

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.  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCrmNs7JdvZNIpsNjs0Ds8vg>.



**Morning Worship**  
**August 22, 2021**     $\parallel$   $\parallel$   $\parallel$     **10:30 a.m.**

Prelude

Praise Team

Welcome

Rev. Doug Hagler

Sharing the Peace

Announcements

Sarah Shulman

\* Call to Worship    *Psalm 84*

Chris Wittrock

Leader: Happy are those whose strength is in you,  
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

**People: They go from strength to strength;  
the God of gods will be seen in Zion.**

Leader: Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of your anointed.

**People: For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.  
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God  
than live in the tents of wickedness.**

Leader: For the LORD God is a sun and shield;  
he bestows favor and honor.

**People: No good thing does the LORD withhold  
from those who walk uprightly.**

\* Hymn # 2

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

1 Come, thou al - might - y King, help us thy  
 2 Come, thou in - car - nate Word, mer - ci - ful,  
 3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred  
 4 To thee, great One in Three, e - ter - nal

name to sing; help us to praise:  
 might - y Lord, our prayer at - tend.  
 wit - ness bear in this glad hour.  
 prais - es be, hence ev - er - more!

Fa - ther, all glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic - to - ri - ous,  
 Come, and thy peo - ple bless, and give thy word suc - cess;  
 Thou who al - might - y art, now rule in ev - ery heart,  
 Thy sov - ereign maj - es - ty may we in glo - ry see,

come, and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.  
 Spir - it of ho - li - ness, on us de - scend.  
 and ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of power.  
 and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

TEXT: Collection of Hymns for Social Worship, 1757, alt.  
 MUSIC: Felice de Giardini, 1769, alt.

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*

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.**

\* 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.**

*(Please be seated.)*

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

Chris Wittrock

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: Joshua 24:1-2, 14-18

Chris Wittrock

<sup>24</sup> Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God.

<sup>2</sup> And Joshua said to all the people, “Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods.

<sup>14</sup> “Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord.

<sup>15</sup> Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.”

<sup>16</sup> Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; <sup>17</sup> for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; <sup>18</sup> and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land.

Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.”

## Reading: Ephesians 6:10-20

Chris Wittrock

<sup>10</sup> Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. <sup>11</sup> Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. <sup>12</sup> For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

<sup>13</sup> Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm.

<sup>14</sup> Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness.

<sup>15</sup> As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace.

<sup>16</sup> With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. <sup>17</sup> Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

<sup>18</sup> Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication.

To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints.

<sup>19</sup> Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, <sup>20</sup> for which I am an ambassador in chains.

Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

\* Hymn # 846 "Fight the Good Fight"

1 Fight the good fight with all thy might.  
 2 Run the straight race through God's good grace;  
 3 Cast care a-side; lean on thy guide.  
 4 Faint not nor fear: God's arms are near.

Christ is thy strength and Christ thy right.  
 lift up thine eyes, and seek Christ's face.  
 God's bound-less mer-cy will pro-vide.  
 God chang-eth not, and thou art dear.

Lay hold on life, and it shall be  
 Life with its way be-fore us lies;  
 Trust, and thy trust-ing soul shall prove  
 On-ly be-lieve, and thou shalt see

thy joy and crown e-ter-nal-ly.  
 Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.  
 Christ is its life, and Christ its love.  
 that Christ is all in all to thee.

TEXT: John Samuel Bewley Monsell, 1863, alt.  
 MUSIC: Attr. John Halton, c. 1793

Sermon

Rev. Doug Hagler

Anthem

Praise Team

Offering Prayer

Leader: The earth is the Lord's, and all that is in it,

**People: the world, and those who live in it.**

Leader: Freely you have received, freely give.

Let us return to God the offerings of our life and the gifts of the earth.

\* 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: George Cockerill

Joys and Concerns

*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 (*unison*)

**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 # 832 "Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand"

Refrain

Here on Je - sus Christ I will stand. He's the sol - id rock of my  
Kwa - ke Ye - su na - si - ma - ma, ndi - ye mwam - ba ni sa - la -

life. He's the sol - id rock of my life. He's the sol - id rock  
ma. Ndi - ye mwam - ba ni sa - la - ma, ndi - ye mwam - ba ni

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of my life. 1 There's no oth - er place I can hide  
sa - la - ma. 2 It is not the work of my hands  
3 When my days on this earth are done,

till the storm that rag - es sub - sides. My voice cries to God  
that has washed a - way all my sins. I'm re - deemed, and all  
and I stand at God's ho - ly throne, my heart will not have

to Refrain

from the flood, and I'm saved be - cause of his blood.  
of my days, Je - sus Christ will be my heart's praise.  
an - y fear; in Christ's righ - teous - ness I am here.

TEXT: Kenyan hymn; adapt. Greg Scheer, 2007  
MUSIC: Kenyan melody; arr. Greg Scheer, 2007  
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\* Benediction

Rev. Doug Hagler

Postlude

*“Come, Thou Almighty King”*

A.C. Whitworth

*Ken Brown will be filling in for Diane Legnini today and next Sunday.*

### **Staff Vacations**

**Rev. Hagler** will be on vacation from Monday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> thru Monday, August 30<sup>th</sup>. Rev. Robert Larson will be the supply pastor on the 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Diane Legnini** will be on vacation from Aug. 22<sup>nd</sup> thru Sept. 4<sup>th</sup>.

