

April 21, 2024



**First Presbyterian
Church**
of Pittsburgh

WORSHIP SERVICE – 10:45 am

Prelude: *“I Want Jesus to Walk With Me”*
arr. by Marilyn Ham

Sean Baran, *piano*

Time of Welcome

Rev. Ernest L. Gardner III, *Transitional Pastor*

***Responsive Call to Worship (From Psalm 16)**

Donald Larter

Leader: LORD, you alone are my portion and my cup; you make my lot secure.

People: The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; surely I have a delightful inheritance.

Leader: I will praise the LORD, who counsels me; even at night my heart instructs me.

People: I keep my eyes always on the LORD. With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

All: Let us worship God!

***Hymn:** *“At the Name of Jesus” (located in this bulletin)*

Call to Confession

Donald Larter

Prayer of Confession

Our Father in heaven, we thank you for sending your Son to call us from death to life. We confess that we were dead in sin before we heard his call, but when we heard him, like Lazarus, we arose. But the grave clothes bind us still. Old habits that we cannot throw off, old customs that are so much a part of our lives that we are helpless without your grace to live the new life that Christ calls us to live. Refine us, O God, by your perfect love, so that what the world sees is not us, but by your spirit we would bear witness to Jesus Christ. Hear us, we pray, as we confess to you in silence...

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.

People: To this peace, we are called as members of one body.

Leader: The Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you. Thanks be to God!

Children’s Message

Donald Larter

(Children of ages preschool – 1st grade are invited to attend Children’s Worship on the 3rd floor balcony at this time. Children are to be picked up immediately after service in the chapel behind the high pulpit.)

***Hymn:** *“Speak, O Lord”* (located in this bulletin)

New Testament Reading: Colossians 3:1-11

Donald Larter

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. ³For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

⁵Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. ⁶On account of these the wrath of God is coming. ⁷In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. ⁸But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. ⁹Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices ¹⁰and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. ¹¹Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

The Gospel: Mathew 28:1-15

Rev. Gardner

Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ²And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. ⁵But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you.” ⁸So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹And behold, Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me.”

¹¹While they were going, behold, some of the guard went into the city and told the chief priests all that had taken place. ¹²And when they had assembled with the elders and taken counsel, they gave a sufficient sum of money to the soldiers ¹³and said, “Tell people, ‘His disciples came by night and stole him away while we were asleep.’ ¹⁴And if this comes to the governor's ears, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble.” ¹⁵So they took the money and did as they were directed. And this story has been spread among the Jews to this day.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: *“A Soldier's Story ”*

Rev. Gardner

Pastoral Prayer 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; lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. *Amen.*

***Affirmation of Faith – The Apostles’ Creed**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.
Amen.

Call for the Offering (*Online giving available, scan code on back*)

Donald Larter

Anthem: “Total Praise”

Richard Smallwood, arr. by Doreen Rao

Drew Fennell, *trumpet*
Ruth Ann Reamer, *piano*
Andy Reamer, *percussion*

*Lord, I will lift mine eyes to the hills,
Knowing my help is coming from You.
Your peace, You give me in time of the storm.
You are the source of my strength,
You are the strength of my life.
I lift my hands in total praise to You.
Amen.*

***Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below. Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise him above, ye heav’nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Hymn: “Amazing Grace”** (*located in this bulletin*)

***Invitation and Charge**

***Benediction**

Rev. Gardner

Postlude: “Voluntary V: Andante Largo, Op. 6”

John Stanley

Sean Baran, *organ*
Drew Fennell, *trumpet*

****Please stand as you are able***

At the Name of Jesus

PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11

Dm C Dm Gm Dm

1 At the name of Je - sus ev - ery knee shall bow,
 2 At his voice cre - a - tion sprang at once to sight:
 3 Hum - bled for a sea - son, to re - ceive a name
 4 bore it up tri - um - phant with its hu - man light,

F Am/C Dm Gm

ev - ery tongue con - fess him King of glo - ry now;
 all the an - gel fac - es, all the hosts of light,
 from the lips of sin - ners, un - to whom he came;
 through all ranks of crea - tures, to the cen - tral height,

C Am Dm C/E G C

'tis the Fa - ther's plea - sure we should call him Lord,
 thrones and dom - i - na - tions, stars up - on their way,
 faith - ful - ly he bore it spot - less to the last,
 to the throne of God - head, to the Fa - ther's breast;

Dm Am F C Dm

who from the be - gin - ning was the might - y Word.
 all the heaven - ly or - ders in their great ar - ray.
 brought it back vic - to - rious when from death he passed;
 filled it with the glo - ry of that per - fect rest.

