



FORT WASHINGTON COLLEGIATE CHURCH

Evensong & Communion

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Fort Washington Collegiate Church

Sunday, October 30, 2016 | 5:30 PM | Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Reformation Sunday

Welcome. In order to prepare for worship and allow for private prayer, we ask that silence be observed upon entering and that you turn off cell phones. We are aware that many people who attend this worship service come from other churches and faith traditions. The typical mixture of faith traditions represented at this service makes up a community we cherish. We are glad you are here.

Prelude

Please stand at the sounding of the chime.

Opening

Like Zaccheus, they're all of them peculiar as Hell, to put it quite literally, and yet you can't help feeling that, like Zaccheus, they're all of them somehow treasured too. Why are they treasured? Who knows? But maybe you can say at least this about it-that they're treasured less for who they are and for what the world has made them than for what they have it in them at their best to be because ultimately, of course; it's not the world that made them at all. "All the earth is mine!" says Yahweh, "and all that dwell therein," adds the Twenty-fourth Psalm, and in the long run, presumably, that goes for you and me too.

--Frederick Buechner

Opening Hymn: Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing – Hymn #45

Nettleton

A Prayer for the Evening

Let us learn of you in the depths of our souls, O Christ,
and journey through death to birth.

Let us learn of you in our souls through this night
and the journey of letting go. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

Reader

A reading from the Gospel of Luke

Luke 19:1-10

The Reading

He entered Jericho and was passing through it. ²A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. ³He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. ⁴So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. ⁵When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today." ⁶So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. ⁷All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a

sinner.”⁸ Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, “Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much.”⁹ Then Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham.”¹⁰ For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.”

Reader *Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.*
People ***Thanks be to God.***

A minute of silence is observed after the reading...

Reflection

Chris Whittaker

Two minutes of silence is observed after the reflection ...

Music for Meditation

Prayers of the People (Please stand).

Celebrant: With heart and soul, mind and strength, together with our arms legs and our varied abilities, we come before God with our prayers of intercession.

Let us pray.

Liturgist: It is too easy, God, for us to say a few prayers for people in need, and then forget about them as we go blithely on our way.

Silence ...

By the heat of your Holy Spirit, forge together our prayers and our deeds, so that what we do will be a prayer and what we pray will become our deed today.

Silence ...

With that prayer on our lips and in our hearts, we pray for the wonderful, yet often troubled world in which we live.

Silence ...

We pray for the end of rampant greed, injustice, terrorism and war. Bless all your brave peacemakers and keep us within their ranks.

Silence ...

We pray for the cessation of bitterness and violence (be it verbal or physical violence) within the work places, school-grounds, streets and homes of our nation. Bless all those who are your messengers of mercy and good will, and number us among their agents.

Silence ...

We pray for the end of poverty, hunger, homelessness, and untreated disease from the face of this planet. Bless all your “good Samaritans” wherever they serve you, and enlist us within their noble company.

Silence ...

We pray for an armistice between religious and political zealots. Bless all your agents of reconciliation and employ to the full the gift of goodwill you have given each of us.

Silence ...

We pray for the constant reformation of your church. May every branch and each sectarian twig, remember the one True Vine to which we all belong, and without whom we are good for nothing.

Silence ...

Starting with us, bless your servant people with the prime gift of love, that we may better cherish one another and heal the wounds that bleed away to waste the very vitality of your church.

Silence ...

True and merciful God, our Friend and our Savior, again we humbly yet strongly ask: by the fire of your Spirit weld our prayers to our deeds, and our deeds to our prayers. To the glory of your communal name, one God, blessed Trinity.

Silence ...

Personal prayers for healing and wholeness may said here either aloud or silently ...

Amen.

Music for Meditation

During the instrumental music and hymn, and at anytime hereafter, you are welcome to come forward to light a votive candle as a symbol of your prayer. Tapers and votives are on the table in front of the

piano. Please feel free to light a candle.

Hymn: Kindle a Flame

Iona Community



The Grace

See that you be at peace among yourselves, and love one another. Follow the example of good people down through the ages, and God will comfort you and help you, both in this world and in the world which is to come. In the name of the Creator, the Redeemer, and the Sustainer.

Amen.

The Peace

Christ, the Good Shepherd, bind us with a bond of love that cannot be broken. My sisters and brothers, the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

The ministers and people greet one another, in the name of the Lord. After exchanging the peace, please be seated.

Welcome and Announcements

The Offering and Offertory

Offering plates are not passed through the congregation at this service. For your offerings, offering plates are located on a stand in the center aisle.

The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer (please stand).

Celebrant and People responsively:

May the God of all hope be with you.

And also with you.

Lift your hearts to the One who comes to feast with you.

We offer our hearts to God who is in our midst.

