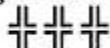


This Sunday's worship service will be streamed live over the internet at 10:30 a.m. and will be available to the public. It will be broadcast on FPC's YouTube Channel - "FPC Phoenixville".

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

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCrmNs7JdvZnJpsNjsODs8vg>.

Morning Worship

August 29, 2021  10:30 a.m.

"Blessed Assurance"

Prelude

Welcome

Sharing the Peace

Announcements

* Call to Worship *Based on Psalm 15*

* Hymn # 610 "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

P. Knapp

Sue Casey, Elder

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Rev. Robert Larson



TEXT: Charles Wesley, 1739, alt.; Spanish trans. Federico J. Pagura; Korean trans. The United Methodist Korean Hymnal Committee, 2001
MUSIC: Carl Gottlieb Gläser, 1828; arr. Lowell Mason, 1839
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* Opening Prayer

Rev. Robert Larson

Call to Confession (*unison*)

Rev. Robert Larson

**Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open,
all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the convicting power of your Holy Spirit,
that we may more truly love you
and more worthily worship your holy name.
Then enable us to go from here
rejoicing in your forgiving love
and more determined to live as Christ showed us,
loving you and one another by the guiding power of your Word
and Spirit.
We pray in the name of your Son, our Lord, Jesus the Messiah.**

(Silent prayer and reflection)

Assurance of Pardon

Rev. Robert Larson

* 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.**

Reading: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 5-9

Rev. Robert Larson

So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. ²You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the LORD your God with which I am charging you.

⁵ See, just as the LORD my God has charged me, I now teach you statutes and ordinances for you to observe in the land that you are about to enter and occupy.

⁶ You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!"

2. *continued....*

⁷ For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is whenever we call to him? ⁸ And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

⁹ But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children—

Reading: Mark 7:1-13

Rev. Robert Larson

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, ² they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them.

³ (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; ⁴ and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.)

⁵ So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?"

⁶ He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, 'This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me;

⁷ in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.'

⁸ You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."

⁹ Then he said to them, "You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God in order to keep your tradition!

¹⁰ For Moses said, 'Honor your father and your mother'; and, 'Whoever speaks evil of father or mother must surely die.'

¹¹ But you say that if anyone tells father or mother, 'Whatever support you might have had from me is Corban'

(that is, an offering to God)— ¹² then you no longer permit doing anything for a father or mother,

¹³ thus making void the word of God through your tradition that you have handed on. And you do many things like this."

* Hymn # 729 "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

1 Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart, in my heart;
 2 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart, in my heart;
 3 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart, in my heart;
 4 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart, in my heart;

Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart.

In my heart, in my heart,
 In my heart, in my heart,
 In my heart, in my heart,

Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart.

Sermon "A Matter of the Heart" Rev. Robert Larson

Musical Meditation "Song of Peace" J. Langlais

Tithes and Offerings Jeanie Osterhoudt, Elder

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

Jeanie Osterhoudt, Elder

Joys and Concerns

Sue Casey, Elder

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 # 450 "Be Thou My Vision"

Capo 1: (D)
E^b

(G)
A^b

(D/F#)
E^b/G

(A7)
B^b7

(D)
E^b

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;
3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;
4 High King of Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

(A)
B^b

(D)
E^b

(G)
A^b

(A)
B^b

naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

(G)
A^b

(D)
E^b

(F#m7)
Gm7

(G)
A^b

(A)
B^b

thou my best thought, by day or by night,
thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower;
thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

(Bm)
Cm

(D/F#)
E^b/G

(G)
A^b

(D)
E^b

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
raise thou me heaven - ward, O Power of my power.
High King of Heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

TEXT: Irish poem; trans. Mary E. Byrne, 1905; vers. Eleanor Hull, 1912, alt.
MUSIC: Irish ballad; harm. David Evans, 1927
Music Harm. © 1927 Oxford University Press

* Charge and Blessing

Rev. Robert Larson

Postlude

"If You But Trust in God to Guide You"

G. Neumark

*Today we welcome **Rev. Robert Larson** to the pulpit.*

The Reverend Robert E. Larson, Jr. (better known as Bob) is an honorably retired member of Donegal Presbytery living in Lancaster. He and his wife of 55 years, Dorothy E. Larson, (better known as Dotty) have four grown children and seven growing grandchildren. Bob is a graduate of Wheaton College, IL, B.A., Princeton Theological Seminary, M.Div., Gettysburg Seminary, S.T.M., and Lancaster Seminary, D. Min. He also studied at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland, and Harvard Divinity School. Having been ordained by the Presbytery of Carlisle in 1965, Bob has been serving Christ as a pastor, teacher, and executive director for 56 years. His specialty for 15 of those years was as an Interim Pastor, during which time he served seven different congregations. Dotty is a Registered Nurse, R.N., having graduated from the Presbyterian School of Nursing in Philadelphia. From 2003 to 2013 Bob and Dotty lived in Philadelphia where they provided homestays for 66 international students who came to Penn and Drexel from 13 different counties to learn English. Together, the Larsons have traveled the world visiting Europe, the Middle East, Africa, Asia, and Australia/New Zealand.

***Ken Brown** is filling in for **Diane Legnini** today as the guest organist.*

Staff Vacations

Rev. Hagler will return from vacation on Monday, August 30th.

Diane Legnini will be on vacation from Aug. 22nd thru Sept. 4th.

Sarah Shulman is on vacation today and will return next Sunday.

New Church Treasurer Email

Should you have a question about your church donations or would like to contact the church treasurer, you may reach that person at:

fpctreasurer145@gmail.com

Upcoming Scripture Readings

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

Sept. 12th: Proverbs 1:20-33; James 3:1-12

Household Care Packages for Alianzas

Helping 42, single-parent families with urgent household needs.

MAC & the FPC Families groups are inviting you to help with providing household care packages for Alianzas. Here are the details:

- Participate on your own or with a friend, sign-up to provide one bag or several bags, or provide a monetary donation and we will do the shopping for you.
- Monetary donations can be made by check, payable to FPC, memo line MAC/FPC-Families and mailed or dropped at the office prior to Sep 12th.

Please purchase items as they are listed here to ensure each family receives the same amount of items for a gift. Most items can be found at the Dollar Store for a total cost \$10 or less per care package.

- A re-usable grocery bag filled with the following items:
 - 1 pack of 4-roll toilet paper
 - 1 20 ounce bottle of liquid dish soap
 - 1 laundry detergent, standard size (not mega)
 - 1 bottle shampoo
 - 1 bottle conditioner
 - 1 pack of 4 bath soap (or a variety of single bars)
 - 2 tubes toothpaste

Please bring your filled bags to the office or to Sunday worship between Aug 23rd and Sep 12th

Our Sunday school kids will be making cards to go in each bag, making this project extra special.

Thank you for your participation and for your prayers for these families.

Open Forum at the Personnel Meeting

Everyone is welcome to share their feelings about the job performances of the church staff at the next Personnel meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 14th from 7:00-7:30 p.m. **in the Parlor**. Responses will be kept strictly confidential. We'd like to have you share your experiences with us.

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. 9th, at 7:00 p.m. Sunday, September 12th 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, Sept. 26th at 7:00 PM. The group will discuss a new book. All are welcome to [Zoom](#) in to learn, listen, and chat.

Prayer Requests

Joys: The Blackburn's 57th wedding anniversary

Concerns: Sarah Shulman's uncle; Jean Eldridge; Newborn baby;
A friend's husband who has cancer; Bill & Nancy

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:(610)933-8816) and she will forward your requests on to Amy. Anyone interested in being a Prayer Warrior should email Amy.

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!

Parking Lot Attendants Needed

First of all, a huge **thank you** goes out to the many volunteers who have helped in the parking lot the past four months.

Thank you...Thank you...Thank you!!

We will continue to need volunteers to collect parking donations on **Friday and Saturday evenings from 5:00pm – 8:00pm** during the month of **September**. There may also be an additional event on Saturday afternoon, September 25th.

As always, this 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.

Pub Theology

Pub Theology will return on Sunday, **September 12th 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!

Scrip Gift Card Orders

September is a great month to order gift cards!!! Actually...Christmas is coming...this may be a good time to start planning ahead!! (Ho..Ho..Ho..) We will be placing orders for gift cards every other **Wednesday (Sept. 8 & Sept. 22)**. 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 (**Sept. 7 & Sept. 21**). Please make checks payable to "First Presbyterian Church DR". **As always...Thank you** for continuing to support this program. The Stewardship Committee

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.

“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, Sept. 2nd.

September Birthdays

Sept. 1st: Cora Carlino
Sept. 2nd: Bob Wittrock
Sept. 4th: Eileen Naughton
Sept. 6th: Celia Breden, Pat Guthan, Ann Miller,
Mary Tyson
Sept. 10th: Kevin Carrabine, Ridge Palko
Sept. 11th: Adam Kleppinger
Sept. 13th: Judy Tonkin
Sept. 15th: Jack Skutch
Sept. 16th: Sandy Rittenbaugh
Sept. 18th: Sue Shier
Sept. 24th: Connie Wilson
Sept. 25th: Martha Mandrusiak
Sept. 27th: Karin Goodman, Ann Moskowitz



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.

This Week in the Life of the Church

Sunday, August 29th

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

Monday, August 30th 6:30 p.m. Zumba class (fellowship hall)

Tuesday, August 31st

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

7:30 p.m. Session meeting via Zoom

Wednesday, September 1st No events scheduled.

Thursday, September 2nd

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 *continued...*

Friday, September 3rd

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

Saturday, September 4th No events scheduled.

Sunday, September 5th

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. Deacons meeting via Zoom

Monday, September 6th *Labor Day, Church office closed*

Rev. Douglas Hagler, Pastor145@comcast.net; 415-300-7912 (cell)
Diane Legnini, Director of Music; Sarah Shulman, Praise Team Leader
Maggie O'Malley, Communications Coordinator,

FPCcommunications@comcast.net

Sue Smith, Office Manager, secretaryfpc145@gmail.com
Church Telephone: 610-933-8816; Website: fpc-phoenixville.org
Church Treasurer: fpc treasurer145@gmail.com

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
Becky Sinapius	610-983-9644
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

Gail Landazuri	610-608-5662
Mona Sabia	610-506-9925
Barb White	610-935-7242
Pam Bodam	610-496-1933
Karen Drummond	610-952-1242
Paulette Mark	610-935-2749
Bob Wittrock	610-662-1412
Jen Johnson	610-831-5466
Gail Schnaedter	610-666-5402
Kathy Thais	610-933-8983
Ellen Williams	484-988-0174