

This Sunday's worship service will be streamed live over the internet at 10:30 a.m. and will be available to the public. It will be broadcast on FPC's YouTube Channel - "FPC Phoenixville".

The recorded version will be available for "anytime" viewing.

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Morning Worship

March 14, 2021 卐 卐 卐 10:30 a.m.

Prelude

"Near To the Heart of God"

arr. Tim Shaw

Welcome

Rev. Doug Hagler

Announcements

Sharing the Peace - *Take this moment to comment on the live YouTube chat and let people know you are here, or get out your phone and text someone to say hi.*

Call to Worship (*unison*) *Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22*

¹ **O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures for ever.**

² **Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,
those he redeemed from trouble**

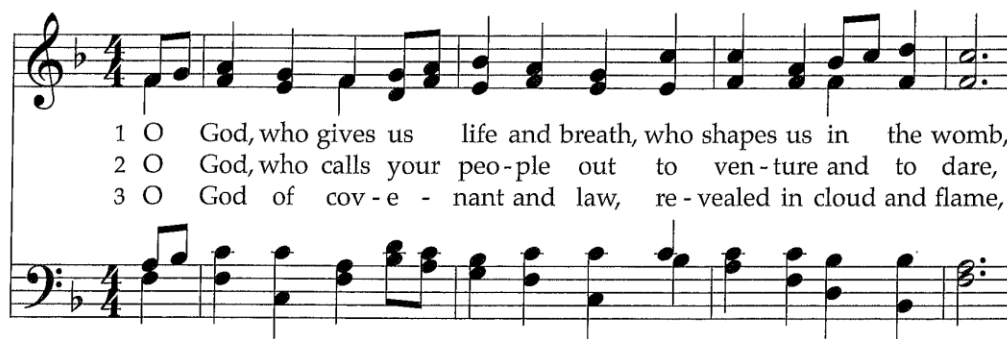
³ **and gathered in from the lands,
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.**

²¹ **Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,
for his wonderful works to humankind.**

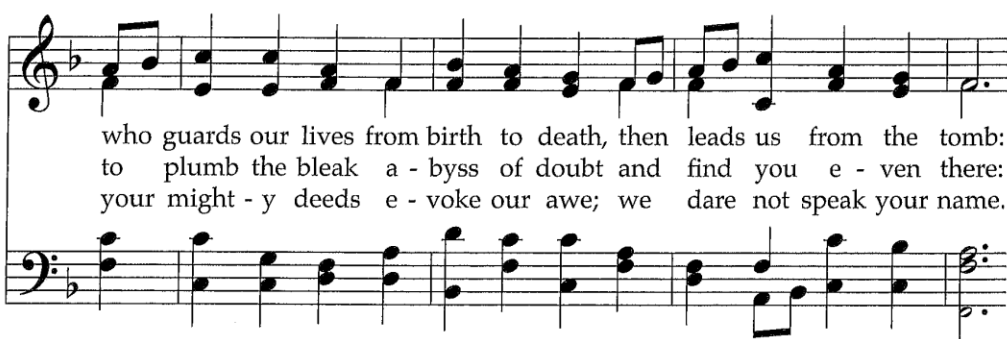
²² **And let them offer thanksgiving sacrifices,
and tell of his deeds with songs of joy.**

Hymn

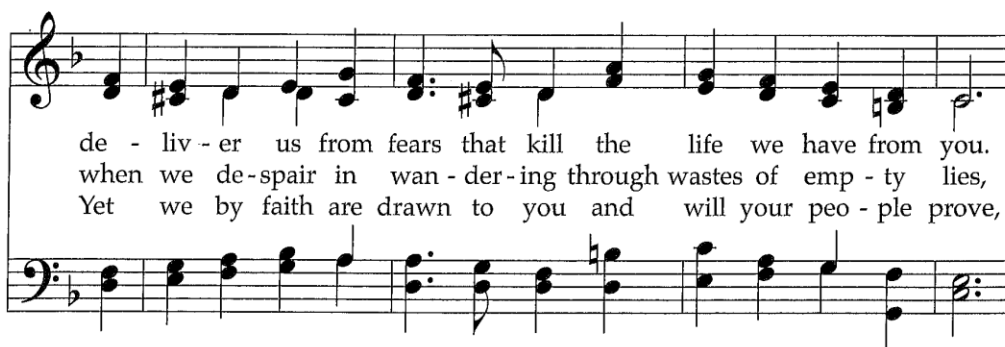
"O God, Who Gives Us Life"