Children of God, sing praises to the One
who feeds you with goodness and hope.
Our hearts and voices resound with joy.

In your heart, God of wonder,
you wrote the vision of creation,
and the Word shaped the mountains
from the rich loam of the valleys,
your Spirit breathed life into every thing
that sprang forth from your imagination.
Welcomed into your garden with hope,
we forgot your words of hospitality.
Prophets came, your vision written on their hearts,
your voice standing behind their words
which sought to bring us back to you,
but we took no delight in their invitations.
You sent your Beloved, Jesus the Christ,
to be the guest of sinners in every time and place,
that we might receive the gift of salvation.

So, with reformers and saints who have gone before us,
with friends and neighbors sitting around us,
we lift our songs of praise to you:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
 God of pow - er, God of might, heav - en and
 earth 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, ho -
 san - na in the high - est.

Sanctus

Haugen

The celebrant continues:

In your heart, Forgiving God,
 you wrote the vision of redemption,
 and sent Jesus, your Servant of righteousness,
 to your people at the appointed time:
 he came to feed us with the bread of life;
 he came to grow abundant faith in us;
 he came to stand at his watch-post,
 and invited us to find life and peace
 in your heart's home for all eternity.

As we remember his life, his teachings, his words,

as we celebrate the good news of his resurrection,
we speak of our faith, which often seems a mystery:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ's Spirit renews our lives.

In your heart, Blessing God,
you wrote the vision of a community
which would live out your kingdom here on earth,
pouring out your Spirit of life and grace
upon the gifts of the Bread and Cup,
and on your people gathered for your Feast.
As we are fed by your Word become life,
give us understanding so we might hear
those who are crying out for hope;
as we are nourished by your Spirit of peace,
may we go to all who live surrounded by oppression,
bringing justice to every place
where it has never prevailed.

Amen.

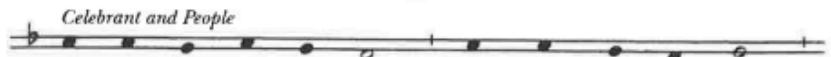
The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant

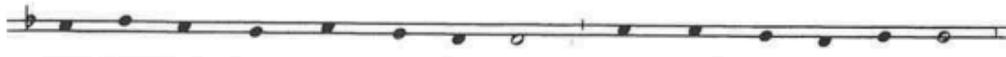


As our Sa - vior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

Celebrant and People



Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name,



your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in hea - ven.



Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.



For - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.



Save us from the time of tri - al, and de - liv - er us from e - vil.



For the king - dom, the power, and the glo - ry are yours,



now and for ev - er. A - men.

The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept

Lamb of God



Je - sus Lamb of God, Je - sus Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us.

Celebrant

This is the table, not of the Church, but of the Lord. It is made ready for those who love him and for those who want to love him more.

So, come, you who have much faith and you who have little, you who have been here often and you who have not been here long, you who have tried to follow and you who have failed.

Come, because it is the Lord who invites you. It is his will that those who want him should meet him here.

You are welcome to be seated until you come forward to receive. When you tear off a piece of bread from the loaf, touch a tip of the bread in the juice in the cup (intinct) and then consume. If you would like prayers for healing, proceed to the area behind the communion table. If the healing ministers are already praying with others, please wait your turn patiently until one of them is available.

Music during Communion

After Communion *Please stand.*

Celebrant:

Lord Jesus Christ, you have put your life into our hands; now we put our lives into yours. Take us, renew us and remake us. What we have been is past; what we shall be, through you, still awaits us. Lead us on. Take us with you. Amen.

The Blessing

May joy and nothing less find you on your way.

May you be blessed and be a blessing.

And may light guide you, and countless others, all the way home.

Amen.

Hymn: Take My Life and Let it Be Consecrated # 568

Havergal

The Dismissal

Go out into the world in peace, have courage, hold on to what is good, return no one evil for evil, strengthen the faint-hearted, support the weak, help the suffering, honor everyone, love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. **Thanks be to God.**

Music for Meditation

Postlude

Please feel free to depart during the Postlude, as you wish. Prayers for healing will continue at the communion table, so we ask you to leave quietly. Please come back often.

Following the Service

Please join us in Fellowship Hall for refreshments following the service. If you would like to know more about this church and how you might plug in, we would love to tell you. As a start, please fill out one of the visitor's cards in the bulletin, and drop it in one of the offering plates at the entrance doors. And, of course, call or email us anytime.

