

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 12, 2021 ☩ ☩ ☩ **10:30 a.m.**

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 *"March I (Roman #), op.6"* L. Van Beethoven
Piano Duet, Rebecca Barkley and Diane Legnini

Welcome Rev. Doug Hagler

Sharing the Peace

Announcements Sarah Shulman

* Call to Worship *Psalm 19* Sue Casey

**¹The heavens are telling the glory of God;
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.**

**²Day to day pours forth speech,
and night to night declares knowledge.**

³There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard;

**⁴yet their voice goes out through all the earth,
and their words to the end of the world.**

**¹⁴Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable to you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.**

* Hymn # 174 "Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom"

1 Come and seek the ways of Wis-dom, she who danced when
 2 Lis - ten to the voice of Wis-dom, cry - ing in the
 3 Sis - ter Wis - dom, come, as - sist us; nur - ture all who

earth was new. Fol - low close - ly what she teach - es,
 mar - ket - place. Hear the Word made flesh a - mong us,
 seek re - birth. Spir - it - guide and close com - pan - ion,

for her words are right and true. Wis - dom clears the
 full of glo - ry, truth, and grace. When the word takes
 bring to light our sa - cred worth. Free us to be -

path to jus - tice, show - ing us what love must do.
 root and rip - ens, peace and righ - teous - ness em - brace.
 come your peo - ple, ho - ly friends of God and earth.

TEXT: Ruth Duck, 1993
 MUSIC: Donna Kasbohm, 1995
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 Music © 1997 The Pilgrim Press

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) 2.

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

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 1:20-33

Sue Casey

²⁰Wisdom cries out in the street;
in the squares she raises her voice.

²¹At the busiest corner she cries out;
at the entrance of the city gates she speaks:

²²"How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple?
How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing
and fools hate knowledge?"

3. *continued....*

²³Give heed to my reproof;
I will pour out my thoughts to you;
I will make my words known to you.
²⁴Because I have called and you refused,
have stretched out my hand and no one heeded,
²⁵and because you have ignored all my counsel
and would have none of my reproof,
²⁶I also will laugh at your calamity;
I will mock when panic strikes you,
²⁷when panic strikes you like a storm,
and your calamity comes like a whirlwind,
when distress and anguish come upon you.
²⁸Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer;
they will seek me diligently, but will not find me.
²⁹Because they hated knowledge
and did not choose the fear of the LORD,
³⁰would have none of my counsel,
and despised all my reproof,
³¹therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way
and be sated with their own devices.
³²For waywardness kills the simple,
and the complacency of fools destroys them;
³³but those who listen to me will be secure
and will live at ease, without dread of disaster."

Reading: James 3:1-12

Sue Casey

¹Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters,
for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness.
²For all of us make many mistakes.
Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole
body in check with a bridle.
³If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their
whole bodies.
⁴Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them,
yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs.

4. *continued...*

⁵So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! ⁶And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. ⁷For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, ⁸but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. ¹¹Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? ¹²Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

* Hymn # 693 “Though I May Speak”



1 Though I may speak with brav - est fire,
 2 Though I may give all I pos - sess,
 3 Come, Spir - it, come, our hearts con - trol;



and have the gift to all in - spire,
 and striv - ing so my love pro - fess,
 our spir - its long to be made whole.



and have not love, my words are vain,
 but not be - given by love with - in,
 Let in - ward love guide ev - ery deed;



as sound - ing brass, and hope - less gain.
 the prof - it soon turns strange - ly thin.
 by this we wor - ship, and are freed.

Sermon

Rev. Doug Hagler

Anthem

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: Mike Eitl

Joys and Concerns

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 # 722 "Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak"

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* 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 (masks will be required)**. Responses will be kept strictly confidential. We'd like to have you share your experiences with us.

