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PRAYER

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Today's opening prayer will be offered by the Reverend Dr. Douglas Gerds, Senior Pastor of First and Central Presbyterian Church in Wilmington, DE.

The guest Chaplain offered the following prayer:
Would you pray with me, please.

Holy God, little can be said that doesn't add to the cacophony of prayer that arises from humanity. Surely from this august Chamber the volume and intensity is at times deafening. Yet these, O God, are the servants of the people and of You. So like Solomon we pray, "Here's what we want: Give us a God-listening heart so we can lead Your people well, discerning the difference between good and evil. For who on their own is capable of leading Your good people?"

Who indeed, O God.

Our prayer this morning is quiet and simple: Instill wisdom and compassion, the quest for peace and the drive for justice, the humility to recognize our ignorance and the grace to welcome another's point of view, and the awe of the responsibility conveyed upon us and the gratitude to relish our part in shaping the future. Most of all, let us never think that we travel this road alone, for who on their own is capable of leading Your good people?

Amen.



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Notes of Thanks

We are thrilled to be living at the Manse beginning Sept. 1st, and are excited to be a part of the neighborhood and making our home on historic Kings Highway! A huge thank-you to Paul Nussbaum, chair of the property committee at First Presbyterian; the property committee, Travis, Ryan - our steadfast painter, and Mark Hall. Thank you to the contractors and all the generous benefactors, along with a special thank-you to the Rev. Dr. Douglas Gerdts for his consistent support and advisement. Thank you so very much and it is a joy to be neighbors!

*With Joy,
Pastor Nikki and Marco Passante*

While we have enjoyed use of the Manse for many years as an annex to the main church building, we now enter a new phase, or perhaps return to a much older one, and that is that the Manse is indeed a private residence for one of our pastors and her family. Please give Nikki and Marco every courtesy as we protect and honor their privacy.

The Session



*Friends,
Thank you all so much for
the many expressions of
support for me, from
prayers, cards, meals, rides,
calls and visits as I have
been recovering from a bad*

*fall and concussion. Gene is grateful as well! In
times of stress like these, one's community of faith
means so much.*

*Thank you all again!
Linda O'Neill*

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News from St. Wilfrid's Open Door Clinic



Bryce and Chase Davis reached a milestone birthday this year - the twins turned 10 years old! They wanted to have a gathering of friends to celebrate with them but on their own accord they decided they really did not need the presents that often accompany such celebrations. So they talked to their Mom Rachel about it and they decided to have a "Party with a Purpose". In the invitation to their 10th birthday celebration they asked their friends to bring food that could be distributed to those in need at St. Wilfrid's in lieu of presents.

Chase and Bryce hand-delivered this wonderful bounty to St. Wilfrid's. After they lugged in all of this food, we gave them a tour and put them to work. Bryce helped restock our inventory of dry goods and Chase helped pack food bags. They were amazing! The whole family wants to volunteer again.

Bryce and Chase would feel honored if others choose to "Party with a Purpose" and make food donations to St. Wilfrid's or any other place that provides much needed food to impoverished families.

There are a lot of people who support this outreach in many different ways. We have those who collect and transport to St. Wilfrid's. We have the food bank and food bag group who gather, transport, and prepare the food bags for distribution: 6,881 so far during the pandemic. We have special projects and "off-campus" personnel promoting and making the outreach special.

We have a core group nearly every Saturday supporting the clinic: we have the intake crew, recording those receiving food, and an input team entering that information into the computer. We have those who donate food, diapers, and hygiene products EVERY week. We have those who make peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for our clients. We have those who donated coats in winter, fans and air conditioners in summer, backpacks and school supplies, Easter candies, and Christmas toys for the children. And we have those who make financial contributions big and small through FPC. Checks may be made out to FPC with "St. Wilfrid's" on the memo line. You may also give on Realm with "St. Wilfrid's" on the memo line.