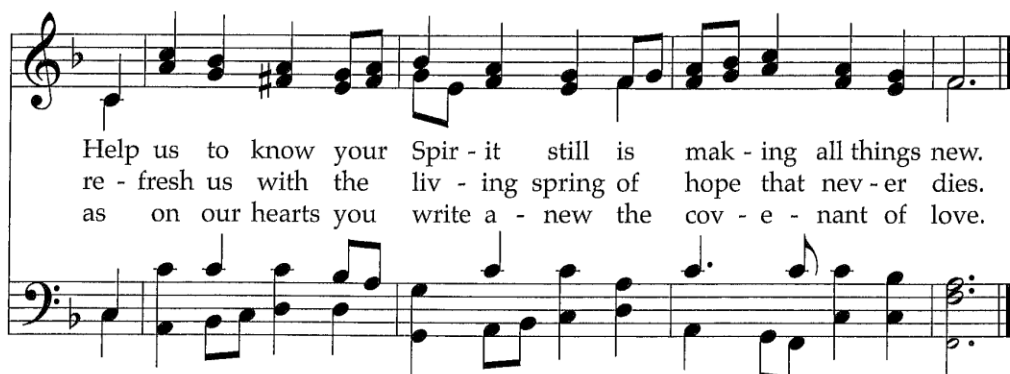
1 O God, who gives us life and breath, who shapes us in the womb,
 2 O God, who calls your peo-ple out to ven-ture and to dare,
 3 O God of cov-e - nant and law, re - vealed in cloud and flame,



who guards our lives from birth to death, then leads us from the tomb:
 to plumb the bleak a - byss of doubt and find you e - ven there:
 your might - y deeds e - voke our awe; we dare not speak your name.



de - liv - er us from fears that kill the life we have from you.
 when we de-spair in wan - der - ing through wastes of emp - ty lies,
 Yet we by faith are drawn to you and will your peo - ple prove,



Help us to know your Spir - it still is mak - ing all things new.
 re - fresh us with the liv - ing spring of hope that nev - er dies.
 as on our hearts you write a - new the cov - e - nant of love.

Confession and Pardon

Leader: God our Redeemer, we confess that we are people of ashes and dust.

You have claimed us in your covenant, yet we forget your steadfast love.

You seek us out in the wilderness, yet we continue to wander in our sin.

Forgive us, God of grace. Wash us clean, once again, so that we may return to you and follow your holy way.

(Please join together for a time of silent prayer)

Leader: Goodness is stronger than evil;

love is stronger than hate;

light is stronger than darkness;

life is stronger than death;

victory is ours through him who loves us. *-Bishop Desmond Tutu*

**Gloria Patri - Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen, amen.**

Children's Message

Prayer for Illumination

Leader: Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed,
we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Reading: Ecclesiastes 5:8-20

⁸ If you see in a province the oppression of the poor and the violation of justice and right, do not be amazed at the matter; for the high official is watched by a higher, and there are yet higher ones over them.

⁹ But all things considered, this is an advantage for a land: a king for a ploughed field.

¹⁰ The lover of money will not be satisfied with money; nor the lover of wealth, with gain. This also is vanity.

¹¹ When goods increase, those who eat them increase; and what gain has their owner but to see them with his eyes?

¹² Sweet is the sleep of labourers, whether they eat little or much; but the surfeit of the rich will not let them sleep.

3. *continued....*

¹³ There is a grievous ill that I have seen under the sun: riches were kept by their owners to their hurt, ¹⁴and those riches were lost in a bad venture; though they are parents of children, they have nothing in their hands.

¹⁵As they came from their mother's womb, so they shall go again, naked as they came; they shall take nothing for their toil, which they may carry away with their hands.

¹⁶This also is a grievous ill: just as they came, so shall they go; and what gain do they have from toiling for the wind?

¹⁷Besides, all their days they eat in darkness, in much vexation and sickness and resentment.

¹⁸This is what I have seen to be good: it is fitting to eat and drink and find enjoyment in all the toil with which one toils under the sun the few days of the life God gives us; for this is our lot.

¹⁹Likewise all to whom God gives wealth and possessions and whom he enables to enjoy them, and to accept their lot and find enjoyment in their toil—this is the gift of God.

²⁰For they will scarcely brood over the days of their lives, because God keeps them occupied with the joy of their hearts.

Reading: Exodus 23:10-13

¹⁰ For six years you shall sow your land and gather in its yield; ¹¹ but the seventh year you shall let it rest and lie fallow, so that the poor of your people may eat; and what they leave the wild animals may eat. You shall do the same with your vineyard, and with your olive orchard.

¹² Six days you shall do your work, but on the seventh day you shall rest, so that your ox and your donkey may have relief, and your homeborn slave and the resident alien may be refreshed.

¹³ Be attentive to all that I have said to you. Do not invoke the names of other gods; do not let them be heard on your lips.

Leader: We proclaim Christ crucified – the wisdom and power of God.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Anthem

Praise Team

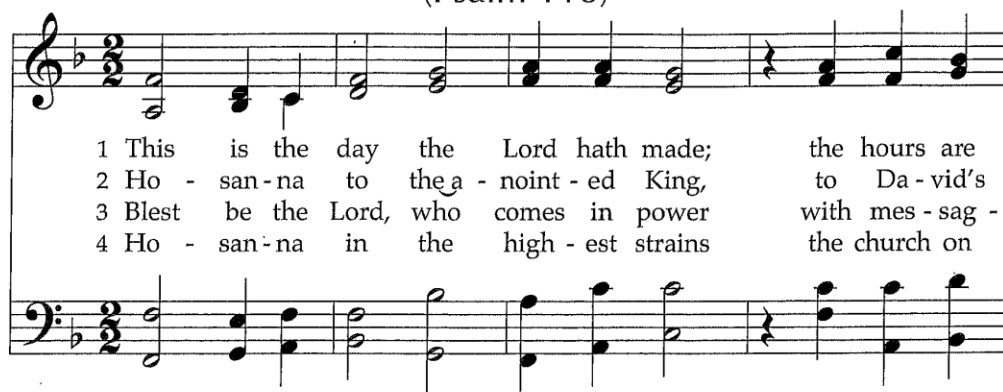
Sermon

Rev. Doug Hagler

Hymn

"This Is the Day the Lord Hath Made"

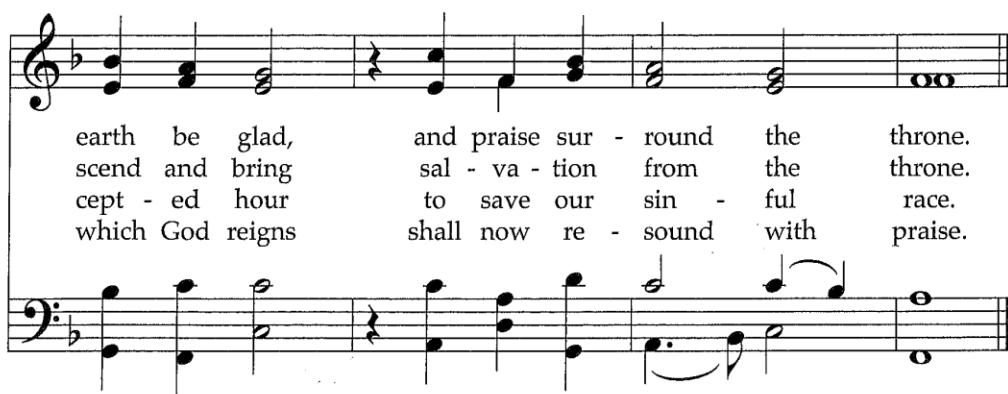
(Psalm 118)



1 This is the day the Lord hath made; the hours are
 2 Ho - san - na to the a - noint - ed King, to Da - vid's
 3 Blest be the Lord, who comes in power with mes - sag -
 4 Ho - san - na in the high - est strains the church on



all God's own. Let heaven re - joice; let
 ho - ly Son! Help us, O Lord; de -
 es of grace, who comes in this ac -
 earth can raise! The high - est heavens in



earth be glad, and praise sur - round the throne.
 scend and bring sal - va - tion from the throne.
 cept - ed hour to save our sin - ful race.
 which God reigns shall now re - sound with praise.

Offering Reminder

Joys & Concerns

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.

Hymn

"There Is a Place of Quiet Rest"

1 There is a place of qui - et rest, near to the heart of God,
2 There is a place of com - fort sweet, near to the heart of God,
3 There is a place of full re - lease, near to the heart of God,

a place where sin can - not mo - lest, near to the heart of God.
a place where we our Sav - ior meet, near to the heart of God.
a place where all is joy and peace, near to the heart of God.

Refrain

O Je - sus, blest Re - deem - er, sent from the heart of God,

hold us, who wait be - fore thee, near to the heart of God.

TEXT and MUSIC: Cleland Boyd McAfee, 1901

Benediction
Postlude

Rev. Doug Hagler



Palm Sunday Worship

March 28th at 10:30 am

Maundy Thursday Communion Service

April 1st at 7:30 pm

Easter Sunday Worship

April 4th at 10:30 am

Staff Vacations

Sue Smith will be on vacation on Monday, March 15th.

