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**Musicians for Today's Service**

**Donna Beech**, Organ

**Jim Harris**, Bagpipes

**Bringing in the Light**

The Rev. Emma Horn

The Rev. Dave Lovelace, D. Min.

The Rev. Roy Martin, D. Min.

Meredith Day

Jeffery Day

Padraig Kennedy

**The flowers on the retable** are dedicated by Phil and Patricia Dewey in loving memory of their mothers.

Liturgies used in today's service are from previous  
Lower Brandywine Presbyterian Church anniversary services.

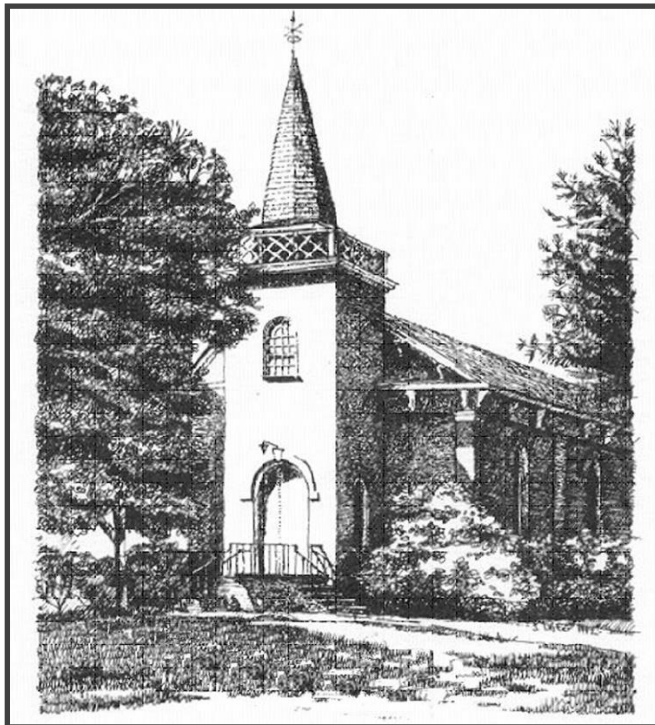


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*Sunday, October 17, 2021*  
*Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost*  
*A Service in Celebration of Our 300 Years*



\* Please stand in body or in spirit.

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### WE APPROACH GOD

Prelude "Concerto No. 1" *J. S. Bach/A. Vivaldi*  
Words of Welcome  
Choral Introit "Wake, Every Breath" *William Billings*  
(1746-1800)

\* **Prayer of Invocation** (*The congregation uniting*)

**O God, you are infinite, eternal, and unchangeable, glorious in holiness, full of love and compassion, abundant in grace and truth. Your works everywhere praise you, and your glory is revealed in Jesus Christ our Savior. Therefore, we praise you blessed and holy Trinity of God, forever and ever. Amen.**

\* Hymn No. 305 "Come Sing, O Church, in Joy" *Darwall's 148<sup>th</sup>*

**Prayer of Confession** (*The congregation uniting*)

**We praise Thee, O God; Thou art Lord of all the past, of the present, and of the future. We thank Thee and praise Thee for Thy faithfulness in all ages, for Thy wonderful love to Thy servants in all generations. We confess that we have seen Thy mighty acts in history, but we have not expected Thy power in our own lives; we have seen Thy hand at work in Christians of past ages, but we have not realized that Thou canst use us. Open our minds, we pray, to thy present power, give us vision of the works Thou art doing now; and make us fulfill our place in Thy service, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Silent Prayer of Confession (*Please take time to be personal and specific. . .*)

Words of Assurance

Choral Response "Give Thanks and Praise" *G. F. Handel*  
(1685-1759)

### WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

**Prayer for Illumination** (*The congregation uniting*)

**Speak to us, living God, as you have spoken to our ancestors: through the voices of your prophets, the breath of your Spirit, and the life of your Son, so that we may live according to your word; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Scripture Readings	Psalm 150:1-6 1 Corinthians 12:1-27	O. T. pg. 546 N. T. pg. 152
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Anthem	“Praise Ye the Lord”	<i>Christian Gregor (1723-1801)</i>
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Parable Time

Sermon	“Many People, One Voice”	The Rev. Emma Horn
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### WE RESPOND TO GOD

* <b>Affirmation of Faith</b> ( <i>The congregation uniting</i> )		Glory to God, pg. 35
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* Hymn No. 733	“We All Are One in Mission”	<i>Es Flog Ein Kliens Waldvoegelein</i>
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Anniversary Litany	see insert	
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The Prayers of the People

**The LORD’S Prayer** (*The congregation uniting*)

**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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

The Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory	“Let Us Come to the Lord’s House”	<i>Jennifer Campbell (b. 1991)</i>
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* Doxology No. 606	“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”	<i>Old Hundredth</i>
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\* Prayer of Dedication

* Hymn No. 649	“Amazing Grace, How Seet the Sound”	<i>Amazing Grace</i>
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Verse 1 All

Verse 2 Women and Children

Verse 3 All

Verse 4 Men

Verse 5 All

\* Charge and Benediction

Choral Dismissal	“Let the Beauty of the Lord”	<i>Ruth Artman (1919-2010)</i>
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Bagpipe Postlude	“Bells of Dunblane, Amazing Grace, Highland Cathedral”	<i>Traditional</i>
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#### Prayer of Thanksgiving for 300 Years of Ministry *(Reading responsively)*

One: O Lord our God, for the vision of those who planned for this congregation and for the commitment and dedication of all who served this church over the past 300 years,

**All: We give you thanks, O Lord.**

One: For those who have served faithfully in leadership positions over the past 300 years as pastors, elders, staff members and volunteers,

**All: We give you thanks, O Lord.**

One: For those who have been such a great part of our fellowship for so many years, and who now serve you in the church triumphant,

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One: For a congregation that has always desired to worship you faithfully and vibrantly, hearing your word, singing your praises, and seeking your strength,

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\* Hymn "We Gather Now" *Sine Nomine*  
LBPC 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Hymn lyrics, Dave Lovelace

*We gather now, to praise God's holy name;  
Fifteen score years, his mercies 'ere the same,  
Granting us strength, despite our mortal frame. Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Before the phone, or - even - telegraph,  
God launched our forebears on his chosen path,  
Safeguarding them, with his own rod and staff. Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Across a creek, our ancestors came here,  
To build a log church, in a forest clean  
Later, in time, this brick church did appear. Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Though Revolution, Civil War, and strife;  
And great inventions, change was surely rife.  
But God - alone - gave meaning to our life. Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*The Holy Spirit's brought us to this place;  
May we now live to share God's matchless grace,  
Till, at the last, we see Christ face-to-face. Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*So, with great joy, we greet this milestone,  
Sharing - together - faith in Christ alone,  
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