Speak, O Lord

E^b F B^b E^b B^b E^b

1 Speak, O Lord, as we come to you to re - ceive the food
 2 Teach us, Lord, full o - be - di - ence, ho - ly rev - er - ence,
 3 Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; help us grasp the heights

B^b Gm F E^b F B^b

of your ho - ly Word. Take your truth, plant it
 true hu - mil - i - ty. Test our thoughts and our
 of your plans for us. Truths un - changed from the

E^b B^b E^b B^b E^b F B^b

deep in us; shape and fash - ion us in your like - ness—
 at - ti - tudes in the ra - di - ance of your pur - i - ty.
 dawn of time that will ech - o down through e - ter - ni - ty.

F B^b F^{sus}/E^b F⁷/E^b B^b

that the light of Christ might be seen to - day in our
 Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see your ma -
 And by grace we'll stand on your prom - is - es, and by

F B \flat E \flat F^{sus} F E \flat F B \flat

acts of love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and ful-
 jes - tic love and au - thor - i - ty. Words of power that can
 faith we'll walk as you walk with us. Speak, O Lord, till your

E \flat B \flat E \flat B \flat

fill in us all your pur - pos - es for your
 nev - er fail; let their truth pre - vail o - ver
 church is built, and the earth is filled with your

F^{sus} B \flat E \flat B \flat /D F^{sus} F B \flat *Final ending*

glo - ry.
 un - be-lief.
 glo - ry.

Amazing Grace

G Em C G

1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound— that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his

D7 G/B D/A G

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and

C G Em G/D D7 G

now am found, was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.

4 Through many dangers, toils, and snares
 I have already come;
 'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
 and grace will lead me home.

5 When we've been there ten thousand years,
 bright shining as the sun,
 we've no less days to sing God's praise
 than when we'd first begun.

Ongoing/Upcoming Opportunities . . .

Hospitality Hour

Join us after worship this morning for a time of refreshments and fellowship in the chapel. If you're visiting with us, we would especially like to get to know you!

Birthday Blessings to:

Kayla Jackson, Burt Fazi, Carolyn Korb, and Jan Fowkes

Call to Prayer – For 7 minutes at 7 o'clock (AM or PM)

We encourage the congregation to participate in a time for prayer at 7 o'clock for 7 minutes each day!

Annual Congregational Meeting – Sunday April 28, 2024

The annual congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, **April 28th** immediately after worship.

Church Officer Nominations

It's that time of year when we begin accepting nominations for Church officers! Individuals must be willing to serve and spoken to before being nominated. If you would like to nominate someone, please see Michelle Muha.

Volunteers Needed for Marathon Sunday, May 5

Marathon Weekend attracts over 35,000 runners, 4,000 volunteers, and nearly 60,000 spectators - - and it all begins DOWNTOWN! This year's marathon takes place on **Sunday, May 5**. Throughout the morning, we will have our building open to offer restroom access to visitors. We *need volunteers* to serve as **bathroom monitors** and other volunteers (those in the colored shirts) to stand with Rev. Gardner, and **pray with runners**, and others requesting spiritual support beginning at 5 am. If you can help, please contact Hannah at 412-471-3436 or hotoole@fpcp.org.

Virtual Marathon Sunday, May 5 @ 10:45 AM

Because of the logistical difficulties, worship will take place virtually on May 5th with the opening segment at 10:40 am.

A Note about This Morning's Music - - by Sean Baran

Spiritual songs originated from African American slaves who used them both to express their deep faith in Jesus Christ and also to communicate other messages with each other without letting their masters know. Spirituals come in two styles - laments and jubilees. This morning's prelude is a lament, which is a slower and more dramatic expression of faith. One of the most persecuted and unjustly abused populations in the United States of America gave us music that demonstrates true faith in Jesus and constant hope that there is a better day to be had in this world. While they could have turned their back on the messages contained in the Bible, this population held firm in their belief. For that reason, I always perform and listen to spirituals with a deep awe at the expression emanating from the powerful texts and moving melodies. - Sean

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

*I want Jesus to walk with me.
I want Jesus to walk with me.
All along my pilgrim journey,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.*

*In my trials, Lord, walk with me.
In my trials, Lord, walk with me.
When my heart is almost breaking,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.*

*When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me.
When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me.
When my head is bowed in sorrow,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.*



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It's always cool in
The Cellar

We're hiring! **Come join the First Church team!**



Assistant Director – The Cellar (Afterschool Program)

JOB DESCRIPTION (part time)



The Cellar is an afterschool outreach ministry for high school students (grades 9-12). It is located in the basement of the First Presbyterian Church of Pittsburgh, 320 Sixth Avenue in downtown Pittsburgh. The Cellar is open each *Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 3-6 pm*. An average of 50 students attend each session. Most of the students come to us from two downtown high schools: *Urban Pathways 6-12* and *City Charter High School*, though we have drawn from as many as 28 different high schools. While at The Cellar, students can get a free snack, play video games, pool, foosball, basketball, create arts/crafts, play board games, or just chat with friends. It is a safe hangout space where teens can learn about who Jesus is and the role He can play in their lives.



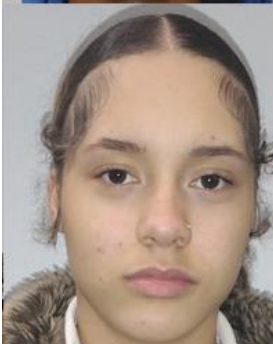
General Description:

The Assistant Director of The Cellar works with the Director to ensure the success of the program. He/she assists, when requested, with organizing program activities, preparing food/snacks, and monitoring and disciplining students (when necessary). This is a very hands-on position. The *Assistant Director* has direct contact with the student participants. In the Director's absence, the *Assistant Director* must be prepared to step in and take overall responsibility for running the program.



Character and Experience:

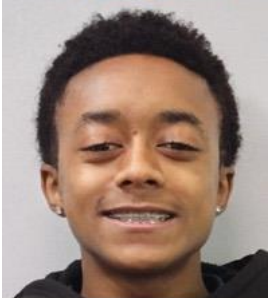
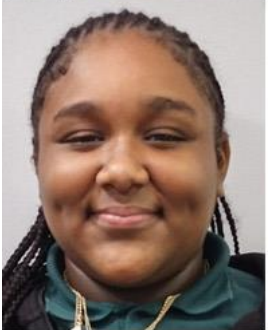
The Assistant Director must be a mature follower of Jesus Christ and have a passion to share His plan for mankind with the students on a one-to-one or group basis, as opportunities arise. He/she must also have a thorough understanding of urban teenagers and have a heart to serve them. Previous experience in ministry to urban youth is preferred.



Days/Hours: This is a 12-hour per week position: **Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm**. This includes time for food and activity preparation before the doors are opened.

Supervision:

This position reports to the Director of The Cellar.



Primary Responsibilities:

- Assist the Director with the cooking /baking of food items using the Cellar kitchenette or commercial kitchen, as needed.
- Assist with the setup of packaged snack areas in the kitchenette, hot entrees and beverages (as applicable).
- Greet students (warmly and with enthusiasm) as they arrive.
- Ensure that each student signs in upon arrival and that a complete and legible student data form is available for each student. (If the student is a first-time participant, provide the student with a form to complete).
- Monitor the students in the program area, hallways and restroom entrances and correct student behavior as needed.
- Review the “Rules of the Cellar” with all new participants.
- Contact parents, when necessary, to confirm student data.
- Assist with food/beverage distribution to students.
- Perform other duties, as needed, at the request of the Director.

To Apply:

Send resume/cover statement to Cheryl Swartz at cswartz@fpcp.org or contact her by phone at 412-471-3436 x220 for more information.

This would be a fun part-time position for a college student with a heart for evangelism.



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