

Today's service will be broadcast LIVE via the internet and recorded for viewing anytime. Where indicated by the asterisk (*), please stand if you can do so comfortably.

Prelude

"Come, Let Us Eat"

Arr. J. Carter

Welcome

Rev. Doug Hagler

Sharing the Peace

Please remain socially distant while greeting others at the service.

Announcements

Sarah Shulman

* Call to Worship (unison) From the Westminster Confession of Faith Sue Shier Our Lord Jesus, in the night wherein he was betrayed, instituted the sacrament of his body and blood, called the Lord's Supper,

to be observed in his Church unto the end of the world; for the perpetual remembrance of the sacrifice of himself in his death, the sealing all benefits thereof unto true believers, their spiritual nourishment and growth in him, their further engagement in and to all duties which they owe unto him; and to be a bond and pledge of their communion with him, and with each other, as members of his mystical body.

* Hymn "As Dew Falls Gently at Dawn" (Page 9 of the bulletin)

(Please be seated.)

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Holy, triune God, we confess that we have not lived for your glory. You came to love and save the world, but we condemn others in your name. You send us out to tell the good news, but we hide from our calling in fear. Forgive us, God of grace.

Give us new life in your Spirit so that we may serve you faithfully and live as your beloved children.

(Silent prayer and reflection)

Assurance of Pardon

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

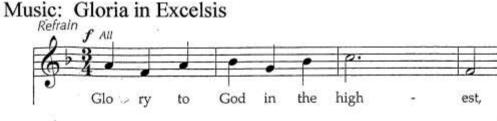
Music: "Kyrie Eleison" (Page 4 of the hymnal)



Leader: Now stand firm in your trust, covered by the saving grace of God and ready to proclaim the gospel of peace.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.







Children's Message

Children should remain with their parents during the message. After the message, parents may escort their child upstairs to the childcare room or children may remain in the sanctuary.

Prayer for Illumination

Sue Shier

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.

Listen for what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Reading: Exodus 16:2-4

Sue Shier

Reading: John 6:24-35

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² The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. ³ The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

⁴ Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not.

²⁴So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

²⁵When they found him on the other side of the lake, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" ²⁶Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal."

²⁸Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?"
²⁹Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." ³⁰So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?

³¹Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" ³²Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

34They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

³⁵Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

Anthem

Praise Team

Sermon

Rev. Doug Hagler

* Hymn "One Bread, One Body" (Page 8 of the bulletin) (Please be seated.)

Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Leader: This is the joyful feast of the people of God!

People will come from north and from south from east and from west to sit at table in the kingdom of God.

Music: "The Lord be with you." (Page 9 of the hymnal)



Great Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison) (Dionysius of Alexandria, died 264 CE) God, good beyond all that is good, fair beyond all that is fair, in you is calmness, peace and concord.

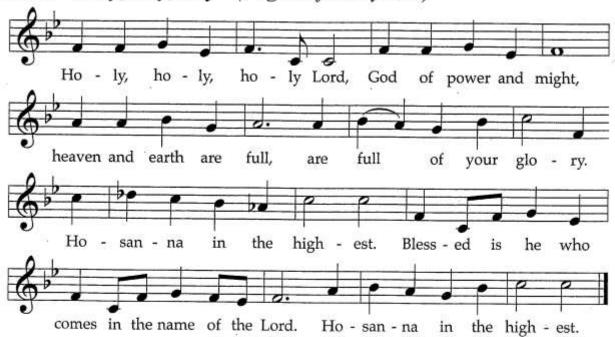
Heal the dissensions that divide us from one another and bring us back to the unity of love bearing some likeness to your divine nature.

Through the embrace of love and the bonds of godly affection, make us one in the Spirit by your peace which makes all things peaceful.

(unison) (Saint Benedict, 480-547 CE)

O gracious and holy Father, give us wisdom to perceive you, intelligence to understand you, patience to wait for you, eyes to see you, a heart to meditate on you, and a life to proclaim you, through the power of the Spirit of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Music: "Holy, holy, holy" (Page 9 of the hymnal)



Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and Cup

This morning we will share communion at a distance.

Prayer after Communion (unison) From the Nicene Creed
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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.

Sung Amen (Page 11 of the hymnal)



Tithes and Offerings

If you wish to share your offering during in-person worship, there is an offering plate in the Narthex in which you can place it.