### **Household Care Packages**

As you know, MAC and FPC Families have been working with Nina Guzmán at Alianzas de Phoenixville to identify ways FPC can help families prepare for the upcoming school season.

Our project is simple and will help single-parent families with urgent household needs.

Our 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.

### **Virtual Journeys to Guatemala**

In last Sunday's Minute for Mission, you heard about opportunities to learn about Guatemala by taking a "Virtual Journey" (on Zoom) with the folks from CEDEPCA, the organization with whom we have worked during our visits to Guatemala. Here are the web and e-mail addresses to which I will be referring: Reverend Betsey Moe (facilitator of Virtual Journeys): [betsey@cedepca.org](mailto:betsey@cedepca.org)

To register for August 25: <https://tinyurl.com/yg2md3ll>

CEDEPCA website: : <https://cedepca.org/en/cedepca-usa/>

Questions for Jeff: [jeffmcl@icloud.com](mailto:jeffmcl@icloud.com)

## **Upcoming Scripture Readings**

August 29<sup>th</sup>: TBA, Rev. Robert Larson

Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>: Proverbs 2:1-2, 8-9, 22-23; James 2:1-10, 14-17

Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>: Proverbs 1:20-33; James 3:1-12

## **FPC'S Choir Is Back!**

It has been almost a year and a half since the FPC Choir sang from the choir loft. I have truly missed the experience of working with our Choir and have missed the musical leadership that is an important part of our worship experience.

We will be having our first rehearsal on Thursday, Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup> will be our first Sunday to lead our worship service. The choir room is usually still warm at the end of the summer, so we will gather in the sanctuary pews in air-conditioned comfort.

I am hoping to see all of our returning members and hopefully a few new ones, too.

You can always find me at the organ on Sunday morning if you have any questions about our Fall startup. See you soon! Diane Legnini

## **Book Club**

The **Antiracism Book Club's** next meeting will be on Sunday, Aug. 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

## **A Family In Need**

Bridge of Hope has a local family with children in the PXV school district who need a sponsor church to help them overcome some hurdles. You will recall the words of Rev. Scott Dorsey who visited us to discuss the concept of neighboring, sharing resources and helping a family in need.

We have four people and could use four more. Please discern (quickly) if this could be you and contact Chris Wittrock 610-662-1412 so we can get on the August training schedule with Rachel Steadman and Rev. Dorsey. Please pray for us who have volunteered and for this family.

## Prayer Requests

**Joys:** Lorie Hunsberger

**Concerns:** The woman of Afghanistan

### 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](mailto: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.

### 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.

### 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. 25)**. \*Note the date changed from the 18<sup>th</sup> to the 25<sup>th</sup>.

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. 24**). Please make checks payable to "First Presbyterian Church DR". **Thank you...Thank you** for continuing to support this program! The Stewardship Committee

## **Pub Theology**

Pub Theology will return on Sunday, **September 12<sup>th</sup>** 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!

## **Church Nursery**

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.

## **On-Line Giving**

There is a new feature on the FPC website! Check out the **DONATE** button on the [home page](#). On-line giving is really convenient now. Simply click the button, enter an amount on the Faithlife page, and then click the Next button to finish the process. Thanks for your support!

## **This Week in the Life of the Church**

### **Sunday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>**

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

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

### **Monday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>**

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

### **Tuesday, August 24<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Wednesday, August 25<sup>th</sup>** No events scheduled.

### **Thursday, August 26<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Friday, August 27<sup>th</sup>** No events scheduled.

**Saturday, August 28<sup>th</sup>** No events scheduled.

### **Sunday, August 29<sup>th</sup>**

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

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

Rev. Douglas Hagler, [Pastor145@comcast.net](mailto:Pastor145@comcast.net); 415-300-7912 (cell)  
Diane Legnini, Director of Music; Sarah Shulman, Praise Team Leader  
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### **Church Office Hours**

Monday & Wednesday: 9:00am – 4:00pm

Tuesday & Thursday: 10:00am – 4:00pm

Friday: 9:00am – 1:00pm

*Note: Pastor Doug's day off is Friday each week.*

*Please respect his day off unless there is an emergency.*

#### **Elders on Session**

George Cockerill	484-302-1227
Jeanie Osterhoudt	610-331-7835
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Lynne Williams	610-415-1581
Mike Eitl	610-650-8011
Kathryn Grocki	610-933-6252
Ron Williams	610-505-1977
Chris Wittrock	610-662-1412
Ken Brown	610-933-6188
Kevin Carrabine	610-933-2318
Ann Miller	610-554-6391
Roger Warwick	610-458-7080
Jewell Baker (Clerk)	484-459-3585

#### **Board of Deacons**

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Karen Drummond	610-952-1242
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