For more information on St. Wilfrid's outreach, check the website: opendoorcliniccamden.org





Peter Leibensperger
Music Director

Music Ministry

After receiving the Covid Response Team’s guidelines, Nancy Ruth and I have come up with a vision for reopening our music program safely, with the understanding that these measures will be re-evaluated later in the fall. We VERY MUCH look forward to the day when we’ll be able to welcome back all of our choir members to “normal” choir (i.e., no PPE, no social distancing), but, at least for September, this is what our music program will look like. We encourage you to register for the season, even if you do not plan to participate in the beginning.

| <u>ENSEMBLE</u> | <u>DAY</u> | <u>TIME</u> | <u>PLACE</u> |
|--|------------|---------------|----------------------------|
| Cherub Choir (4 – 5 yrs.) | Wednesday | 3:45 – 4:15pm | Outdoors to start... |
| Carol Choir (1 st – 2 nd gr.) | Wednesday | 4:30 – 5:00pm | Outdoors to start... |
| Chapel Choir (3 rd – 6 th gr.) | Wednesday | 3:45 – 4:15pm | Zoom (Online) |
| Alleluia Bells (4 th – 6 th gr.) | Wednesday | 4:45 – 5:15pm | Sanctuary (PPE Req.) |
| Whitechapel Bells (mixed) | Wednesday | 5:30 – 6:00pm | Sanctuary (PPE Req) |
| TSMC (7 th – 12 th gr.) | Wednesday | 6:30 – 7:15pm | Choir Room (Vacc. Req.) |
| Kirk Ringers (9 th – 12 th gr.) | Wednesday | 7:30 – 8:15pm | Sanctuary (PPE Req.) |
| Moore Bells (Adults) | Thursday | 6:30 – 7:15pm | Sanctuary (PPE Req.) |
| Chancel Choir (Adults) | Thursday | 7:30 – 9:00pm | Choir Room (Vacc. Req.) |

REGISTER NOW!

Our first Wednesday music rehearsals (for children and youth) will be on September 15th. Please visit the church website to [Register for FPC Music 2021](#) now! If you have any questions, please contact Peter Leibensperger, Minister of Music at: PLeibensperger@haddonfieldpres.org or Nancy Ruth Wainwright, Director of Children’s Music at: nancyruthw@comcast.net

Thank you all for your patience and understanding as we strive to serve you during these difficult times. We look forward to welcoming you and your family in September!

Meet Our New Organist



Lucas Brown is a performing artist, composer and educator. He actively performs both Jazz and classical music and has performed around the US and Canada at such venues as Carnegie Hall, the Kimmel Center, the Jazz Standard and the Blue Note, as well as in Europe and Asia. His compositions have been presented throughout the US and Europe. A member of the faculty at Temple University's Esther Boyer College of Music, Lucas holds a BM in Jazz Performance from Temple University and a MM in Organ Performance from Westminster Choir College.

Lucas was a member of saxophone legend Bootsie Barnes' organ trio from the age of 21. He has performed with such Jazz artists as Joey DeFrancesco, Pat Martino, Eric Alexander, Terell Stafford, and Gerald Veasley, and is a sideman on numerous recordings. He was awarded the Clef Club Jazz Award in 2014 in recognition of his contributions as an organist in Philadelphia. Lucas was a member of the Pennsylvania Performing Arts on Tour (PennPAT) artist roster as a member of the group Three Blind Mice, with Victor North and Wayne Smith Jr. Lucas has also performed

with Opera Philadelphia and the Philadelphia Orchestra. Lucas is currently touring with the Joey DeFrancesco trio and is featured on Joey's upcoming album, *More Music*, to be released in September of 2021.

Lucas maintains a busy performance schedule on the Jazz scene and recently began serving as organist at the First Presbyterian Church of Haddonfield, NJ. He also serves at historic Christ Church in Philadelphia, accompanying their monthly choral vespers series. Previously, Lucas spent over a decade at Mt. Airy Presbyterian in Philadelphia. He earned his Master's degree in Organ Performance at Westminster Choir College as a student of Alan Morrison and is an active member of the Philadelphia Chapter of the American Guild of Organists and, sitting on the program committee. He has twice been a featured artist at Organ Day at the Kimmel Center.