Sarah Shulman will be on vacation on Sunday, March 21st.

First Presbyterian Church Grab and Go Event

Featured items: Winter clothing for adults, children, and infants

When: Saturday, March 20th from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

*Rain date is March 27th from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Where: 145 Main Street, Phoenixville, PA, (back parking lot)

Please.... wear a mask, respect 6ft personal distance, and bring tote bags to carry your treasures home.

Book Club

The **Antiracism Book Club's** next meeting will be on Sunday, March 14th at 7:00 PM. The group will start a new book entitled "Black Radical: The Life and Times of William Monroe Trotter". The introduction and Chapter 1 will be reviewed today. All are welcome to [Zoom](#) in to learn, listen, and chat.

March Mission- 31 days of giving- Let's Help Refill PACS Pantry

Phoenixville Area Community Services PACS, aspires to be the lead source for food insecurity in the community and FPC wants to help. During the entire month of March, you can donate nonperishable items to the FPC container in the church office. Questions? Ask Chris Wittrock (610-662-1412)

Here is a list of the most needed food items:

Peanut butter, canned pasta, mac & cheese, jelly/jam, cooking oil, canned meat pasta sauce, syrup, pancake mix, condiments, oatmeal (not instant), butter and margarine, rice, snack foods, baking mixes (with icing), spices/seasonings.

Here are the non-food items needed that CANNOT be purchased with SNAP dollars:

Deodorant, Feminine Products, Pet Food (Cats & Dogs), Dish Soap, Toothpaste, Toilet Paper, Baby Diapers (Sizes 4, 5, 6), Laundry Soap, Shampoo/Conditioner, Paper Towels, Baby Wipes, and cleaning supplies.

Prayer Requests

Joys:

Concerns:

Prayer Chain & Prayer Requests

To request prayers, you can fill out a card in the worship service, drop a note off in the church office or email Amy at fpcprayerchain1@gmail.com and members will be lifting you up in prayer. You may also call Sue Smith at [\(610\) 933-8816](tel:6109338816) and she will forward your requests on to Amy. Anyone interested in being a Prayer Warrior should email Amy.

Zoom “Painting with Jackie” Event

Today is the last day to sign up for our "Painting With Jackie" event. We will be painting together under Jackie's guidance via zoom next Sunday, March 21 at 2:00. All painting supplies will be provided, and all ages are welcome. It will be a fun way to spend some time together, and create a piece of art. Please register by clicking this [Sign-Up Genius link](#) or call Lynne Williams at 610-415-1581.

Lenten Devotional

This year's suggested Lenten Devotional is [*"The Way to Shalom"*](#) from [Presbyterians Today](#). Engage in this journey to peace and wholeness. Each week will have a new theme covering one of the many definitions of shalom. Discover how to receive this gift and to give it back to the world. [Click here](#) to view, download, or print a copy. Hard copies are available in the church office and can be picked up on Wednesdays.

Scrip Gift Card Orders

We will be placing orders for gift cards every other Wednesday in March. (March 3 and March 17).

If you would like to place an order, please call Lynne Williams at: 610-415-1581 (home) or 610-955-4749 (cell).

You may mail your check to Lynne or drop it off at her home, (14 Schofield Road, Phoenixville, PA 19460). We will complete the order forms for you.

Orders and checks must be received by the day before the orders are placed (March 2 & March 16). Please make checks payable to “First Presbyterian Church DR”. Thank you...Thank you for continuing to support this program!

Joys and Concerns Live

Join Pastor Doug virtually on Sundays at 11:45 a.m. to share some happiness, heartache, or anything in between and lift up each other in spirit. Join Zoom meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87345268002>
Meeting ID: 873 4526 8002 One tap mobile +13017158592

Parish Life Zoom Recap

It was an evening of laughter...and groans...and even some cringing. Yes, Wednesday evening was "Joke Night"...and it's official...Jack may have been "out-joked"!!!
"Jokester Jack" showed up with a target on his shirt...and Maggie took aim !! After an intense hour of jokes about elephants...and Star Wars...and three people in a bar...and a joke about toilet paper in a confessional booth.....Maggie won the night with a joke about a suppository in an old lady's ear...oh my!!! Maggie then ended the evening with a "Prayer of Senility"...Amen!
We also enjoyed seeing the results of the FPC Cartoons that we helped caption the previous week. We are sure that some of these may find their way to the Beat!?!
Now...we hope that you will join us for our next FPC Coffee House...this Thursday at 7:30...as we once again will be entertained by some of our own very talented musicians.
Ann Miller, Becky Sinapius and Lynne Williams the for Parish Life Committee

One Great Hour of Sharing

As Christians we are called to love one another more deeply by sharing what we have with those in need. One way to answer this call is through our gifts to "One Great Hour of Sharing". This is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to help our neighbors in need around the world. A gift to this offering enables the church to share God's love by providing relief to those affected by natural disasters, by providing food to the hungry, and by helping to empower the poor and the oppressed.

