

FIRST CHURCH AT WORSHIP

A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
Ambler, Pennsylvania



February 5, 2012
Traditional Service - 9:30 a.m.
South Ridge (Contemporary) - 11:00 a.m.

Please remember to silence all electronic devices.

PRELUDE

Largo

Handel

INTROIT

Praise the Lord, Ye Heavens Adore Him

arr. Thompson

Children's Chimes Choir

OPENING SENTENCES

Make a joyful noise to God all the earth,

Sing the praises of God.

Come all you people and know the joy of the Lord,

The love of God is greater than the tongue can tell!

Bless the Lord all you people, bless his Holy Name!

**We praise, and worship, and honor,
and glorify Your name O Lord!**

*** HYMN # 482**

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

*** CONFESSION OF SIN**

Almighty and merciful God,

fountain of all goodness,

who knows the thoughts of our hearts,

we confess that we have sinned against you,

and done what you see as evil.

Wash us, we ask you, through the blood of Christ

from the stains of our past sins,

and give us grace and power to put away all hurtful things

so that, being delivered from the bondage of sin,

we may produce the good fruits of repentance.

*** SILENT CONFESSION**

*** ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

*** OUR RESPONSE #579**

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 participating in Sunday School are dismissed at this time.]

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you are a visitor and you take a moment to fill out the yellow response card located in the pew rack, we will gladly send you information about our church. Just put the card in the collection plate or hand it to an usher. The same card can also be used for prayer requests. If anyone has a joy or concern to include during the PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, please fill out the Prayer Request side of the card, and give it to an usher or one of the pastors at this time.

ANTHEM

Be Thou My Vision

arr. Hayes

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;

Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art;

Thou my best thought, by day or by night,

Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word;

I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son,
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and Thou only first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS (NIV)

Mark 7:31-37

³¹ Then Jesus left the vicinity of Tyre and went through Sidon, down to the Sea of Galilee and into the region of the Decapolis.

³² There some people brought to him a man who was deaf and could hardly talk, and they begged Jesus to place his hand on him.

³³ After he took him aside, away from the crowd, Jesus put his fingers into the man's ears. Then he spit and touched the man's tongue. ³⁴ He looked up to heaven and with a deep sigh said to him, "*Ephphatha!*" (which means "Be opened!"). ³⁵ At this, the man's ears were opened, his tongue was loosened and he began to speak plainly.

³⁶ Jesus commanded them not to tell anyone. But the more he did so, the more they kept talking about it. ³⁷ People were overwhelmed with amazement. "He has done everything well," they said. "He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

I John 1:1-3

¹ That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched - this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. ² The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. ³ We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ.

II Corinthians 13:11-14

¹¹ Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice! Strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you.

¹² Greet one another with a holy kiss. ¹³ All God's people here send their greetings.

¹⁴ May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

SERMON

“Please Touch”

The Reverend Ryan Balsan

THE LORD'S SUPPER AND THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Partake of the bread when served.
Hold the cup until all may partake in unison.*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – HEIDELBERG CATECHISM, QUESTIONS 75 AND 81

Q. 75: How are you reminded and assured in the Holy Supper that you participate in the one sacrifice of Christ on the cross and in all his benefits?

A: In this way: Christ has commanded me and all believers to eat

of this broken bread, and to drink of this cup in remembrance of him. He has thereby promised that his body was offered and broken on the cross for me, and his blood was shed for me, as surely as I see with my eyes that the bread of the Lord is broken for me, and that the cup is shared with me. Also, he has promised that he himself as certainly feeds and nourishes my soul to everlasting life with his crucified body and shed blood as I receive from the hand of the minister and actually taste the bread and the cup of the Lord which are given to me as sure signs of the body and blood of Christ.

Q. 81: Who ought to come to the table of the Lord?

A: Those who are displeased with themselves for their sins, and who nevertheless trust that these sins have been forgiven them and that their remaining weakness is covered by the passion and death of Christ, and who also desire more and more to strengthen their faith and improve their life.