Lucas has had his works as a composer performed at such venues as Grimsby Minster (UK), Torino Esposizioni in Italy, Movement Research at the Judson Church in NYC, and Taubman Museum of Art in Roanoke. Lucas' Jazz suite, *SkyViews*, was commissioned by the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts for a premiere performance in 2019 and his album, *Skyviews*, was released in November 2019. Lucas was commissioned in 2014 to premiere a new composition as part of "If You Could Hear These Walls", a collaborative project sponsored by Philadelphia Mural Arts and the American Composers Forum. He collaborates frequently with choreographer and media artist, Jung-eun Kim.

Kathryn Dark Shares Her Musical Adventures



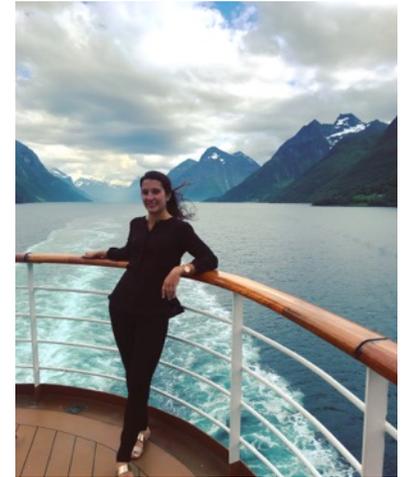
After graduating from Haddonfield in 2011, I studied music (viola performance) and psychology at Northwestern University, just outside Chicago. My interest in travel blossomed in the fall of 2013 when I studied abroad in Milan, Italy for a semester. I was able to use my weekends to travel all over Europe and visited over 20 cities including Vienna, Prague, Berlin, London, Rome, Zurich, and Venice. After graduating from Northwestern in 2015, I joined the Civic Orchestra of Chicago, a training orchestra with mentors from the Chicago Symphony Orchestra.

In 2016, on a whim, I flew to NYC and auditioned to be a member of a piano quintet on Holland America cruise line. The program was called "Lincoln Center Stage," and is a collaboration between Holland America Line and Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts in NYC. I had been on exactly one cruise vacation in my life: the Disney Magic sailing to the Caribbean when I was 9. I had no idea what to expect. About a month later, I got a call from the production company asking if I could join Holland America's brand new ship, the MS Koningsdam, for a four month contract at sea.

The five of us in the piano quintet (2 violins, viola, cello, and piano) met for the first time in NYC for a month of rehearsals and coaching to prepare for our contract. After learning the music and preparing our "talking points" – the introductions to each piece on our programs, we flew to Venice and embarked on the Koningsdam. The Koningsdam was the first pinnacle class ship for Holland America and represented an elevated cruising experience and brand new

entertainment options, including my quintet, Lincoln Center Stage.

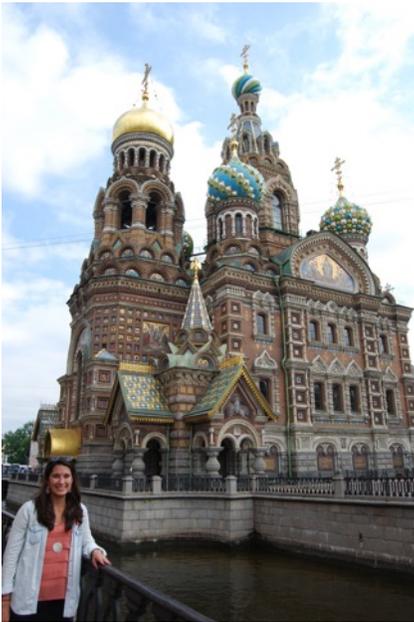
For four months we cruised around the Mediterranean, Baltic, and Norway, performing 2-3 programs a night, 6 nights a week for our guests. We had "guest entertainer" status onboard, so we could enjoy the perks of both crew and guest life. Our only duties were to perform at night, so during the day we could explore ports, go to the spa, read on the sun deck, or enjoy the plethora of food available all around the ship.



