

FORT WASHINGTON
COLLEGIATE CHURCH

Fort Washington Collegiate Church

October 9, 2016 | 11:00 AM | Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Whether we live in an apartment or a house;
if we reside in the suburbs or the city:

God tells us to pray for the places where we live.

Whether we are exiles or prisoners for the gospel;
if we are young, old, insider, outcast:

God says, 'when you search for me, you will find me.'

Whether we have been wandering and lost;
or if we have lived in the same place all our lives:

God says, 'I will gather you from all your places and bring you home.'

SONGS OF PRAISE AND WORSHIP

The Summons

Bell

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?

Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?

**Will you let my love be shown? Will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?**

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?

Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?

**Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?**

Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?

Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?

**Will you kiss the leper clean and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?**

Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?

Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?

**Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?**

I'm Determined to Walk with Jesus
I'm determined, *to walk with Jesus, Yes I am
I'm determined, to walk with Jesus, Yes I am
Through hard trials, tribulations, persecutions,
I am determined.
I'm determined, to walk with Jesus, Yes I am.

**2. spread the gospel, 3. Live like Jesus*

Refrain

I'm gonna walk with Jesus.... (repeat)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Awesome Creator:
you bring us together in this sanctuary,
calling us from all those places
where we live and work and play,
so we can recognize you
in faces lined with wisdom;
so we can hear you
in the questions of the smallest child;
so we can sit up and notice
all that you do in our midst.

Enduring Spirit:
when we are tempted
to imprison the good news
with our politics, our fears,
our prejudices, our doubts -
whisper that Word
which shatters all chains,
and sets us free to be God's people. **Amen.**

Cradler of Grace:
you speak your words,
so we might hear the sighs
of the outsiders of our world.
You walk the borderlands
of our joys and sorrows,
so we might embrace your healing.
You enter our hearts,
despite our best efforts
to close them to your presence.

HYMN: May the Words of My Mouth

Hughes

Verse

**May the words of my mouth
And the thoughts of my heart
Bless Your name
Bless Your name Jesus
And the deeds of the day
And the truth in my way
Speak of You speak of You Jesus**

Verse 2

**Lord will You be my vision
Lord will You be my Guide
Be my hope be my life and the Way
And I'll look not for riches
Nor praises on the earth
Only You'll be the first of my heart**

Chorus

**For this is what I'm glad to do
It's time to live a life of love that
pleases You
And I will give my all to You
Surrender everything I have and
follow You
I'll follow You**

Bridge

**I will follow
I will follow You
I will follow
I will follow You**

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

Despite our foolish and angry words, God continues to speak of mercy to us. Despite our best efforts to be faithful in our living, God remains faithful in keeping the promise to forgive us and restore us to wholeness. Let us confess our sins to God, so that God's hope and grace might endure in our brokenness.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God beyond borders, we know that on our way to worship, we may not have noticed the exiles in our neighborhoods. We admit how easy it is for us to wander down the streets of temptation, pausing at the corner of easy choices. We fall silent in the presence of those who speak words of anger and hate. We tolerate a culture that suspects all who are different from us.

Have mercy on us, O God, for surely you take the side of justice. Open our hearts to all the wonders you are performing in our lives. You gift us with those of other cultures, that our lives might be blessed. You send us friends out of places we least expect, that our community might be enriched. You call us to be generous with our blessings, so others might be graced with the gift of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Silence ...

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God challenges us, God encourages us. God confronts us, and God accepts us. God works wonders in our midst and gives us the eyes, the hearts, the souls to see such miracles.

God forgives us, God guides us through the wilderness of the world, God leads us home. Thanks be to God. Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME

PASSING OF THE PEACE*

Please greet one another with the words – **The peace of Christ is with you!** Response – **And also with you!** (Children will join their teachers for worship and learning activities.)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCRIPTURE READING: *Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7*

SERMON “*Making the Best of Babylon*”

Rev. Dr. Scott M. Kenefake

HYMN: How Can We Sing a Joyful Song?

**How can we sing a joyful song?
O God, our sorrows hem us in.
When pain and grief seem all too
strong,
How can we sing a joyful hymn?**

**The world around finds songs to sing
Of laughter, mirth and happiness,**

Gillette

**But these sound false and even sting
When what we feel is deep distress.**

**And yet, O God, we dare to sing
For in our grief, we're not alone.
You love this world and entered in
By sending us your only Son.**

STEWARDSHIP “MINUTE FOR MISSION”

Victoria Dillard

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*from the Book of Common Prayer*)

**Our [God] in heaven
hallowed be your Name,**

**your kingdom come,
your will be done,**

**on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,**

**and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO SHARE

Most Gracious God,
You provide for us in ways that we do not always recognize.
In this moment, we pause
to express our gratitude for your provisions.
We accept this invitation to offer our gifts as an opportunity
to say thank you for your many blessings.

OFFERTORY: Desert Song
Cara Samantha, *soloist*

Ligertwood

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING



1. For the life that you have gi - ven, for the love in Christ made known,
2. With these fruits of time and la - bor, with these gifts that are your own:



here we of - fer, Lord, our prai - ses; heart and mind and strength we bring;



give us grace to love and serve you, liv - ing what we pray and sing.

