



\* Hymn # 399 "God Welcomes All" (*Sung 3 times*)

God wel - comes all, strang - ers and friends;

God's love is strong and it nev - er ends.

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. 2.**

## Children's Message and Blessing

*During this time, we will offer a blessing of donated items we have gathered for single-parent households served by Alianzas de Phoenixville.*

## 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: Psalm 1

Sue Shier

<sup>1</sup>Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers; <sup>2</sup>but their delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law they meditate day and night.

<sup>3</sup>They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.

<sup>4</sup>The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

<sup>5</sup>Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; <sup>6</sup>for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

Reading: James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

Sue Shier

<sup>13</sup>Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom.

<sup>14</sup>But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth.

<sup>15</sup>Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. <sup>16</sup>For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. <sup>17</sup>But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. <sup>18</sup>And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

4:1 Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from?

Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you?

<sup>2</sup>You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder.

3. *continued....*

And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask.

<sup>3</sup>You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

<sup>7</sup>Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

<sup>8</sup>Draw near to God and he will draw near to you.

\* Hymn # 188 "Jesus Loves Me!"

1 Je - sus loves me! This I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so.  
2 Je - sus loves me! This I know, as he loved so long a - go,  
Lit - tle ones to him be - long. They are weak, but he is strong.  
tak - ing chil - dren on his knee, say - ing, "Let them come to me."

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*Refrain*

Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me!

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TEXT: Stanza 1, Anna Bartlett Warner, 1859; stanza 2, David Rutherford McGuire, 1971  
MUSIC: William Batchelder Bradbury, 1862, alt.

Sermon

Rev. Doug Hagler

Anthem

*“Blessed Is the Man”*

A. Corelli

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.

*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: Kathryn Grocki

*(Please be seated.)*

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 # 727 "Will You Let Me Be Your Servant"

1, 6 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me  
 2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney; we're to -  
 3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the  
 4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you  
 5 When we sing to God in heav - en, we shall

be as Christ to you? Pray that I may have the  
 geth - er on the road. We are here to help each  
 night - time of your fear. I will hold my hand out  
 laugh I'll laugh with you. I will share your joy and  
 find such har - mo - ny, born of all we've known to -

grace to let you be my ser - vant too.  
 oth - er walk the mile and bear the load.  
 to you, speak the peace you long to hear.  
 sor - row till we've seen this jour - ney through.  
 geth - er of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.  
 (repeat stanza 1)

TEXT: Richard Gillard, 1977, alt.  
 MUSIC: Richard Gillard, 1977; arr. Betty Pulkingham  
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\* Benediction

Rev. Doug Hagler

*The pastor will not be positioned at the door but will greet you outside on the church lawn.*

Postlude

Praise Team

### **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!

### **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.

### **Alianzas Care Packages**

Today our children placed the final touches on our Alianzas Care packages and Pastor Doug will provide the blessing. Thank you to all who participated in this meaningful, church-wide project.

### **Meals for St. Mary's Shelter**

Once again it is our church's turn to supply the dinner meal at St. Mary's shelter. If you'd like to participate, there is a sign-up sheet in the narthex or you may call the church office. 7.

## **Donation Support for Residents Affected by Hurricane Ida**

Chester County Officials have coordinated with key communities in the county impacted by Hurricane Ida, to announce donation opportunities that will meet the most urgent initial, and longer-term needs of the families displaced by Hurricane Ida.

“We are so grateful for everyone across the county who are giving time, resources, material goods, and financial donations for those in need, and we thank every organization that has coordinated a response,” said Chester County Commissioners Marian Moskowitz, Josh Maxwell and Michelle Kichline.

“Across the county, we welcome support with furniture donations, financial contributions and ask landlords to contact us where they have the ability to help with rental needs,” added the Commissioners.

Monetary donations to support individuals and families whose homes have been fully or partially destroyed, or who have suffered significant loss of vehicles or other items, are being collected and responsibly distributed by organizations in four areas of the county. Monetary donations may be made online:

For the Phoenixville and surrounding community, go to [inthistogetherpxv.com](http://inthistogetherpxv.com) to make a donation, and note that it is for Hurricane Ida relief.

For the City of Coatesville, go to the Brandywine Health Foundation’s website, [brandywinefoundation.org/donate](http://brandywinefoundation.org/donate) , to donate to the Coatesville Red Umbrella Response Fund. This fund is a collaborative effort of the City of Coatesville, Brandywine Valley Active Aging, the Brandywine Health Foundation and a host of non-profit partners to help the hardest hit areas of the city.

For the Downingtown and surrounding area, the Lord’s Pantry is coordinating financial donations. Go to [lordspantryofdowningtown.org](http://lordspantryofdowningtown.org), and note that it is for flood victim relief.

For the Avondale and Southern Chester County area, Kennett Area Community Service is coordinating the monetary donation collection. To make a donation go to [kacsonline.net](http://kacsonline.net).

Furniture donations are also needed and should go to the Community Warehouse Project of Chester County. Details of how to make donations can be found at [communitywarehouseproject.com/donate](http://communitywarehouseproject.com/donate) or by calling 484-473-4360.

Landlords with properties to rent in the areas hardest hit by Hurricane Ida are asked to contact the Housing Authority of Chester County via a special email – [haccidahelp@hacc.net](mailto:haccidahelp@hacc.net), or via phone at 610-235-4484.

Details of all of these donation opportunities, as well as ongoing resources and information to support residents affected by Hurricane Ida, can be found at [chesco.org/ida](http://chesco.org/ida).

## **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](mailto:skcinpa@aol.com), for the Zoom link and to get a book.

## **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=L0pkY2xJdDI0dEloZVV3NmdNZXZiUT09> The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

## **Pub Theology**

The next Pub Theology will meet on Sunday, **October 10<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!

## **Prayer Requests**

**Joys:**

**Concerns:** Judy; baby boy Smith, Adam & Megan

## **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.

## **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](mailto: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

## **“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 virtual vigil will be held on Thursday, Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>.

## **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 25<sup>th</sup>.

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

## **Book Club**

The **Antiracism Book Club's** next meeting will be on Sunday, Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. The group will discuss a new book. All are welcome to [Zoom](#) in to learn, listen, and chat.

## **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.

## **Upcoming Scripture Readings**

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

Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>: Job 1:1; 2:1-10; Genesis 2:18-24

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

### **Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup>**

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

12:00 n. Presbyterian Women's Circle (parlor)

### **Monday, September 20<sup>th</sup>**

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

### **Tuesday, September 21<sup>st</sup>**

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

7:15 p.m. Church Growth/CE Committee meeting via Zoom

**Wednesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>** No events scheduled.

### **Thursday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>**

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)

### **Friday, September 24<sup>th</sup>**

11:00 a.m. Memorial Service for Gene Mariani

**Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup>** No events scheduled.

### **Sunday, September 26<sup>th</sup>**

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)

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

## **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.

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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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|----------------------|--------------|
| George Cockerill     | 484-302-1227 |
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