The response from our guests was overwhelming. They LOVED our programs. We performed a mixture of "classical" repertoire for piano quintet (Schumann Quintet, Dvorak Quintet, Brahms Quintet, etc.), as well as arrangements of "modern" songs such as Stairway to Heaven, Bohemian Rhapsody, and Rhapsody in Blue. We had 18 different set programs, with themes from movie classics to ballet music. Our cruise guests stayed onboard from 7 to 12 days, and once per cruise we also performed the live soundtrack to BBC's Planet Earth II, with the film footage projected behind us on stage.



My favorite part of the whole experience was waking up in a different port and country every day. One day we would be exploring Athens, Greece and the next we were walking through the ancient city of Ephesus in Turkey. I'm an avid coffee drinker so it was always my goal to get some coffee in each port (Italy by far has the best espresso). My favorite port/city is Venice – I love how you can wander around the old, cobbled streets and every turn is a new canal, gondola, or a perfectly picturesque background (my friends were very patient and took pictures for me at every turn because the scenery was somehow better than the last). Another favorite was sailing through the fjords of Norway. We were there in



the summertime, when the sun barely sets behind the horizon around midnight before rising again. St. Petersburg in Russia was a unique port – we were only allowed off the ship if we were part of an organized tour, so we begged our friends in the tour department to put us on tours so we could explore for the day. Fun Fact: The Hermitage houses some of Russia's finest art but doesn't have air conditioning!

Since the Koningsdam contract in 2016, I've completed 3 additional contracts on the Oosterdam and Zuiderdam (2x). I've travelled to the Mediterranean, Azores Islands, Bermuda, Caribbean, Central and South America, Canada, Greenland, and Iceland. I've done 3 Atlantic crossings and I've been through the Panama Canal 12 times. I've cruised past icebergs in Prince Christian Sound in Greenland and stopped to deliver supplies to a tiny village only accessible by water (their favorite part of the delivery was the ice cream!). Cruising has taken me to more than 40 countries so far. And yes – we do get paid! (This question comes up often in our Q&A for guests).

In February of 2020 I was scheduled to join the MS Westerdam in Shanghai and complete a four month tour of Asia, but as you can imagine everything was cancelled. I am still hopeful that in 2022 I will get to explore even more countries – next on my list are New Zealand and Australia!

For the past few months I've been working remotely for a market research company while visiting my boyfriend, Jamie, in the UK. Jamie and I met while we were both working on the Oosterdam. I made sure I was vaccinated before heading across the pond, but the UK is behind the US in terms of vaccinations so Jamie could not get vaccinated. Jamie got COVID, and then I subsequently got COVID. While my experience was just a stuffy nose and loss of taste/smell, Jamie's was much worse. He had 10

full days of a fever, cough, nausea, loss of taste/smell, breathlessness, and loss of energy. Just as he was starting to feel better, he developed an intense pain in his right side and is now in the hospital with a severe case of pneumonia. The doctors are expecting a surgical intervention to remove the puss/liquid that has now hardened in his chest. They think he picked up the bacterial infection while his immune system was weak fighting COVID. I can say with 100% certainty that I am okay today because of my vaccine.



Jamie is now out of the hospital and recovering.



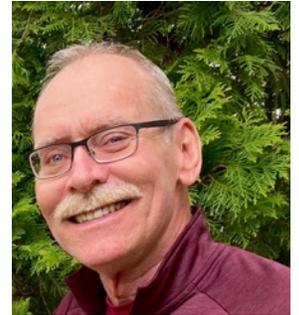
Kathryn Dark in 2010

PNC NOMINEES FOR ELECTION ON AUGUST 29



Maggie Sell

I have been a member of First Presbyterian for about thirty years and was formerly a member of the Church of Scotland. I found the Haddonfield church warm and welcoming and very much like my church back in Scotland— with an American accent. I felt at home. I have served on the Board of Deacons, most recently in 2019 as Moderator, and have been on mission trips to Kentucky and Haiti. I played handbells (a long time ago) and have been a member of Presbyterian Women. I served on two mission study teams.



