

WORSHIP NOTES

E. Deane Turner’s history of The Brick Presbyterian Church offers a fulsome account of the evolution of the Women’s Association (pp. 337-345). Until the late 1800’s there was no formal organization that included all women of The Brick Church. This was also true of men. Women could not serve in ordained roles until halfway through the 20th century, but the women of The Brick Church led significant ministries within the church and in the City. The Female Tract Society of The Brick Church (1837-1861) was perhaps the first coordinated ministry. The Dorcas Society (mid-1800’s) produced garments for people who were poor, and in 1869 formed the Employment Society—employing women in need of work, teaching them to sew garments which were then sold at just above cost to people in need. The Employment Society also worked to improve the living conditions of slum workers, employing a full-time Bible reader, Miss Margaret Griffiths, who visited in their homes. This effort, in turn, led to the creation of the Sick Children’s Aid Society, offering medical, dental, nutritional and recreational care programs. By 1883, there were Women’s Prayer Meetings, and separate Home and Foreign Missions groups. By the end of Dr. Van Dyke’s ministry, the United Societies of The Brick Church was a comprehensive organization with a substantial budget. In 1919, this body was recognized and expanded under the command of Frances M. Richardson Biggs to form the Women’s Association of The Brick Church which continues today. From 1911-31, the Women’s Association operated the Neighborhood Lunch Club for “working girls” of a nearby department store, serving over 350 meals a day! Miss Emma H. Miller, who established the Neighborhood Lunch Club, and later added the evening session of the Women’s Association, was named a Deaconess in 1928. She was honored upon her retirement in 1944 for 30 years of service with the dedication of one of the ironwork consoles with a marble top in our Narthex.

This morning’s choral music was composed by **Thomas Tallis**. Tallis (c. 1505-1585) was an English composer. He was appointed organist of Waltham Abbey about 1536, until the abbey was dissolved in 1540. He became a gentleman of the Chapel Royal in 1542, composing and performing for Henry VIII, Edward VI, Queen Mary, and Queen Elizabeth. He remained an avowed Catholic his entire life, and his music composition for the Catholic Church continued unimpeded when the Church of England became the law upon the coronation of Elizabeth in 1559.

THE FLOWERS in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Kathleen O. Parker



NEXT SUNDAY’S PREACHER will be the Rev. Dr. Kimberly L. Clayton.

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USHERS

Officer-in-Charge: Frederick A. Ehler; *Team Captain:* Robert D. McCrie, Christopher A. Carroll, Luc M. Dowling, Anke K. Ehler, Maxime C. Guignand, Leigh W. Hoagland, Alex G. Li, Helen M. Lynch, Margaret E. Pennoyer, Paul W. Shaum, Jonathan D. Stone, John D. Tuttle, Christopher R. Wight.

GREETERS

Leader: Cynthia Watson; Elizabeth J. Green, Mimi K. Hah, Martha E. Reiner, Clark B. W. Reiner, Grace Sarno, Cynthia A. Wiltshire, William B. Wiltshire, Jr.

ORDER OF ST. PAUL

Michael J. Appleby, Nathan P. Appleby, Leah C. Lee, Deborah M. Li, Caroline C. Pickering, Alexander N. Rahman, Christopher L. Allen, *Beadle*.

CHANCEL CHOIR

Soprano: Alina Lee, Isabella Livorni, Tonna L. Miller-Vallés, Artemisz Polonyi, Catherine Thorpe, Elizabeth Van Os. *Alto:* Sónia Batten, Agueda Fernández-Abad, Allison Gish, Jessica Kimple, Melissa Raymond. *Tenor:* Richard Liebowitz, Jeremy Little, Johnny Maldonado, Jeffrey Taveras. *Bass:* Buddy Crutchfield, Daniel Hoy, Scott Lindroth, Ryan Stoudt, Nathaniel Sullivan.

SESSION

Sallie J. Abelow, Patrick A. F. Blott, Susan P. Crary, Paul J. Elmlinger, R. Scott Froehlich, Scripture Z. Gonzalez, Mark A. Greenwood, Shannon D. Henderson, William S. Hilburn, Harold P. Hope III, Anne R. Huneke, R. Lynne Lee, Sue-Peng Li, Robert D. McCrie, Helen B. Pennoyer, Elizabeth M. Philipp, Clare C. Pickering, Brian J. Pitz, Susan A. Powell, Debra N. Seraphim, Richard H. Stowe, Katherine C. Vosters, Ryan E. Widener, Henry M. Wildermuth (*Youth Elder*), Suzanne W. Wilson, Frances G. Laserson, *Clerk of Session*.

DEACONS

Linda R. Arnold, Bret M. Barasch, Beth A. Bell, Arthur W. Bingham, Nancy T. Blair, Elizabeth A. Boehmler, Paige M. Cali, Christopher A. Carroll, Blythe G. Chace (*Youth Deacon*), Carl C. Cordova III, E. Graham Clark, David M. Darst, Helen T. W. Elmiger, Marc T. Engberg, Joseph A. Galloway, William J. Gambrell, Jeffrey B. Gower, Christopher W. Hamilton, Kate S. Hrobsky, Cathy Leonhardt, Jane B. Lowry, Katrina K. Masterson, Amelia McDonald, M. Paige Rustum, Grace Sarno, Andrew R. Skobe, John D. Tuttle, Tanya S. Wells.