***HYMN**

He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought
(see next page)

635 He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought

I am the Lord your God . . . who directs you in the way you should go. Is. 48:17

1. He lead - eth me, O bless - ed thought, O words with heaven - ly
 2. Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine, nor ev - er mur - mur
 3. And when my task on earth is done, when by thy grace the

com - fort fraught! What - e'er I do, wher - e'er I be, still
 nor re - pine, con - tent, what - ev - er lot I see, since
 vic - tory's won, e'en death's cold wave I will not flee, since

Refrain

'tis God's hand that lead - eth me.
 'tis my God that lead - eth me. He lead - eth me, he
 God through Jor - dan lead - eth me.

lead - eth me, by his own hand he lead - eth me! His

faith - ful fol - lower I would be, for by his hand he lead - eth me.

OFFERTORY

The Lord Is My Shepherd

arr. Sedio

*** DOXOLOGY #592**

**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 #507**

I Come with Joy

*** BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Thanks to Thee, O God

Wolford

*Indicates to please stand if you are able.

ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP THIS MORNING

Greeters - Margaret Hale

Head Usher - Bill Lobley

Ushers - Paul Astheimer
Bill Baker
Margaret Hale

Jean Miksch
Lois Peterson
Kathy Wandall

Lay Reader - Carol Douglas

Communion Servers - Susie Liggett
Judy McKee
Dick Seestedt
Sue Seestedt

Kent Selko
Tom Shaner
Richard Thom
Jodi Wolper

Soundboard- Paul Berry

**Driving people to
church today** - Paul Berry

FOR EVERYONE'S CONVENIENCE – There are hearing devices, large print hymnals and bulletins, and children's worship packets. Ask an usher for assistance.

Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. Worship Service.

Our **Nursery** (9:20 a.m. to end of service) welcomes infants and toddlers up to three years old and is located in the main hallway on the 1st floor, Room 101. **Pre K & K** (9:20 a.m. to end of service) welcomes children three years old through children in Kindergarten. This class is located on the 3rd floor in Room 307. **Grades 1 through 5** begin in worship with their families. Children will be invited to meet their teachers in the back of the Sanctuary for 9:30 a.m. Sunday School early in the service. Please pick up your children at the end of the service on the 3rd floor.

Children's Ministry Welcome Cards: If you are new to our church, please complete a Children's Ministry Welcome Card and send it with your children. Welcome Cards are available with ushers and teachers.

A Nursery and Sunday School are also available for children up through 5th grade during **South Ridge Worship at 11 a.m.**

MEMBER PRAYER CONCERNS

Vern Cheatham	Paige Kerr	Keith Summers
Eckert family	Lynn Mackin	Albert Tweedie &
J.D. Eggleston	Evelyn McAdam	Family
Pam Elliott	Dick McNeal	Logan Weber
The Falcone	Nancy Mueller	Mary Woodland
family	Betty Sandel	Harry Yutzler
Mary Fredrickson	Virginia Schuler	Jean Zovack
Aria Hillhouse	Edith Spangler	
Deb Koziol	Laura Stephens	

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.

Previous prayer requests from extended family and friends **(listed in the order received):**

Ann Greer, Jason & Karen Moore
Son and daughter-in-law of John and Jeanie Maciejewski
Families of Joanna Durolle, cousin of Christine Putney
Bob Putney, Christine Putney's brother
Sheila Law, sister of Ron Moritz
Family of Mary Giles, friend of Cindy Bowman
Barbara Thomas, friend of Debi Ferrarello
Sherry Wise, friend of Debi Ferrarello
James Gallman, friend of Gary Black
Family and friends of Linda Williams, cousin of Marcia Martin
John Terlocki, uncle of Rob Baron
James R. Walters, husband of Usha Varughese
Jim Teter, Uncle of John Ingram
Kyle Pride
John Sexton, husband of Pauline Sexton
June Lanzetta, secretary of Ambler Weekday Nursery School
Alex Pena, friend of Dan and Sheryl Campbell
MacAntee family, friends of Fal Klitsch
Michele Neff, sister-in-law of Don and Nancy Ball

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR FEBRUARY 5, 2012



THE SANCTUARY FLOWERS ARE GIVEN:
in loving memory of our daughter, Marsha Monarch,
from Emily and Al Brenneman.