Peter Hurd

I grew up at FPC where my parents, Chuck and Bunnie Hurd, were active members for many years. My wife Lisa and I raised our two children there. I have served on Session once, and am currently in my third stint as a Deacon, where I am currently secretary and chair of the transportation committee. I am also half of the A/V committee with Jim Peterson, and in that capacity we have been streaming the church services and related activities for the past decade.



Margaret O'Neil

I've been a member of the church since the early 1990s. After singing in an oratorio, I continued coming to First Pres where I found meaning and inspiration in the worship and a welcoming community. I have served as a Deacon and Elder and been a member of the Chancel Choir. I am happy to serve on the PNC but am aware of the daunting responsibility this entails.



Brian McGlade

I was raised in the Presbyterian faith, having attended Carmel Presbyterian Church in Glenside, PA as a child and young adult. I joined First Presbyterian Church of Haddonfield 25 years ago along with my wife (fiancé at the time), and we were married by the Pastor, William Levering. Our two daughters attended Sunday School and Confirmation Class, and are members of the church. I have served as an Elder twice, and participated in mission trips to Tennessee and the Dominican Republic.

Herbert "Bud" G Miller, Jr

I became a member of the First Presbyterian Church, Haddonfield, in 1986, when Joan and my family (3 children) moved from Texas to Haddon Twp. In 1987, I was asked to serve as a Trustee and did so for two years. In 1986, I joined the Chancel Choir as a Tenor and continue to sing with them. I also sang with "The Grace Notes", an SATB Octet (we sang at the 8:30am service, one Sunday a month). Several years ago, I was asked to direct the Grace Notes and did so until the pandemic halted any church gatherings. I formed a quartet, "The Four Chaps" and we sang at a few services as well as for the "Sundaes and Songs" musical extravaganza (usually the first Friday in June). In 1987, I was asked to and served on the Worship and Music Committee for two years. Later, after the turn of the century, I became a member of the committee and have chaired this committee for 4 years. Since joining the church, I have served as an Elder at different times. In 2015 and 2016 I wrote "Sermon Take-aways" summarizing in very few words the theme of each Sunday's sermon, which I sent to Pastor Bill for publication. I have served as a Lay Reader. and have worked with "Feed My Starving Children" in several capacities. I served on the search committee to hire our Director of Music, on the 2021 Mission Study Team, and on the 2021 Organist Search Team.



Rebeca Silva de Foote and Family



When I was a child, my parents left the Catholic Church to raise their two daughters in the First Presbyterian Church in Lansdowne, Pennsylvania. After High School, I attended Earlham College, a Quaker college in Richmond, Indiana. This is where I was first introduced to Quaker values and the Quaker concept of the Inner Light. I also met my husband Matthew Foote at Earlham. Years later we married under the care of the Quakers at Haverford Friends Meeting in Haverford, PA. My husband Matthew and I moved to New Jersey after the birth of our first son, Benicio. We joined the First Presbyterian Church of Haddonfield in 2005, where our younger son, Manolo was baptized in 2007. I have served as a Deacon for the last

four years and am entering my second year as Deacon Moderator. Serving as a Deacon was not only a natural fit for me but has also been an incredible blessing in my life. I have also enjoyed being a part of the Conversations on Race group, participating in the Stephen Ministries course and the book group on Richard Rohr's *Breathing Under Water* offered by Pastor Nikki. I keep a framed copy of Gandhi's prayer for peace which I read often, especially in times of transition or trouble. I am excited about serving on the PNC as I continue my journey with the church.

Andy Reinicker



I've been a member of 1st Presbyterian since 1995. I've been married to Amy for 35 years. We have 3 children; Christine 31, Alex 28 and Rachel 26. I've been a deacon at least 4 times

and was moderator during one of those terms. I've been in charge of ushering for a number of years. I've been on 11 mission trips with the youth of our church and community. I was on the building committee and have been a part of many projects around our church. I've been in business for myself since 1986. It is truly an honor to be asked to serve on the PNC.