722 Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak

1 Lord, speak to me that I may speak in liv - ing
 2 O lead me, Lord, that I may lead the wan - dering
 3 O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the pre - cious
 4 O fill me with your full - ness, Lord, un - til my
 5 O use me, Lord, use e - ven me, just as you

ech - oes of your tone. As you have sought, so
 and the wa - vering feet. O feed me, Lord, that
 truths which you im - part. And wing my words that
 ver - y heart o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and
 will, and when, and where un - til your bless - ed

let me seek your err - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.
 I may feed your hun - gering ones with man - na sweet.
 they may reach the hid - den depths of man - ya heart.
 glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.
 face I see, your rest, your joy, your glo - ry share.

TEXT: Frances Ridley Havergal, 1872, alt.
 MUSIC: Robert Schumann, 1839, alt.

Masks in the Church Office

Due to the rise in the COVID infection rate, we are asking everyone to wear a mask when you are in the church office. Even if you have been vaccinated, please wear a mask. Thank you.

Adult Bible Study Begins

The Adult Bible Study will resume on September 19, via Zoom, from 8:30-9:30 AM. We will be studying the book *Simon Peter: Flawed but Faithful Disciple*, by Adam Hamilton. All are welcome. Anyone interested in joining should contact Sue Casey, skcinpa@aol.com, for the Zoom link and to get a book.

Assistance for Those Affected by Natural Disasters

Over the past several weeks, we have seen a number of overlapping natural disasters in the United States and beyond. As usual, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is working to address and alleviate these situations as specific needs present themselves. Please pray for those who have suffered losses as a result of the earthquake in Haiti, the wildfires in California, and Hurricane Ida throughout the eastern United States. You can also make a monetary contribution toward PDA's work in these areas through the church. To do so, make your check payable to First Presbyterian Church of Phoenixville and indicate (this is important!) "Presbyterian Disaster Assistance" on the memo line. You may also specify whether you would like your donation to go toward Haiti, California, or Hurricane Ida. If no preference is indicated, we will divide your contribution equally among the three areas. Checks can be placed in the offering plate, mailed to the church, or dropped off at the church office. Thanks!

Ink Cartridges

We are continuing to collect used ink cartridges to recycle at Staples. The church receives a \$2 credit for each cartridge. You may drop off your cartridges in the church office or through the mail slot on the office door. Thank you for letting us help you recycle your cartridges, while at the same time assisting the church.

Upcoming Scripture Readings

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

Sept. 26th: Esther 7:1-6, 9-10, 9:20-22; Mark 9:38-50

Update from Bridge of Hope

We are grateful for our volunteers and happy to report we have been paired with a family. Stay tuned for more details as we are able to share. Please keep us in your prayers. God is good!

MAC Zoom Link

The new Zoom link for future MAC meetings is:

<https://wcupa.zoom.us/j/281605882?pwd=L0pkY2xJdDI0dEl0ZVV3NmduZlZlUT09> The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 5th at 7:00 pm.

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!

Prayer Requests

Joys:

Concerns: Rev. Steve Garstad; Mike Blackburn; Judy

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.

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

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

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.

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 the next order for gift cards on **Wednesday, 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 order is placed (**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 12th

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

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

Monday, September 13th

6:30 p.m. Church Staff meeting via Zoom

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

7:30 p.m. Property Committee meeting (church office)

Tuesday, September 14th

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

7:00 p.m. Personnel Committee Open Forum (until 7:30 p.m., parlor)

7:00 p.m. Parish Life Committee meeting via Zoom

Wednesday, September 15th No events scheduled.

Thursday, September 16th

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

9:00 a.m. People to People clothing + ministry (fellowship hall)

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

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

7:00 p.m. “We Are” Live vigil (Main & Bridge Streets)

Friday, September 17th

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

Saturday, September 18th No events scheduled.

Sunday, September 19th

8:30 a.m. Bible Study with Sue Casey via Zoom

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

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

12:00 n. Women’s Circle (parlor)

Rev. Douglas Hagler, Pastor145@comcast.net; 415-300-7912 (cell)
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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

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