

Gloria Dei (Old Swedes') Church

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June 21, 2026

*Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
(Proper 7)*

Ministry Assistants Today

Lector: *Christine Pickup*

Intercessor: *Carol Jenkins*

Usher: *Jim Ufheil*

Altar Guild: *Jeanette Woehr*

Celebrant: *Rev. Chris Micklewright*

Ministry Assistants June 28

Lector: *Seamus Stimpson*

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Altar Guild: *Rachel Armstrong*

Celebrant: *Rev. Chris Micklewright*

Welcome to Ordinary Time at Gloria Dei

The green cloth on the Altar today is a reminder that we have entered the season of "Ordinary Time." As you may remember, this term comes from the Latin word for counting - because we count the Sundays from Pentecost until Advent. The green is also a reminder of our call to growth during this long season. While growth is most noticeable during the dramatic moments of life, the most significant formation tends to happen slowly in the ordinary moments – and God is calling us to grow in love at all times. Throughout this season, we will also be focusing on the Old Testament passages, asking how these ancient texts, and the characters we encounter within them, might call us to continued growth. As we will see, God has been at work for thousands of years, telling a grand story of redemption, healing, and growth – and we are invited to recognize our lives as the latest chapter in God's story.

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to God, using the First Song of Isaiah (*Isaiah 12:2-6*).

All **Surely, it is God who saves me;**

I will trust in God and not be afraid.

**For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,
and God will be my Savior.**

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing from the springs of salvation.

And on that day you shall say,

give thanks to the Lord and call upon God's Name;

Make God's deeds known among the peoples;

see that they remember that God's Name is exalted.

**Sing the praises of the Lord, for God has done great things,
and this is known in all the world.**

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy,

for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving-kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen..**

(The congregation is invited to sit for the readings.)

First Reading

Genesis 21:8-21

Christine Pickup

The child grew, and was weaned; and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. So she said to Abraham, "Cast out this servant woman with her son; for the son of this servant woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac." The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. But God said to Abraham, "Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your servant woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named for you. As for the son of the servant woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring." So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed, and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba.

When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot; for she said, "Do not let me look on the death of the child." And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. And God heard the voice of the boy; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, "What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid; for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him." *(Continued...)*

Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. She went, and filled the skin with water, and gave the boy a drink. God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness, and became an expert with the bow. He lived in the wilderness of Paran; and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 86:1-10,16-17

Bow down your ear, O LORD, and answer me, *
for I am poor and in misery.

Keep watch over my life, for I am faithful; *
save your servant who puts his trust in you.

Be merciful to me, O LORD, for you are my God; *
I call upon you all the day long.

Gladden the soul of your servant, *
for to you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

For you, O LORD, are good and forgiving, *
and great is your love toward all who call upon you.

Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer, *
and attend to the voice of my supplications.

In the time of my trouble I will call upon you, *
for you will answer me.

Among the gods there is none like you, O LORD, *
nor anything like your works.

All nations you have made will come and worship you, O LORD, *
and glorify your Name.

For you are great; you do wondrous things; *
and you alone are God.

Turn to me and have mercy upon me; *
give your strength to your servant; and save the child of your handmaid.

Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed; *
because you, O LORD, have helped me and comforted me.

Second Reading Romans 6:1b - 11

Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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Gospel Reading

Rev. Chris Micklewright

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **Matthew (10:24-39)**
All **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to the twelve disciples, "A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a servant above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the servant like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

"So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

"Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

'For I have come to set a man against his father,
and a daughter against her mother,
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;
and one's foes will be members of one's own household.'

Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
All **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon Rev. Chris Micklewright

The sermon is an opportunity to consider the readings alongside the full witness of Scripture and tradition, asking how these readings impact our lives. You are not necessarily expected to agree with Rev. Chris, and more discussion is always welcome! Following the sermon, we stand together to confess our faith. The ancient Nicene Creed is a helpful guide, but we also know that healthy faith makes room for doubts and questions.