Deb Nussbaum



I have been a member of the church for about 20 years and was on the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee that called Pastor Nikki. I helped run the Church Youth Group before we had pastors and staff involved and was a Sunday School teacher, Confirmation teacher, Elder and member of the Church Education Committee. I have run the Porch Bible Study (with Jill and Tony Mascena) for many years, cook and bake for Care and Share, teach at the Church Pre-School, am part of the Prayer Chain, just started running a children's book collection with Jeanne Spinelli (for St. Wilfred's and Broad Street Ministry) and participate in several Bible studies with Pastors Doug and Nikki. My husband, Paul, and I have four children and three grandchildren.

20th anniversary of 9/11 Bell Ringing



In keeping with our tradition, we will be ringing the tower bells again this year in memory of those who died in the 9/11 attacks. Covid restrictions will change some of the logistics. One person will be in the bell tower to ring the large bell at the times when the planes hit the Towers, and when the planes crashed in Pennsylvania and the Pentagon. Following the first ring, volunteers on the front lawn of the church will begin to read the names of the fallen, and other volunteers will ring one or more of the large handbells. If you

are interested in participating, please email Betsy Westermaier - beewulf@mac.com for further information and timing.

Opportunities for Study and Action

TEEN AND ADULT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Children's Church: Volunteers are needed to teach our young friends each Sunday during the worship service. All that is needed is a willingness to read a story and facilitate a craft. Gabrielle Heimerling will provide you with everything you need to help with the class – all we need is you! All classes will take place in the CE Room (formerly the yoga room) on the lower level.

Nursery Staff: We are looking for people to help staff our nursery as some of our current wonderful nursery helpers are headed off to college in the fall. Ideal candidates will be high school aged or older with ample babysitting experience and/or certification. Must love babies and toddlers! Please reach out to Gabrielle Heimerling for more details at gheimerling@haddonfieldpres.org.

Sunday School Teachers: We are already looking toward the fall and bringing back in person Sunday School! Volunteers are needed to teach our young friends in grades PreK through 8th. All that's needed is a willingness to teach and we will provide the curriculum, teaching manuals, and supplies. Any questions, please reach out to Gabrielle Heimerling at gheimerling@haddonfieldpres.org.

PORCH BIBLE STUDY – The Porch Study will resume on Zoom on Tuesday, September 14. We will also meet on Tuesday, September 28, and Tuesday, October 12. We will be starting with Philippians, Chapter 3. Meetings start at 7 p.m. and end by 8:30 p.m. All are welcome. If you are new and don't yet have the link, contact the church office.

DOUG'S TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY (8 a.m. via Zoom) is ongoing and open to all. The text for the coming week is James 1:17-27.

PASTOR NIKKI'S BIBLE STUDY resumes on Thursday, September 16, on Zoom to begin a discussion of the Letter to the Hebrews.

THANKS FOR THE BACKPACKS AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES! This week, Ed Hess delivered 66 backpacks to the Camden Community Center to help the kids served get ready for school. Please keep them coming! Bring donations to worship or drop off on Sundays at 11, office-side door. Needed items include:

- Erasers
- Colored Pencils
- Crayons
- Glue Sticks
- Handheld Pencil Sharpeners
- Pencil Box or Pouch
- 3-Ring Binders – 1" or 1 1/2"
- Loose Leaf Filler Paper – Wide Rule
- Calculator
- Washable Markers
- Watercolor Paint
- Art Smock
- 12" Ruler
- Junior Scissors with 5" Blunt Tip
- Pocket Folders
- Composition Notebooks
- Tissue Packets
- Backpacks (the biggest need for backpacks is Grades 3-8)

PERIODICAL

God's Grandeur

The world is charged with the grandeur of God.
It will flame out, like shining from shook foil;
It gathers to a greatness like the ooze of oil
Crushed. Why do men then now not reck his rod?
Generations have trod, have trod, have trod;
And all is seared with trade; bleared, smeared with toil;
And wears man's smudge and shares man's smell; the soil
Is bare now, nor can foot feel, being shod.

And, for all this, nature is never spent;
There lives the dearest freshness deep down things;
And though the last lights off the black West went
Oh, morning, at the brown brink eastwards, springs –
Because the Holy Ghost over the bent
World broods with warm breast and with ah! bright wings.

– Gerard Manley Hopkins SJ