IF YOU ARE HOSPITALIZED OR HAVE A PASTORAL CONCERN contact the church office at Info@FPCAmbler.org or 215-646-3030.

BABY GIFT BAG DONATIONS NEEDED. If you have gently used baby gift bags you are willing to donate to Sunday School, please bring them to church on February 12 & 19th and drop them off in the children's library. The children will be making gifts for infants as we talk about Baptism in Sunday School.

DID YOU GET YOUR FLYER announcing the class on the **Gospel of Mark**? It's in your mailbox, available on the web page, in the Library and on the Narthex table. We're offering morning and evening sessions on six Thursdays, beginning February 16th. (If you're reading the Bible with us, you'll note that this study coincides with the reading schedule we are following.) Learn more about our Savior during this Lenten season with the help of two fabulous instructors from Biblical Seminary. Register quickly; we expect the slots to fill up fast!

THE CHURCH LIBRARY STAFF is constantly adding new books, and also culling the older ones. Do you know there is a shelf entitled "Grab Bag"? These books are free for the taking. Come in and see!

ADULT EDUCATION is alive and well on Sunday mornings! At 9:30 a.m. the class is exploring Great Figures of the New Testament, a DVD series with Dr. Amy Jill Levine. At 11:00 a.m., the class is beginning a new study with a twist. We're using the video series by Phillip Yancey, *The Jesus I Never Knew*, and we are reading the book of the same title. Join us in the Parlor.

SUNDAY SCHOOL VALENTINE CELEBRATION. On February 12th, all the kids will enjoy a special meal to show them how much they are loved at FPCAmbler. Children attending 9:30 a.m. Sunday School will be served a pancake breakfast. At 11 a.m. Sunday School, the fare will be light and fun with strawberries & whipped cream. Everyone will get to make a valentine for one special person God puts on their hearts. Put this fun Sunday date on your calendars!!

RUTH CIRCLE will be sending Care Packages to college students and military personnel from our church. If you know someone who would like to receive a care package, complete a form and return it to the Yantek mailbox or contact Barb Yantek (myantek@verizon.net/215-641-4928). **All forms and requests are due by February 12th.** Care package delivery will be the week of February 20th.

MEN'S BREAKFAST ON SATURDAY, February 18th. Join other men of FPCA as we come together in fellowship for our Men's breakfast! These breakfast meetings combine good food, laughter, and stories with song, worship and scripture. This is a great way for our church brothers to get to know one another better and to invite our friends and neighbors to an informal gathering. Let us know you are coming by signing up in the Narthex, contacting Jon Lundy (lundyjd@comcast.net/610-272-6551) or the church office (info@FPCAmbler.org/215-646-3030).

GOURMET SUPERBOWL BAKE SALE AND HOAGIE PICK-UP.

The Youth Group will be holding a bake sale today between services in Fellowship Hall. An assortment of homemade goodies will be available. Pickup something to enjoy with dinner or to enjoy while watching the Super bowl game. All proceeds benefit the Youth Mission Trip to Taylorsville, N.C.

P.R.I.M.E. TIME. Mr. Everett Wick returns with his humorous musings to entertain us on **Tuesday, February 7th**. If you would like to join us for the catered lunch (\$6) at 11:30 a.m. R.S.V.P. to the church office (215-646-3030). The return engagement of Linda Kenyon has been requested by many. On **Tuesday, March 6th** she will introduce us to **Eleanor Roosevelt**. What a performance!

YABBAKADOODLE (YKD) STUDY GROUP will continue to meet on the first and fourth Tuesdays of the month. Our study is based on angels and spiritual beings and we will use Billy Graham's book **Angels**. On **Tuesday, February 7th** the study topic will be "Are Angels God's Secret Agents?" We will meet in the Parlor at 7:30 p.m. The study is open to all. Contact Bruce Ruhf (bruce.ruhf@verizon.net) or call the church office for more information (215-646-3030).