The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father,
the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius
Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the
right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living
and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the
giver of life, who proceeds from the Father
and the Son. With the Father and the Son he
is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic
Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the
forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

- Celebrant Beloved people of Gloria Dei: We have gathered to celebrate God’s perfect love for us, and for all of creation. As we seek to reflect that love in both unity and diversity, let us pray for the needs of our community and the world around us. *(Silence)*
- Intercessor For believers around the world and across time, each worshipping God in their own language and traditions;
- People That we might be known by our love for God and for one another. (Silence)**
- Intercessor For America, and all the nations of the world, especially those plagued by violence, corruption, or any other turmoil;
- People That God’s justice and peace might flourish in every corner of the earth. (Silence)**
- Intercessor For our leaders and those in authority: in the church... in our community... and across our country;
- People That they might show wisdom, humility, and integrity in all they do. (Silence)**
- Intercessor For all God’s creatures throughout this beautiful and fragile world that God has entrusted to us;
- People That we might be responsible and creative caretakers. (Silence)**
- Intercessor For the needs of this community, and for all who face suffering or distress. Today we pray especially for:
- People Herb, Frank, Karen, Heather, Sara, John, Erica, Elia, Eulogio, Sheila, Amy, William, Betty, Dina, Beth, Thomassina, Julie, Denise, Jason, Peggy, Joanna, Mark, Margie, Bonnie, Keith, Connie, and Jack. (Long silence; additional names may be spoken aloud)**
- Intercessor For those who have died, and for all who grieve;
- People That we might look with hope to the resurrection. (Long silence for names to be added)**
- Celebrant Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer: Fill us anew, each day, with the wonder of your beauty. Grant us eyes to see how you are working for the redemption of this world. Give us grace and faith to follow where you call us. All this we pray in faith, hope and love. **Amen.**

Our prayers conclude with a time of corporate confession. In speaking of sin and confession, it is never our goal to dwell in shame or guilt. Rather, we acknowledge that we live in a world beset by evil and injustice – and that we all bear some degree of responsibility for that reality. This acknowledgement is one of the first steps toward healing what is broken in our lives and in our world – and we trust that God’s love is always working for healing, justice, and redemption.

Confession, Absolution, and Peace

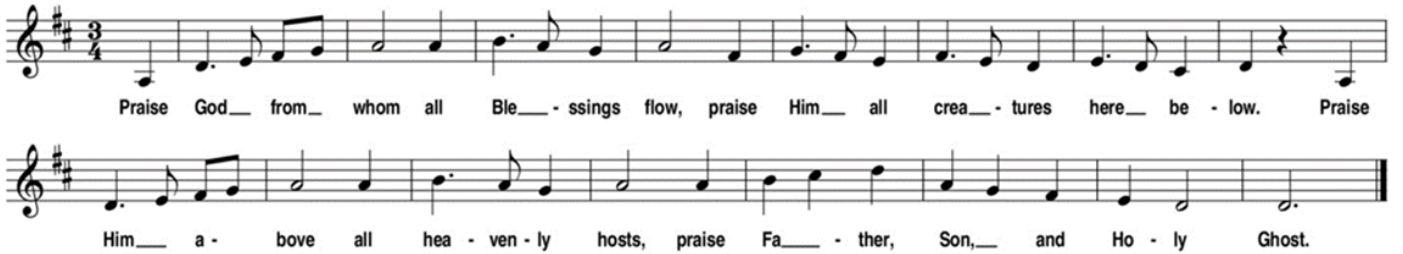
- Celebrant Let us confess our sins to God. *(silence)*
- All God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**
- Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**
- Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
- People And also with you. (Please share the peace by greeting your siblings in Christ.)**

Offertory Sentence

Gladden the soul of your servant, for to you, O LORD, we lift up our souls. For you, O LORD, are good and forgiving, and great is your love toward all who call upon you. -Psalm 86:4-5

Collecting an offering is a way for us to remember that all we have is a gift from God, and that we are to be responsible stewards of the gifts entrusted to us. Guests are welcome to support our work of worship, ministry, and preservation - but should feel no obligation to give. Electronic giving is possible using the QR code found on the back of the bulletin. After the collection, the offering is brought forward as we stand to sing the following song of thanksgiving:

Flowingly, in 1 Unknown



Praise God from whom all Blessings flow, praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above all heavenly hosts, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Holy Communion –Eucharistic Prayer 3 (from *Enriching Our Worship*)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