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— THE ORDER OF SERVICE FOR —

First Sunday in Lent

— ELEVEN O’CLOCK —

WELCOME The moments before worship are a transition from “getting here” to “being here.” Since it usually takes a few minutes to quiet one’s mind, and to become open to the Spirit, it is most appropriate to give one’s friends a silent wave of the hand, a nod of the head, or a friendly smile in lieu of initiating a conversation.

AFTER THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN, in order not to disrupt the worship service, latecomers will be seated by the ushers only at times when the congregation is standing, either during the Congregational Response following the assurance of forgiveness or during the second hymn.

VISITORS, please know how welcome you are. Please sign the Friendship Book when it passes you during the service of worship and identify yourself with a name tag to be found in the book. You are also cordially invited to attend Coffee Hour following worship.

IN THE ORDER OF WORSHIP that follows, an asterisk invites all to stand; items in bold type face indicate that the congregation participates in word or song.

LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE DAY
Deuteronomy 26:1-11 Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16
Romans 10:8b-13 Luke 4:1-13

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)
“O Mensch, bewein dein Sünde groß, *BWV 622*”
Meg Cutting, *organist*

WELCOME AND INVITATION TO THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Lindsay Higgins
“Women’s Association 100th Anniversary”

CHORAL INTROIT

George Thalben-Ball (1896-1987)
“O Lord, Thou Hast Searched Me Out”

* CALL TO WORSHIP (*Psalm 91*)

Leader: You who live in the shelter of the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,

**People: We will say to the Lord, “You are my refuge and fortress;
my God in whom I trust.”**

Leader: Because you have made the Lord your refuge,
the Most High your dwelling place,
the Lord will guard you in all your ways.

**People: God says: When they call, I will answer.
I will be with them in trouble.
I will show them my salvation.**

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 260

Ein’ feste Burg
“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND 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.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, You sent Jesus Christ to seek and to save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from You and turned aside from Your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored Your truth. Have mercy, O God and forgive us. Return us to paths of righteousness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

KYRIE 574

David N. Johnson (1922-1987)

**Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (*Hymn 77, verse 5*)

Aus der Tiefe rufe ich

**Keep, O keep us, Savior dear, ever constant by Your side;
That with You we may appear at the eternal Eastertide.**

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

PRESENTATION

HYMN 498

“Child of Blessing, Child of Promise”

(Verse 1)

Please remain seated.

The children being baptized today are:

Louisa Marie James

daughter of Elizabeth Pojanowski James and John Whitaker James Junior

Charles Stephen Kellen

son of Caitlin Ann Moscatello and Christopher Nathaniel Kellen

Rory James Murphy

son of Laura Etoile Tolan and Colin Acheson Murphy

Sallie J. Abelow, Elizabeth A. Boehmler, William S. Hilburn, and Helen B.

Pennoyer will assist with today’s baptisms.

BAPTISMAL QUESTIONS AND PRAYER

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise...

BAPTISM

BLESSING AND WELCOME

HYMN 498

“Child of Blessing, Child of Promise”

(Verses 2-4)

Please remain seated.

THE WORD

Children will be dismissed for Sunday Church School classes after the baptisms.

* HYMN 261

O quanta qualia

“God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us”

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION AND

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Michael F. Magsig

Deuteronomy 26:1-11 (*Pew Bible, page 180 O. T.*), Luke 4:1-13 (*Pew Bible, page 61 N. T.*)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Kimberly L. Clayton

“Remember Who You Are”

THE RESPONSE

LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

In Celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the Women’s Association of The Brick Presbyterian Church in the City of New York

As indicated, please respond: We give you thanks, O Lord.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING, INTERCESSION, AND PETITION

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray...

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

America

Not for this land alone,

But be God’s mercies shown from shore to shore;

And may the nations see that we must loving be,

And form one family the wide world o’er. Amen.

* INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)

“In ieiunio et fletu”

In ieiunio et fletu orabant sacerdotes: Parce, Domine, parce populo tuo, et ne des hereditatem tuam in perditionem. Inter vestibulum et altare plorabant sacerdotes, dicentes: Parce populo tuo.

In fasting and weeping the priests prayed: Spare, O Lord, spare Thy people, and give not Thine inheritance to perdition. Between the porch and the altar the priests wept, saying: Spare Thy people.—Matins Responsory for the first Sunday in Lent

* DOXOLOGY 592

Old Hundredth

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE SENDING

* RECESSIONAL HYMN 81

St. Flavian

“Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days”

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy (1809-1847)

“Allegro moderato et serioso” (*Sonata in f minor*)

Meg Cutting, *organist*

If you would like someone to pray with you or wish to learn more about the Christian faith and The Brick Church, you may meet with members of our Sunday Prayer Team after the service near the pulpit at the front of the Sanctuary.