Reflector, Chris Whittaker

Celebrant, Rev. Dr. Scott M. Kenefake

Liturgist, Bridget Anthony, Associate Minister

Cantor: Eric Alderfer

Instrumentalist: Chris Whittaker, Piano

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 McCrillis 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
Anna Svahn
Faight Family

Brenda Jon
Alexis Agliano Sanborn
Sonia Ashmeade
Sandra Catena
Joan Bovers

Louise Tatum
Rosalyn Cuzco
Evelyn Day
Sylvia Rodriguez
Joe Tigner
Margarita Vince- Allen
Whittaker Family

Alderfer Family
Gwen Wood
Jane Wai
Violetta Proano
Mesina Family
Branco Family
Vaughn Family

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@fortwashingtonchurch.org or Bridget Anthony at banthony@fortwashingtonchurch.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 on our website. The next meeting is scheduled for November 9th.

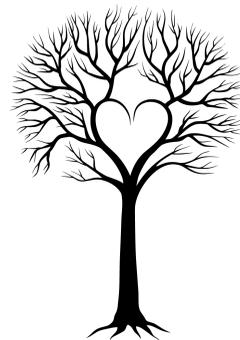
EVENSONG SPEAKERS (REFLECTORS) NEEDED FOR DECEMBER 4, 11, & 18

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.

HELP US SERVE YOU BETTER!

We need your volunteer and financial support to keep all of our excellent community, fellowship, and educational programs healthy and strong.

If you have any questions regarding volunteering or making a financial gift, please speak with Rev. Dr. 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

NOON PRAYER

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

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Do you love children and are you being called to serve our church family? We need nursery volunteers willing to help with childcare in both the morning and evening service.



FALL STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

Our Stewardship Campaign for 2017 kicked-off on Sunday, September 25th, with the theme: *"Keep Calm and Be Generous."* We've had brief, personal testimonies from members of the congregation on each of the Sundays in October, a Stewardship Informational Meeting will take place after the 11am service on **Sunday, October 30th**, in the Sanctuary, and the campaign will conclude on ***Stewardship/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 late October.

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 roles

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

Luke 19:1-10; “*Come Down*” – Bridget Kelso Anthony, Preaching

Theme: Jesus and Zacchaeus; Reception of New Members

Stewardship Campaign Information Meeting, 12:15 pm, Sanctuary

2:00 pm, Children’s Halloween Party

5:30 pm, Evensong & Communion, Chris Whittaker

November 6th/Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost/Holy Communion/Stewardship/Pledge Dedication Sunday (**Daylight Saving Time Ends**), 11am

Haggai 1:15b-2:9; “*The House We Live In*” – Rev. Dr. Scott M. Kenefake, Preaching

Theme: Re-building our “spiritual dwellings”

5:30 pm, Evensong & Communion, Louise Tatum, Reflector

November 13th/Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost, 11am

Isaiah 65:17-25; “*Radical Transformation*” – Rev. Dr. Scott M. Kenefake, Preaching

Theme: All things new!

5:30 pm, Evensong & Communion, Anna Svahn, Reflector

November 20th/Reign of Christ

Colossians 1:11-20; “*The Servant King*” – Rev. Dr. Scott M. Kenefake, Preaching

Theme: What does it mean for Jesus to reign in our lives? Our world?

Adaline Skylas Baptism, Dance Ministry

12:15 pm, Congregational Meeting, Sanctuary

3:00 pm, Interfaith Community Thanksgiving Worship Service, Hebrew Tabernacle,
185th & Fort Washington

5:30 pm, Evensong & Communion, Karla McNeal, Reflector

UCC Information Meeting, Sunday, November 13th, 12:15 pm, Sanctuary

For the past several years, the Collegiate churches have been discussing the possibility of adding a denominational affiliation with an LGBTQI affirming denomination because of the failure of the Reformed Church in America (RCA) to adopt more inclusive policies. As a result, the Greater Consistory of the Collegiate Churches, at its Monday, October 3rd meeting, at the West End Collegiate Church, unanimously voted to add a denominational affiliation with the United Church of Christ (www.ucc.org). *This means that the Collegiate churches, within the next few months, will be officially affiliated with both the RCA and the UCC.* Please join us for a 30-minute information meeting about this new denominational affiliation and how it will serve to expand our ministries at FWCC.

Congregational Meeting, Sunday, November 20th, 12:15 pm, Sanctuary

- Senior Minister Search Update
- Early Stewardship Campaign Results
- Building Rental & Usage policies

Post-Election Community/Interfaith Service of Healing

The Presidential Campaign has been traumatic and divisive, both for individuals and for our nation. Join us here at FWCC **at 7 pm, on Wednesday, November 9th**, for a service of healing, reconciliation, and peace. Local clergy and community leaders will share words of hope and encouragement, and local musicians and singers will provide soothing, peaceful music that speaks to the hearts of troubled souls.

UP THEATER

Fort Washington, in partnership with the UP Theatre Company, is proud to present the inaugural production of "Merciful Father." Production runs November 1-12, Tuesday through Saturday at 8pm. See insert for more details.

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 Rodriguez**, 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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