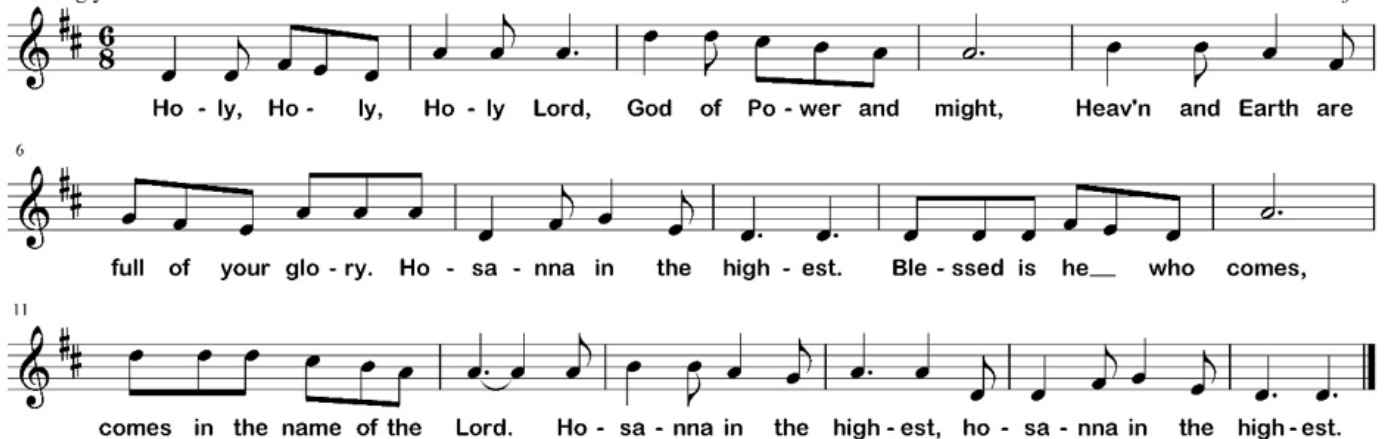
People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God, through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb of creation; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we sing with joy:

Flowingly Paul Fejko



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of Power and might, Heav'n and Earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - sa - nna in the high - est. Ble - ssed is he who comes, comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - sa - nna in the high - est, ho - sa - nna in the high - est.

Celebrant Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all; your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations; you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. (Continued...)

Celebrant Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

All Dying, you destroyed our death. Rising, you restored our life. Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Celebrant Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

All Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**All 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Fraction & Invitation

Celebrant Alleluia! We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

All We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread. Alleluia!

Celebrant This is the table not of the church but of our Lord Jesus. It is made ready for those who love him and 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 Jesus who invites you. It is his will that those who want him should meet him here.

Instrumental Hymn # 178

Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks to the Risen Lord

Hymnal 1982

*Episcopal theology recognizes baptism as the formal entry into the Christian community, and baptism is normally a prerequisite to receiving communion. However, we also recognize that God meets us wherever we are on our journey of faith. Moreover, Jesus regularly welcomed and ate with people from outside of his normal community. **Therefore, all are welcome at this table - including children!***

Kneel or stand at the rail, as you are comfortable. Gluten free wafers and grape juice are available – just hold up one finger to receive either of these alternative elements. The priest will distribute wafers, which you receive in your outstretched hands. If you wish to receive the cup, you may drink or dip your wafer; it is also okay to receive the wafer only – we believe that Jesus is fully present in each of the elements of communion. If you prefer not to receive, you are still warmly invited to come forward and cross your arms to receive a blessing.

Post Communion Prayer & Blessing

Celebrant Let us stand and pray together the post communion prayer.

All **God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Blessing & Announcements *Rev. Chris Micklewright*

Closing Hymn # 347

Go Forth for God

Hymnal 1982

Dismissal

Celebrant Alleluia, alleluia. Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Postlude

*All are invited to listen to the postlude,
and then to join us for a time of fellowship in Riverside Hall.*



Thank You

We are grateful for the many sponsors of last month's Memorial Dei Family Picnic!

These local businesses and organizations helped to make the event possible, allowing us to raise almost \$4000 while welcoming hundreds of people from the local community into our space.

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Please consider giving them your support in return as you are out shopping or dining.



Upcoming Events at Gloria Dei

Join us for 10 Minutes of Prayer on Zoom – Every Monday at 9:00am

Start your week with a short time of community, discussion, prayer, and Scripture; all are welcome.

Meeting ID: 748 3341 8409 Passcode: 8C3fDK

Musical Meditation – on summer hiatus until September 15th!

After Labor Day, look for the return of our Musical Meditation service, which includes communal drumming, silence, group reflection on scripture, and performances by musically talented members.

Summer Book Group & Bible Study – Tuesdays at 6pm (*full schedule on website*)

For five weeks this summer, we will be exploring the stories of some of the great women of the Old Testament (Eve, Hagar, Bathsheba, etc...). For this discussion series, we will be drawing on the wisdom and insight of the book *Womanist Midrash*, by Episcopal priest and biblical scholar Wil Gafney. Rev. Gafney's approach to Scripture is imaginative, inclusive, and liberating, helping to highlight people and perspectives that are too often overlooked. A schedule of readings and discussion topics is available on the website. That said, you don't have to keep up with the reading (or attend all of the sessions)! Come as you are and join in what is sure to be engaging conversation. Participate in person or on Zoom (Meeting ID: 870 6901 5735; Passcode: 299377; link on website).