DEDICATION

**Accept these gifts as evidence of our desire
to participate with you in the care of your beloved.
These gifts symbolize our thanksgiving for all that you provide.
Through these gifts we praise you, O God. Amen.**

HYMN: I've Got Peace Like a River

1. I've got peace like a river

I've got peace like a river

I've got peace like a river in my soul (2x)

2. I've got joy like a fountain

3. I've got love like the ocean

SENDING

Go forth singing God's praises,
remembering God's promises and blessings.
Joyfully give back to the world
the love you have received
believing that
God loves all creation and abides with us.

POSTLUDE

A Reminder...
Please, no Coffee, Food, or Drinks in the Sanctuary.
Thank you!

Welcome to Fort Washington Collegiate Church; a place of diversity, hospitality and grace. We open our doors to everyone! We welcome all people regardless of race, culture, sexual orientation, social or economic status. As a church family we celebrate our diversity and our connection to God. We seek to follow Christ's example and exemplify the love of Christ; therefore, as a faith community, we value grace over judgment. Although we represent many cultures and points of view, our diversity does not drive us apart, but gives us the opportunity to be enriched by the gifts and leadership of all. Together, by word and deed, we proclaim the good news that there is new life in Christ.

CHILDREN & WORSHIP AT FORT WASHINGTON CHURCH

Nursery Care: The nursery is open and care is available for infants and toddlers between ages 0-3 with Hilda Cash McGrillis in the nursery just behind the Sanctuary. Care is available before and during worship (10:30am - 12:15pm)

Godly Play®: After the Children's Time and during the Passing of the Peace, children 4 years of age through 4th grad are invited to the Second Floor for Godly Play® in Classroom #208. **Caregivers and parents are invited to pick up their children after service.**

Children's Choir: All children who love to sing are invited to rehearse with Eric Alderfer in the Second Floor Meeting Room #205 from 10am-10:45am.

Sunday School: All youth (grades 5th - High School) are invited to join the Associate Minister Bridget Kelso Anthony upstairs in Room #209 after the Passing of the Peace.

Fall Playgroup: All children and caregivers are welcome free of charge on Wednesdays from 9:30am to 11:30 for songs, games and time to play in Fellowship Hall or in the yard (weather permitting). Crawlers are invited to a time of free play on the jigsaw mat set up in the atrium as Mr. Eric accompanies on the keyboard.

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Sonia Alston	Louise Tatum	Alderfer Famiy
Anna Svahn	Rosalyn Cuzco	Gwen Wood
Faught Family	Evelyn Day	Jane Wai
Brenda Jon	Sylvia Rodriguez	Violetta Proano
Alexis Agliano Sanborn	Joe Tigner	Mesina Family
Sonia Ashmead	Margarita Vince- Allen	Branco Family
Sandra Catena	Whittaker Family	Vaughn Family
Joan Bovers		

Our prayer partner today is: a member of the Congregational Care Team
If you would like to add someone to the prayer list or have a prayer concern please contact Rev. Dr. Scott M. Kenefake at skenefake@fortwashingtongchurch.org or Bridget Anthony at banthony@fortwashingtongchurch.org or call (212) 568-4014

INFORMATION & PRAYER CARDS IN PEWS

If you would like to share your information with us or share a prayer request; please fill out the white information card or the green prayer cards.

The Good News



CROSSROADS YOUTH THEATRE

Calling all High School students! The Fort Washington Collegiate Church is starting a Community Youth Theatre: "CROSSROADS." We meet on Wednesday afternoons from 4:30-6:30pm. For more information, please call 212-568-4014.

GOD TALK

Join us Wednesday nights for dinner and a lively discussion. Dinner starts at 6:30 pm, followed by a Scripture reading and discussion at 7:00pm. The schedule for 2016-2017 can be found at <http://www.fortwashingtongchurch.org/connect/education>

HISPANIC/INDIGENOUS PEOPLES CELEBRATION DAY

On October 23, 12:30pm-2pm we will have our Hispanic/Indigenous Peoples Celebration Day. Bring your family dish, or help us by volunteering to set up and decorate for the event. We are planning on having food, music, poetry and prizes. Please reach out to Jessi Matei to volunteer or for any questions contact us at info@fortwashingtongchurch.org

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS SYMPOSIUM

This event will occur on Tuesday, October 25th from 6:00- 7:30 PM on the 2nd Floor of 163 West 125th Street. The event is free and open to all. If you would like to RSVP, please email: rawlinsk@mskcc.org or call (212) 531-8035.

SWERVE

The social justice action group for young people - is moving from Saturday to Sunday. All young people ages 12-17 are encouraged to join Associate Minister Bridget Kelso Anthony once a month (every 3rd Sunday) to discuss and participate in local community action projects. This group will feed directly into the Mission Trip taken during the summer of 2017. The next meeting will be on Sunday, October 16th immediately following morning service.

