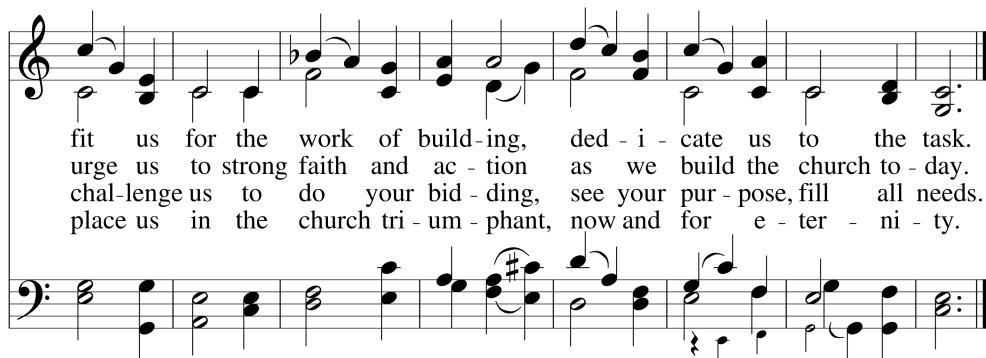
mis - sion known; speak through ev - ery deed and per - son,
cor - ner - stone, help us form the church e - ter - nal,
hear your call; through the mov - ing of your pres - ence,
one true God, in com - mit - ment and re - joic - ing



let your way and will be shown. Guide the church to
may your vi - sion be our own. Send a mes - sage
let re - deem - ing love re - call min - is - try in
let us go where Christ has trod; as we act in



true com - mit - ment, give di - rec - tion now, we ask;
to each fol - lower, lead all peo - ple to your way;
ded - i - ca - tion, love em - bod - ied in our deeds;
faith and rev - erence, let us, Lord, the fu - ture see,



fit us for the work of build - ing, ded - i - cate us to the task.
urge us to strong faith and ac - tion as we build the church to - day.
chal - lenge us to do your bid - ding, see your pur - pose, fill all needs.
place us in the church tri - um - phant, now and for e - ter - ni - ty.

Invitation to Offering

As those who have been claimed and set free by the grace of Jesus Christ, we respond with gratitude, offering him our lives, our spiritual gifts, and our material goods.

Plates are passed during the Offering for those who wish to give monetary donations by check or cash. If you would like to give online, you can do so at llanerchpres.org/give

Offertory

Fantasia in C
Timberdale Brass

J.S. Bach

Invited to the Lord's Table

Invitation to the Table

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

{The prayer continues.}

*We raise our voices to join the choir of heaven
and the congregation of the faithful
found all over the earth this day,
singing, together, to the glory of your name:*

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full, are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

{The prayer continues.}

Great is the mystery of faith:



{The prayer continues.}

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.

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of God's People

The bread of life.

Amen.

The cup of salvation.

Amen.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Meditation

La Grace from Heroic Music
trumpets and organ

Georg Philip Telemann

Prayer After Communion

Sent into the World

* Hymn

Rise, O Church like Christ Arisen

SURGE ECCLESIA

setting by David Cherwien



All: 1. Rise, O church, like Christ a - ris - en,
Choir: 2. Rise, trans - formed, and choose to fol - low
Choir: 3. Rise, re - mem - ber well the fu - ture
All: 4. Ser - vice be our sure vo - ca - tion;



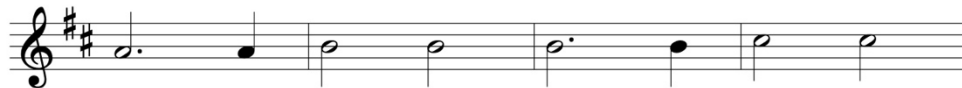
from this meal of love and grace;
af - ter Christ, though wound - ed, whole;
God has called us to re - ceive;
cour - age be our dai - ly breath;



may we through such love en - vi - sion
bro - ken, shared, our lives are hal - lowed
pres - ent by God's lov - ing nur - ture,
mer - cy be our des - ti - na - tion



whose we are, and whose, our praise.
to re - lease and to con - sole.
Spir - it - ed then let us live.
from this day and un - to death.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia;
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia;
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia;
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



God, the won - der of our days.
Christ, our pres - ent, past, and goal.
Spir - it, grace by whom we live.
Rise, O church, a liv - ing faith.

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*** Litany for Days Yet to Come**

*For the days that are yet to come,
days of hope and days of blessing,
days of challenge and days of growth,
give us faith, O God.*

*For the days that are yet to come,
when what is familiar changes,
and when what is unexpected happens,
give us faith, O God.*

*For the days that are yet to come,
for when heartache and loss visit us,
and for when we find new reasons to rejoice and be glad,
give us faith, O God.*

*For the days that are yet to come,
when we open our doors to all whom you call
and our words become prayers to you,
give us faith, O God.*

*For the days that are yet to come,
when violence and destruction will be found no more,
when your light will shine upon all the earth,
when you will wipe every tear from our eyes,
and when all your Church,
every person whom you have called yours,
will rejoice together eternally,
give us faith, O God.*

* Hymn

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

ST. ANNE

setting by John Rutter

Isaac Watts, 1719; alt. Attr. William Croft, 1708

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The time signature is 4/4. The key signature has one sharp (F#). The lyrics are printed below the vocal line. The first system contains four verses, and the second system contains the fifth verse.

1. Our God, our help in a - ges past, Our hope for years to come,
2. Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, Or earth re - ceived its frame,
3. A thou - sand a - ges in Thy sight Are like an eve - ning gone;
4. Time, like an ev - er roll - ing stream, Soon bears us all a - way;

Our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, And our e - ter - nal home:
From ev - er - last - ing Thou art God, To end - less years the same.
Short as the watch that ends the night Be - fore the ris - ing sun.
We fly for - got - ten, as a dream Dies at the o - pening day.

5. Our God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while life shall last,
And our eternal home.

* Charge and Blessing

* Voluntary

Trumpet Voluntary

John Stanley

Timberdale Brass

Worship Notes

This Morning's Worship Leaders

Rev. William Searight, pastor

Rev. Dr. Andrew L. Rosencrans, former pastor

Georgia Marshall Schrom, Minister of Music

Andrea Broido, soprano

Adult Choir

Children's Choir

Handbell Choir

John Trainer, piano

Eric Schweingruber, trumpet

Darin Kelly, trumpet

Karen Schubert, French horn

Paul Arbogast, trombone

Jason Stein, bass trombone

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The flowers this morning are given by Donna Helms in dedication to all past and present members of The Presbyterian Church of Llanerch and by Debra and Kevin Ford in recognition of Audrey Mahler as the oldest living member.

Announcements

Get in Touch

If you need to connect with us, here are the best ways.

Pastor's email: pastor@llanerchpres.org

Office email: llanerchpres@verizon.net

Office Phone: 610-789-1639

The office is open Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday from 12 noon – 5 PM.

Visit Pastor Bill at Panera Wednesday from 11:00am – 1:00pm.

Diaper and wipes collection

We will be collecting baby diapers (any size) and diaper wipes on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 12th for delivery to Chester Eastside.

Pentecost

The celebration of Pentecost is May 19. Rev. Andrew Jacobs, Executive Director of Chester Eastside, Inc. will be our guest for the morning. We will dedicate our collections for CEI, including diapers, wipes, canned goods, and much more to prepare them for delivery the next day. You are invited to wear red for worship.

Summer Worship Schedule

We will continue our 11:00am worship schedule through the summer months.

Volunteer Team Opportunities

The Spirit of Life is building something wonderful here at Llanerch, and we need your help. If you would like to volunteer to work with these any of these teams, please contact Pastor Bill at pastor@llanerchpres.org or call the Church Office.

Social Media Team

Work with the Pastor and the Communications Coordinator to develop a social media strategy that will open our community of faith to those who might never walk through our doors.

Worship Technology Team

Operate the audio, visual, and livestream capabilities of the sanctuary to enable this congregation to welcome people who cannot attend weekly worship.

Hospitality Team

Help to make the building a welcoming and friendly place, on Sunday or any day.

Caring Ministry

Engage in caring through mission and visitation, offering the compassion of Jesus Christ to all.

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Communications Coordinator

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Ministers

All Members of the Congregation

This Week's Activities

Today, 05/05

10:15 AM Handbell & Senior Choir rehearsal
10:30 AM Children's Choir rehearsal
11:00 AM **Service for the Lord's Day**
Sixth Sunday of Easter
115th Anniversary Celebration
Rev. Dr. Andrew L. Rosencrans will be preaching
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
Catered Luncheon following worship, Social Hall

Monday, 05/06

7:30 PM Boy Scouts, Social Hall

Wednesday, 05/08

7:00 PM Cub Scouts, Social Hall

Friday, 05/10

8:00 PM AA Meeting, Social Hall

Next Sunday, 05/12

11:00 AM **Service for the Lord's Day**
Seventh Sunday of Easter
Rev. William Searight will be preaching
12:00 PM Friendship Hour, Fellowship Room