Lunch Packing Outreach – June 21 & July 26

Our Missions Committee has been doing great work to care for people in need in our surrounding communities. Please join us after services to pack lunches for Prevention Point (a ministry in Kensington). *Donations of the following items are always welcomed: paper lunch bags, paper sandwich bags, individually wrapped candies & individually bagged chips. Monetary donations are also gratefully accepted.*

Jazz & Joe – Thursday, June 25 from 7:30 – 9:30pm. *Last performance until September!*

Jazz & Joe is a "coffee-house" style venue featuring a local group of jazz musicians. Active listening and quiet conversation is welcome throughout the evening. Refreshments are served, and attendees are welcome to BYOB. This event is free, but donations are appreciated to help defray costs.

Construction Beginning Soon!

We're delighted that Gloria Dei Church and *Preserve Old Swedes* have received over \$1,000,000 in grants in 2025, which will support the installation of a new roof on the church, repairs to the bell, a stormwater management system and resurfaced parking lot, and more! Construction on the major projects will take place this year (and possibly beyond), and updates will be provided as plans are finalized. To get involved in our ongoing preservation efforts, talk with Rev. Chris or Amy Grant (President of *Preserve Old Swedes*).

Missions Committee Meetings – Wednesday, July 1 at 9:00am on Zoom

Our Missions Committee meets each month on the first Wednesday to discuss our current outreach efforts and potential new opportunities. Next month we hope to make plans for collaboration with the Clare Project. New members and new ideas are always welcome. (Meeting ID: 897 2826 6283 Passcode: 098374)

Episcopal Cathedral Visioning Project – June 22 (7pm) or June 24 (1pm)

The Episcopal Cathedral for our diocese is in a strategic planning process. On Saturday, May 30, congregants along with some diocesan clergy and lay people gathered for Visioning Day as part of the inclusive model the Chapter chose. As they continue to dream, vision, and plan, they want to hear from as many people as possible. Toward this end all are invited and encouraged to join a Zoom session led by their consultant on one of these dates. Links to register are available on our website, or by contacting Rev. Chris.

Religious Freedom Trail

As we mark the 250th anniversary of the founding of our country, Interfaith Philadelphia has created a year long program centered around a new Religious Freedom Walk. This walk highlight the many sites in our city which played a significant role in establishing religious freedom as a core value in the United States – to include Gloria Dei! You can learn more about the Religious Freedom Walk, and the numerous associated events, by picking up a Passport to Understanding in the back of the church, or by visiting <https://www.interfaithphiladelphia.org/religious-freedom-then-now/>.

Upcoming Baptism of Baby Kellen! – June 28, 10am

Join us in celebrating with the Kulp family as we baptize baby Kellen during our regular Sunday service on June 28.

About Us

Gloria Dei (Old Swedes') is the oldest church in Pennsylvania, and one of the oldest continuously operating churches in the nation. While our congregation traces back to the arrival of Swedish colonists in 1638 (aboard the *Kalmar Nyckel* and the *Fogel Grip*, whose replicas hang from our ceiling), worship has been held on this site since 1677. Our church building was dedicated on June 2, 1700, and is the oldest surviving brick building in Pennsylvania. Stories about many of our early parishioners, and others buried in our graveyard, are available in our graveyard tour app (see the maps available just outside the main door).

Gloria Dei was founded as a Swedish Lutheran congregation, with many of the early ministers being sent by the Church of Sweden. However, after the American Revolution, the congregation called an Episcopal priest as an assisting minister. In 1845, the church was formally welcomed into the Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania, and it remains an Episcopal parish to this day. However, we still honor our Swedish heritage, especially with our annual Lucia Fest, held every December for more than 85 years. The church was also recognized as a National Historic Site in 1942, and is an affiliated National Park Site under Independence National Historical Park. The open green space and the walls surrounding the church were established by the National Park Service in the 1970s.

Today, the congregation remains vibrant and active. While we are blessed with a rich history and many cherished traditions – and we work to preserve these blessings for future generations – we are not bound by tradition. Instead, we actively and creatively work to welcome the wide variety of different communities that use our space, ranging from concerts and movies in the graveyard, to dog walkers on the grounds, to weddings and performances in the church. To learn more about our current programs, please pick up an upcoming events flyer, located on the table in the back of the church, or view the *events* section on our website.

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Online Giving Available

It is possible to give to Gloria Dei on our website, www.old-swedes.org/give, or using the QR code:

