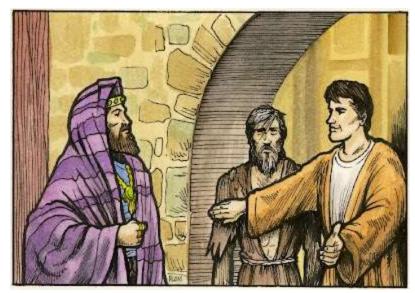
This Sunday's worship service will be streamed live over the internet at 10:30 a.m. and will be available to the public. It will be broadcast on FPC's YouTube Channel - "FPC Phoenixville".

The recorded version will be available for "anytime" viewing. https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCrmNs7JdvZNJpsNjs0Ds8vg.



Morning Worship September 5, 2021 ♯♯♯ 10:30 a.m.

Prelude

"Jesu, Jesu, Fill us With Your Love"

Arr. Mark Sedio

Welcome

Rev. Doug Hagler

Sharing the Peace

Please remain socially distant while greeting others at the service.

Announcements Sarah Shulman

* Call to Worship (unison) Psalm 125:1-5

¹Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abides forever.

²As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the LORD surrounds his people, from this time on and forevermore.

⁴Do good, O LORD, to those who are good, and to those who are upright in their hearts.





Prayer of Confession (unison)

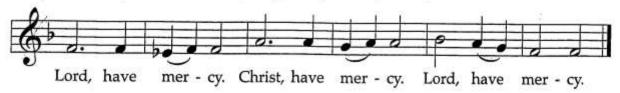
Holy, triune God, we confess that we have not lived for your glory. You came to love and save the world, but we condemn others in your name. You send us out to tell the good news, but we hide from our calling in fear. Forgive us, God of grace. Give us new life in your Spirit so that we may serve you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

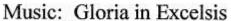
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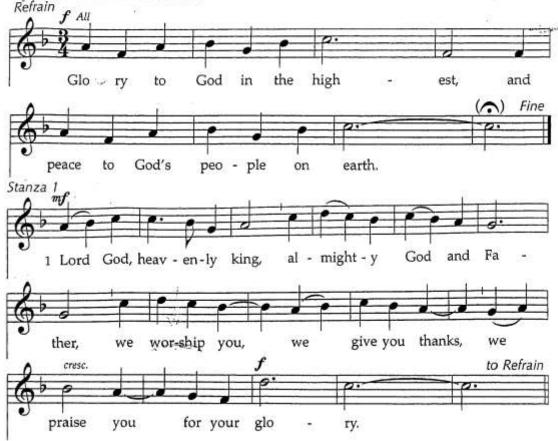


Leader: Now stand firm in your trust, covered by the saving grace of God and ready to proclaim the gospel of peace.

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

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: Proverbs 2:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

¹A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favor is better than silver or gold.

²The rich and the poor have this in common: the LORD is the maker of them all.

⁸Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity, and the rod of anger will fail.

⁹Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor.

²²Do not rob the poor because they are poor, or crush the afflicted at the gate;
 ²³for the LORD pleads their cause and despoils of life those who despoil them.

Reading: James 2:1-10, (11-13), 14-17

¹My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ?

²For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, ³and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say,

5. continued...

"Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," ⁴have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts?

⁵Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters.

Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? ⁶But you have dishonored the poor.

Is it not the rich who oppress you?

Is it not they who drag you into court?

⁷Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

⁸You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

⁹But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors.

¹⁰For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

¹¹For the one who said, 'You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder."

Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law.

¹²So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty.

¹³For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.

¹⁴What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works?

Can faith save you?

¹⁵If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food,

¹⁶and one of you says to them,

"Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that?

17So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

Anthem

Praise Team

Sermon

Rev. Doug Hagler

* Hymn # 766 "The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound" 1 The church of Christ can not be bound by and True faith will the door 0 pen up 3 True dly by when love will not sit what have ly share to we we free 5 The church of Christ not be bound by can Where char - i walls of stone. wood or the True seek step in to street. ser - vice will de hears the jus - tice nied. True mer - cy tend the meet our neigh - bor's need, then we ex wood or Where char - i and walls of stone. love found, there the church be known. are can out the poor and ask to wash their feet. home - less and comes them side. cry wel Spir it's care through ev ery self less deed. there the church be love are found, can known.