We will not be passing offering plates for the time being.

* Doxology (Hymn #606)

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. Amen.

* Prayer of Dedication

Elder: Jewell Baker

(Please be seated)

Joys and Concerns

Those joining us online may not be able to hear all of the prayer requests shared during worship. Please speak loudly and clearly when sharing your request. We would be happy to read your request for you as long as it's submitted to Sue Smith by Thursday.

The Lord's Prayer

Postlude

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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 "You Are My Strength When I Am Weak" (Page 11 of the bulletin)
- * Benediction Rev. Doug Hagler The pastor will not be positioned at the door but will greet you outside on the church lawn.

Praise Team One Bread, One Body Refrain G D One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of D G D G Em A Em all, of bless ing which we one cup C G C G C G And we, though man-y, through-out the D G Em (C) Fine -0 earth. y in this we are one bod -Lord. G D Em D Em 1 Gen - tile or ser - vant gifts, 2 Man - y the man - y 3 Grain for the fields, scat-tered and to Refrain Em7 Am D free. wom - an or man, no more. works, one in the Lord of all.

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As Dew Falls Gently at Dawn



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You Are My Strength When I Am Weak



Staff Vacations

Sue Smith, office manager, will be on vacation from Thursday, Aug. 5th thru Monday, Aug. 9th.

Household Care Packages

As you know, MAC and FPC Families have been working with Nina Guzman at Alianzas de Phoenixville to identify ways FPC can help families prepare for the upcoming school season. We began our project thinking "backpacks" but that need has already been met by others in the community. Nina helped us identify a new project that is simple, and will help single-parent families with urgent household needs.

Our new project is to coordinate **household care packages**, containing the following Dollar Store items: Laundry Detergent, Dish Liquid, Shampoo and Conditioner, Bath Soap, Toilet Paper and Toothpaste. The cost of each package will be around \$10/family. We are discussing the logistics at our next Christian Education/Christian Growth Meeting and will share with the congregation via the bulletin.

Feel free to stock up on these general items if you know you want to participate. Thanks in advance for your support.

Women's Circle

Ladies of our church,

Chris Wittrock and I spent the weekend of July 9-11th attending the Bible Study Workshop at Stony Point Retreat Center led by Rev. Jane DeFord. We met with other Circle leaders, mostly from New York and New Jersey, to review the Horizon Study for this year "What My Grandmothers Taught Me". We think this will be a great study with so much to learn from the women in Jesus' family tree and at the same time share what we've learned from our grandmothers.

Please join us on August 15th as we kick off 2021-2022 Circle year with a LADIES TEA. We will gather in the parlor following worship to share memories of our grandmothers as we enjoy some of the goodies she may have made.

Jewell Baker, for Presbyterian Women

Prayer Requests

Joys:

Concerns: Turrey Kepler; David

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 fe10) 933-8816 and she will forward your requests on to Amy. Anyone interested in being a Prayer Warrior should email Amy.

Speaking Out Against Hunger and Poverty

Thanks to all who participated in the **Offering of Letters**, held on Zoom on Wednesday, May 26 and completed in a dedication service during worship on June 6. Our congregation sent 27 letters to members of Congress, urging them to protect important programs like SNAP and tax credits for low-income families. We also encouraged them to increase U.S. leader-ship and funding for global nutrition programs.

Members of Congress often emphasize that constituent letters do influence their decision-making and actions. So, thanks again to all who participated in this important effort on behalf of the poor and hungry among us.

Scrip Gift Card Orders

The Scrip program continues...even throughout the summer! We will be placing orders for gift cards every other **Wednesday** (**Aug. 4 & Aug. 18**).

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 (**Aug. 3 & Aug. 17**). Please make checks payable to "First Presbyterian Church DR".

Thank you...Thank you for continuing to support this program! The Stewardship Committee 13.

Free Yarn

Are you a knitter? Do you crochet?

A very generous donation of yarn has come our way...15 tubs plus multiple bags of yarn are awaiting you in the old Library (most recently the office for The House).

Please help yourself either after church or during the week once the office is open (beginning July 11th)! Knit to donate or knit for yourself. There is a signup sheet on the table to let us know you have taken some yarn; we just want an idea of who is taking it and for what use as it disappears, nothing more than that. If you have any questions, contact Barbie Kepler, bkepler@aol.com or call/text 610-653-0126.

New Office Hours

Starting July 11th, the church office will be open every day of the week with the following schedule: Monday 9am to 4pm; Tuesday 10am to 4pm; Wednesday 9am to 4pm; Thursday 10am to 4pm; Friday 9am to 1pm

Parking Lot Attendants Needed

We continue to need volunteers to collect parking donations on **Friday** and **Saturday evenings from 5:00pm – 8:00pm**. It is a great opportunity to spend some quality time with a fellow church member, as well as a chance to interact with folks in our community. Not only does this benefit our church, but it also makes it convenient for those who park in our lot.

If you would like to help, you may sign up on the Sign-Up Genius that Sue Smith emails each Monday. If you have questions, please contact Pam Bodam at 610-496-1933.

The Stewardship Committee appreciates your help.

"We Are" Vigils

Pastor Doug and other community leaders are 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. The next "We Are" in person vigil will be held on Thursday, Aug. 19th.

Congregation B'nai Jacob, First Presbyterian Church of Phoenixville, and Alianzas de Phoenixville Present a Virtual Event

"Focusing on Inequities of Public School Funding in Pennsylvania"

Presented by: Dr. Myra Forrest; August 9th at 7:30 pm via Zoom.

Pennsylvania has the distinction of being the worst in the nation for funding inequity in our public schools.

Inequity of funding shows clear racial bias:

- -The whiter the district, with few exceptions, the more money PA state funding provides to the school district.
- -The more diverse the district, with few exceptions, the less money it receives from PA state funding.

Dr. Forrest has years of experience in public school administration and is currently the Education Advocate for the Pottstown Health and Wellness Foundation. She will discuss the legislative call to action that was based on the case study of inequitable school funding in Pottstown. She'll explain the current system for school funding, the devastating results, the harm in "hold harmless", and the Fair Funding lawsuit. She'll discuss reform legislation in Harrisburg and ways that individuals and groups can advocate for change.

To register for the Zoom link, visit https://tinyurl.com/FPCCBJ

Upcoming Scripture Readings

August 8th: Ephesians 4:25-5:2; John 6:35, 41-51 August 15th: TBA

Pub Theology

Pub Theology will return on Sunday, **August 8th at 7:00 PM** at **The Foodery**, (325 Bridge St, Phoenixville). Join Pastor Doug in a discussion of theological topics and current events over food and drinks. Listen, chat, and hash things out...it's fun and thought-provoking!

Book Club

The **Antiracism Book Club's** next meeting will be on Sunday, Aug. 22nd at 7:00 PM. The group will discuss the book entitled "Black Radical:

The Life and Times of William Monroe Trotter". All are welcome to Zoom in to learn, listen, and chat. 15.

Church Nursery

As our church is reopening, we would like to welcome back children to the nursery starting on July 11th. After the children's sermon boys and girls will be excused, accompanied by their parents, to the nursery. There will be staff to care for those in the nursery and a second room to accommodate older children. (Up to and entering 3rd grade). All staff members have been vaccinated and will be wearing masks. We are looking forward to seeing you soon.

This Week in the Life of the Church

Sunday, August 1st

11:30 a.m. Lemonade in the Shade (front sidewalk)

12:30 p.m. Deacons meeting via Zoom

5:00 p.m. Piano recital (sanctuary)

Monday, August 2nd

6:30 p.m. Zumba class (fellowship hall)

7:00 p.m. Property Committee meeting (office)

Tuesday, August 3rd

6:30 p.m. Zumba class (fellowship hall)

7:00 p.m. MAC meeting via Zoom

Wednesday, August 4th No events scheduled.

Thursday, August 5th

9:00 a.m. Women, Infants & Children (fellowship hall)

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

7:00 p.m. "We Are" virtual vigil via Zoom

Friday, August 6th

9:00 a.m. Women, Infants & Children (fellowship hall)

Saturday, August 7th

10:00 a.m. Free clothing give away (fellowship hall till noon)

Sunday, August 8th

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

11:30 a.m. Lemonade in the Shade (front sidewalk)

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

7:00 p.m. Pub Theology @ The Foodery (325 Bridge Street)

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