2ND ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF. The 2nd Annual Chili Cook-off is quickly approaching-next week, February 12th. We will be gathering in Fellowship Hall after the South Ridge service (12:30 pm). Prizes will be awarded! Don't have a great chili recipe? Join us anyway and bring a salad or dessert or some cornbread. We'd love to see you no matter what you bring.

2012-13 REGISTRATION FOR AMBLER WEEKDAY NURSERY SCHOOL. As always, families of our present students and our church families have the first opportunity for next year's classroom openings. Information packets have been placed in the mailboxes of families with nursery school age children.

BEEN WITH US LESS THAN A YEAR? Come hang out with our pastors for a short, four week home group. A great way to meet other new folks in our community. Our remaining Monday nights are February 6th, and February 13th, from 7:00-8:30 p.m. On Monday, February 6th we'll meet at Langdon & Ruth Palmer's house (17 Shelly Lane, Ft Washington, PA 19034/215-542-5656). Our road looks like a driveway. We are down on the left, look for a wagon wheel at the mailbox. If you are able, email Langdon at Langdon@fpcambler.org so we can get a rough count.



SHARE OUR SHOPPING, January 15th - February 12th.

The Deacons are once again asking for your help with our Share Our Shopping collection drive. After the busy holiday season, the shelves at Hope Gardens and the Mattie N. Dixon Community Cupboard need to be restocked. The following are items that they would like to receive for distribution:

pancake mix

syrup

juice

canned fruit

paper towels

laundry detergent

cleanser

dish soap

sponges

mops

brooms

Mr. Clean

Windex

Pine Sol

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Clorox wipes

The drive will run through Sunday, February 12th. Leave your donations under the coat rack outside of Fellowship Hall.

LIBRARY BOOK REVIEW. 20 Hot Potatoes Christians Are Afraid to Touch, by Tony Campolo. Christians in Biblical days were beset by the problems of their day. But times have changed, and we today are beset by different problems: AIDS, sexuality, feminism, killing. The author confronts these "hot potato" issues adding a few of his own, and inspires you to think about them. Will you dare to handle a few yourself?



SPIGOLD meets every other Wednesday in the Youth Room at 7:00 p.m. Join us for Gold Fish (we'll have 'em), Bible study, and open discussion.

B.A.S.I.C. YOUTH GROUP. Middle School meets on Fridays (6:00-7:30 p.m.) and High School meets on Sundays (6:30-8:30 p.m.). We'll continue reading from The Gospel of Luke. Invite your friends as Youth Group is a great place for them to join us.

MURDER MYSTERY DINNER PARTY DATE CHANGE. The Murder Mystery will take place on **Sunday, March 4th**, at 6:00 p.m. This is a free event designed for you to invite your friends to come and enjoy the community of our Youth Group. You must sign up, as there will be a specific character, dress, persona, for each of you and so we can have an exact count for dinner.



GREAT BACKYARD BIRD COUNT. Our 3rd to 5th graders will participate in the Great Backyard Bird Count on February 19th from 12:30 to 3:00 p.m. If you are a bird enthusiast and would like to share your love and knowledge of birds with the children, contact Marie Thomas (215-646-3030/Marie@FPCAmbler.org).

SUMMER FRIENDS RECRUITING HAS BEGUN. Summer Friends 2012 is scheduled for July 9th-13th, 6:00-8:30 p.m. with a family meal at 5:30 p.m. Start brainstorming about an interest or hobby you could share with the kids [in a workshop](#). Maybe you would like to help with drama, Bible storytelling, or being a part of a team to make this the best Summer Friends ever! Contact Marie Thomas to volunteer, Marie@FPCAmbler.org.

AMBLER MARBLES CLUB. Ambler Marbles Club (6 to 14 yrs. old) begins on **January 26th** and meets **every Thursday** in Fellowship Hall. Come at 3:30 or at 6:00 p.m. Master the game "Ringer" and prepare to compete in the 2nd Annual Ambler Marbles Tournament on March 24th. Contact Marie@FPCAmbler.org.