TEXT. Adam M. L. Tice, 2005 MUSIC: African American spiritual; *Iubilee Songs*, 1884; adapt. Harry T. Burleigh, 1940 Text © 2005 GIA Publications, Inc.

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.

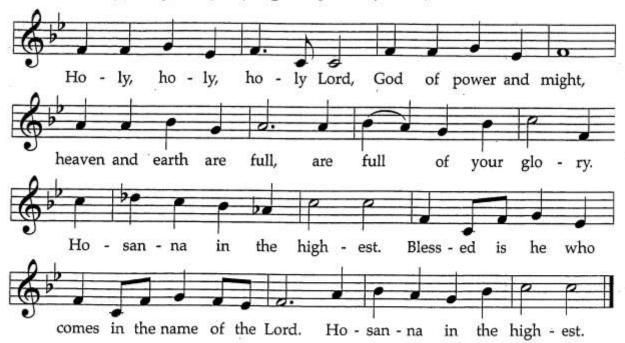
Heal the dissensions that divide us from one another and bring us back to the unity of love bearing some likeness to your divine nature.

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) The Apostles' Creed (Hymnal pg. 35)
I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.

continued...

On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. 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

Rev. Doug Hagler

(Please be seated)

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 # 770 "I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table"



* Benediction Rev. Doug Hagler

Postlude Praise Team

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.

MAC Zoom Link

The new Zoom link for future MAC meetings is: https://wcupa.zoom.us/j/281605882?pwd=L0pkY2xJdDl0dEloZVV3Nmd https://wcupa.zoom.us/j/281605882?pwd=L0pkY2xJdDl0dEloZVV3Nmd https://wcupa.zoom.us/j/281605882?pwd=L0pkY2xJdDl0dEloZVV3Nmd https://wcupa.zoom.us/j/281605882?pwd=L0pkY2xJdDl0dEloZVV3Nmd https://wcupa.zoom.us/j/281605882?pwd=L0pkY2xJdDl0dEloZVV3Nmd https://wcupa.zoom.us/j/281605882?pwd=L0pkY2xJdDl0dEloZVV3Nmd https://wcupa.zoom.us/j/281605882 http

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. 12th: Proverbs 1:20-33; James 3:1-12 Sept. 19th: Psalm 1; James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

Prayer Requests

<u>Joys:</u> The Life of Don Jarrell; Supplies for Alianzas <u>Concerns:</u> Hurricane Ida victims; Staff, students & parents of Spring-Ford & Phoenixville schools; Patrice Barnes; Pam & Dan; Flood victims; First responders

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.

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.

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.

Clothing Donations

People to People have been blessed with people wanting to make donations to help our outreach to the community ministry. We are asking people to contact Sandy Heidel to arrange a drop off time so we can provide space to store the donations and the crew of sorters won't get overwhelmed. We do appreciate receiving your clean usable items, your understanding, and would welcome your help, too. 610-948-6319

Pub Theology

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

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!

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,

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

"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. 16th.

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, September 5th

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

Monday, September 6th Labor Day Holiday

No events scheduled. Church office closed.

Tuesday, September 7th

10:00 a.m. Church kitchen inspection

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

7:00 p.m. MAC meeting via Zoom

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Wednesday, September 8th No events scheduled.

Thursday, September 9th

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

7:00 p.m. Choir rehearsal (sanctuary)

7:00 p.m. Compassionate Friends meeting (parlor)

<u>Friday, September 10th</u> No events scheduled.

Saturday, September 11th No events scheduled.

Sunday, September 12th

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

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

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: fpctreasurer145@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		Board of Deacons	
George Cockerill	484-302-1227	Gail Landazuri	610-608-5662
Jeanie Osterhoudt	610-331-7835	Mona Sabia	610-506-9925
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Lynne Williams	610-415-1581	Pam Bodam	610-496-1933
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