SINGLE PARENT SUPPORT GROUP FORMING

The first meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, October 16th from 12:30-1:30**. We envision this as an informal setting in which we can connect with others and provide emotional support on a monthly basis. Lunch and childcare will be provided.

NOON PRAYER

Noon prayer will meet on Wednesdays in the North Room, led by Devora Jones.

STARBUCKS COFFEE BEFORE CHURCH

Join us for coffee and conversation **in the Glass Pavilion** before the morning worship service from 9:30 to 10:00 am.

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need nursery volunteers willing to help with childcare in both the morning and evening service.

HELP US SERVE YOU BETTER!

We need your help to keep all our excellent community programs, like our Youth Mission Trip we recently had, our Vacation Bible School, and more adult programs we have starting this fall.

If you have any questions regarding making a Pledge, please speak with Rev. Scott Kenefake, or Associate Minister Bridget Anthony. We thank you for your support!

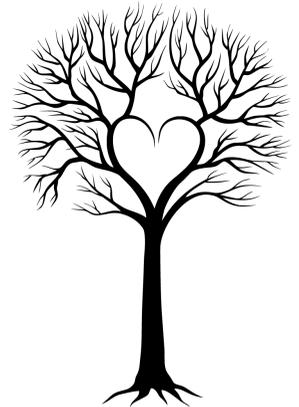
CONSISTORY MINUTES ONLINE

Minutes of monthly Fort Washington **Consistory Minutes* and bi-monthly ***Collegiate Church Consistory Minutes* can be found on our website: www.fortwashingtonchurch.org

EVENSONG SPEAKERS (REFLECTORS)

NEEDED FOR NOVEMBER 6, 13, 20, AND 27

Each week at the *Evensong & Communion Service* at 5:30 pm in the Sanctuary, we have *guest speakers (reflectors)* who offer a *five minute or less reflection on where I'm experiencing God in my life now*. Interested in volunteering? Please talk to one of the ministry staff or contact the church.



FALL STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

Our Stewardship Campaign for 2017 will kick-off on Sunday, September 25th, with the theme: “*Stay Calm and Be Generous.*” We’ll have brief, personal testimonies from members of the congregation on each of the Sundays in October, a Stewardship Informational Meeting after church on Sunday, October 23rd in the Sanctuary, and conclude the campaign on *Pledge Dedication Sunday*, November 6th. Information about the campaign, along with a narrative budget, will be mailed out to members and friends of the congregation in early October.

NEWLY ELECTED CONSISTORY OFFICERS

Congratulations to our new Consistory Officers:

Chair, Beverley Sheares

Church Master, Lorenzo Alsberry

Secretary/Treasurer, Brian Plane

Plus, Jamie Cacciolo-Price and Victoria Dillard are moving from Deacon to Elder role



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

October 9th/Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost, 11 am

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7; “*Making the Best of Babylon*” —Rev. Dr. Scott M. Kenefake, Preaching

Theme: Living in exile

3:00 pm: Cesar/Lorenzo Wedding

5:30 pm, Evensong & Communion, Bridget Kelso Anthony, Reflector

October 16th/Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost, 11 am

Genesis 32:22-31, “*Wrestling with God*” —Rev. Dr. Scott M. Kenefake, Preaching

Theme: Embracing “doubt” as a healthy means to spiritual growth

Baptism: Clara Marina Gallo

5:30 pm, Evensong & Communion, Eric Alderfer, Reflector

6:15pm, Light Dinner

7:00 pm, Crossing Broadway, Robert Snyder (childcare in Nursery)

October 23rd/Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost, 11 am

Joel 2:23-32, Luke 18:9-14 “*The Great Reversal: Hope for the Marginalized,*” Rev. Dr. Scott M.

Kenefake, Preaching

Theme: Hispanic/Indigenous Peoples’ Sunday; Liturgical Dance

Stewardship Campaign Information Meeting, 12:10 pm, Sanctuary

12:30 pm, Hispanic/Indigenous Peoples’ Lunch and Celebration

5:30 pm, Blessing of the Animals/Feast of St. Francis at Evensong

October 30th/Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost, 11 am

Luke 19:1-10 “Come Down” — Bridget Kelso Anthony, Preaching

Theme: Jesus and Zacchaeus

3:00 pm, Children’s Halloween Party

5:30 pm, Evensong & Communion, Chris Whittaker

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Dr. Scott M. Kenefake, Interim Senior Pastor • **Bridget Kelso Anthony**, Associate Minister • **Eric Alderfer**, Director of Children’s Ministry • **Chris Whittaker**, Director of Music • **Laurrinda Hatcher**, Treasurer • **Diana Morales**, Administrative and Operations Manager • **Lazaro Rodríguez**, Sexton • **Amable Morales**, Evening Receptionist • **Wilfredo Serrano**, Sexton

CONSISTORY

Elders: • Victoria Dillard • Jamie Cacciola-Price • Beverley Sheares

Deacons: • Lorenzo M. Alsberry • Brian Plane

Intersections Ministry Deacons: Jay Godfrey • Anna Svahn

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