Church Calendar

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5

- 9:30 a.m. • Traditional Worship
- 9:45 a.m. • Sunday School for all ages
- 10:40 a.m. Child Ministry Parent Mtg, Room 306
- 10:45 p.m. Chimes Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
- 11:00 a.m. Parent Meeting, Room 306
- South Ridge Worship
- Sunday School/Adult Education
- 5:00 p.m. A.A., M.C.R.
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Super Bowl Party (Whitney home)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6

- 4:15-5:45 p.m. Cub Scouts Troop #164, F.H.
- 6:00 p.m. • PHL Handbell Rehearsal, F.H.
- A.A., M.C.R.
- 7:00 p.m. • Christian Book Club (Forster), Library
- New to FPCA Home Group, Palmer Home

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

- 9:30 a.m. Library
- 10:00 a.m. • Women's Bible Study (Lobley), Parlor
- Staff Meeting, Pastor's Office
- 11:30 a.m. P.R.I.M.E. Time, F.H.
- 5:30 p.m. Brownie Troop #7278, 3rd Floor Rm 306
- 6:00 p.m. A.A., F.H.
- 7:30 p.m. YKD Bible Study (Ruhf), Parlor

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

- 9:30 a.m. AWNS Dental Health program, F.H.
- 6:00 p.m. A.A. Women Beginners, Parlor
- 7:00 p.m. • Joyful Ringers, Sanctuary
- S.R. Band Rehearsal, F.H.
- SpiGold, Youth Room
- 8:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir, Choir Room
- 8:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study (HOG's), Parlor

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9

- 12:00 Noon Horizon Bible Study, M.C.R.
- 3:30-7:30 p.m. Marbles Club, F.H.
- 5:15-6:15 p.m. Tutoring Session (Koziol), Library
- 6:00 p.m. A.A., M.C.R.
- 7:00-8:00 p.m. SR Band Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 8:30 p.m. CHIC's Bible study, Parlor

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10

- 6:00 p.m. • Middle School Youth Group, F.H.
- A.A., M.C.R.

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THE SESSION

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Nancy Richards
Jan Stephens

BIBLE QUESTIONS – FEBRUARY 5 - FEBRUARY 11

There is still time to join with the growing number of us who have committed to reading through the Bible in 2012. Here are this week's questions.

Once again, the One Year Bible daily readings can be found at oneyearbibleonline.com, by using the link on our website (FPCAmbler.org) or by picking up a list of the readings on the table in the Narthex.

Can YOU answer all these questions correctly? Have fun!

1. (Sun, 5 Feb.) In today's reading there are two references to treatment of aliens (no, not the little creatures from space). What are the verses?
2. (Mon, 6 Feb.) When will the Lord come again?
3. (Tue, 7 Feb.) What is the meaning of Jesus' parable of the Ten Talents?
4. (Wed, 8 Feb.) The breastplate of Aaron has 12 stones each with a name engraved representing the 12 tribes of Israel. Where did the 12 names come from? Extra credit; what are the twelve names engraved on the stones?
5. (Thur, 9 Feb.) Earlier in the week, we had a question on the Parable of the Ten Talents in which one of the servants in the parable was disavowed. In today's reading there is one servant of Jesus who was disavowed; who was it?
6. (Fri, 10 Feb.) When Jesus is taken captive in the garden, one of Jesus' companions draws his sword and cuts off the ear of the high priest's servant. Who was Jesus' companion who did this?
7. (Sat, 11 Feb.) In today's reading from the Old Testament, Moses asks God to show him His glory and God grants this with one condition. What is the condition and how does God protect Moses in the process?

Answers to last week's questions: (1) Goshen; (2) The last will be first and the first will be last. (3) seven; (4) The vineyard owner – God, his owners servants – the prophets, the owners son – Jesus, the tenants – the Pharisees of Israel (5) The parable states that the man was not properly clothed – the man was not truly repentant of sin and faithful in Christ (6) The son of David (7) Warnings against hypocrisy.