During the season of Lent we invite you to give generously to "One Great Hour of Sharing". Envelopes are available in your offering envelope boxes, or you may send a check with OGHS noted in the memo line.

Offerings will be received throughout Lent, with a special dedication on Palm Sunday, March 28.

We may not be together in the sanctuary or in Sunday School, but together we can once again help change the lives of many.

Thank you for your life changing offering.



Easter Flowers

Now is the time to start thinking about decorating for Easter --- and everyone has a chance to share in it. The Worship and Music Committee would like to encourage everyone to think about ordering a lily or tulip plant that will be used to beautify our worship service on Easter Sunday.

As in the past, you may give an Easter flower in memory of a loved one, to honor a person, or to express appreciation for someone who has played a special part in your life or in the life of the church. Or you may just want to help to make our worship space beautiful for Easter!

The cost for each plant is \$8.50.

Please drop off, mail or email your order to the Church office **by March 21st**.

Thank you for your participation! We look forward to seeing a beautiful display on Easter Sunday.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Number of lilies (4 blooms) ordered (\$8.50 each) _____

Number of tulips (5 blooms) ordered (\$8.50 each) _____

Total cost: \$ _____

Flowers may be picked up on:

Easter Sunday, April 4th from 12:00n - 1:00pm; or

Wed., April 7th from 9am - 4pm in the office; or

call Ken Brown to make other arrangements. (610-209-1947).

Acknowledgment for bulletin:

Given by: _____

In memory of: _____

In honor of: _____

In appreciation for: _____

“We Are” Vigils

Pastor Doug and other community leaders will be hosting vigils in support of Black Lives Matter via Zoom on the first Thursday of the month and ‘live’ at the corner of Main and Bridge on the third Thursday of the month, both at 7:00 pm. If you would like to join the Zoom vigil, you can contact Pastor Doug or click on the link that is in The Beat.

Text Messaging

FPC's **text messaging** service is a great way to get notifications and links for church events sent right to your smart phone. If interested, please text your first and last name to **484-302- 8168**.

Appalachia Service Project (ASP)

Did you know FPC is going on a mission trip next summer? We'll be traveling to Appalachia in July to serve families in need of home repair. All are welcome to join! To learn more, contact Sarah Shulman at: sarahsjs14@gmail.com.

Good Works Volunteers

If anyone is interested in volunteering with Good Works, please contact Chris Wittrock to learn about the program and ways you can make a difference in Phoenixville and the surrounding areas. (cwittrock22@gmail.com)
<http://www.goodworksinc.org/>

Upcoming Scripture Readings

March 21st: Genesis 1:26-2:4; Psalm 148

March 28th: Philippians 2:5-11; Mark 11:1-11

April 4th (Easter): Acts 10:34-43; Mark 16:1-8

This Week in the Life of the Church

Sunday, March 14th

11:45 a.m. Joys & Concerns via Zoom link

12:30 p.m. Worship & Music Committee meeting via Zoom link

5:30 p.m. Moe's Dinner Pick Up (Main Street parking lot)

7:00 p.m. Antiracism Book Club meeting via Zoom link

Monday, March 15th No events scheduled.

Tuesday, March 16th

7:15 p.m. Christian Education Committee meeting via Zoom link

Wednesday, March 17th No events scheduled.

Thursday, March 18th

10:00 a.m. Food ministry (kitchen)

1:00 p.m. Women, Infants & Children (fellowship hall & back parking lot)

7:30 p.m. Parish Life Zoom Event

Friday, March 19th

1:00 p.m. Women, Infants & Children (fellowship hall & back parking lot)

Saturday, March 20th

1:00 p.m. Free winter clothing give-away (back parking lot)

Sunday, March 21st

8:30 a.m. Bible study via Zoom link

10:30 a.m. WORSHIP SERVICE – via Youtube channel

11:45 a.m. Joys & Concerns via Zoom link

2:00 p.m. Painting With Jackie event via Zoom link

7:00 p.m. Antiracism Book Club via Zoom link

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