

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
October 17, 2021 ⦿ ⦿ ⦿ 10:30 a.m.

Prelude
Welcome
Sharing the Peace

Praise Team
Rev. Doug Hagler

Announcements

Sarah Shulman

Minute for Mission – Nina Guzman, Alianzas de Phoenixville

* Call to Worship From the Heidelberg Catechism, PCUSA Book of Confessions Sue Shier

Leader: Why does the creed add, “He descended to hell”?

People: To assure me during attacks of deepest dread and temptation that Christ my Lord, by suffering unspeakable anguish, pain, and terror of soul, on the cross but also earlier, has delivered me from hellish anguish and torment.

Leader: How does Christ’s resurrection benefit us?

People: First, by his resurrection he has overcome death, so that he might make us share in the righteousness he obtained for us by his death.

Second, by his power we too are already raised to a new life.

Third, Christ’s resurrection is a sure pledge to us of our blessed resurrection.

* Hymn # 215 "What Wondrous Love Is This"



1 What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my
2 When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing
3 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will
4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing



soul, what won - drous love is this, O my soul! What
down, when I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when
sing, to God and to the Lamb, I will sing; to
on; and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and



won - drous love is this that caused the Lord of
I was sink - ing down be - neath God's righ - teous
God and to the Lamb who is the great I
when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joy - ful



bliss to bear the dread - ful curse for my soul, for my
frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul, for my
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be, and through e - ter - ni - ty, I'll sing on, I'll sing



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TEXT: American folk hymn, c. 1811
MUSIC: Walker's Southern Harmony, 1835; harm. Carlton R. Young, 1965
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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: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.
The old life has gone; a new life has begun.
Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.

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.

Call to the Word *"Listen, God is Calling"*

Prayer for Illumination

Sue Shier

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.

⁴ Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases;
yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted.

⁵ But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the punishment that made us whole,
and by his bruises we are healed.

⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have all turned to our own way,
and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

⁷ He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,
yet he did not open his mouth;
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth.

⁸ By a perversion of justice he was taken away.

Who could have imagined his future?

For he was cut off from the land of the living,
stricken for the transgression of my people.

⁹ They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich,
although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

¹⁰ Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him with pain.

When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring,
and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the Lord shall prosper.

¹¹ Out of his anguish he shall see light;
he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge.

The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous,
and he shall bear their iniquities.

¹² Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great,
and he shall divide the spoil
with the strong; because he poured out himself to death,
and was numbered with the transgressors;
yet he bore the sin of many,
and made intercession for the transgressors.

Reading: Hebrews 5:1-10

Sue Shier

¹Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins.

²He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness;

³and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people.

⁴And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

⁵So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you";

⁶as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek."

⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission.

⁸Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered;

⁹and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him,

¹⁰having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Anthem

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

F. Bock

The anthem text can be found in your hymnal, hymn #32.

Sermon

Rev. Doug Hagler

* Hymn # 274 "You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd"

1 You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shep-herd. You, Lord, are both
 2 Clothed in light up - on the moun-tain, stripped of might up -
 3 You, who walk each day be - side us, sit in pow - er
 4 Wor - thy is our earth - ly Je - sus! Wor - thy is our

(Dm) (G) (C) (F) (Em) (Dm) (Am)
 Gm C F B^b Am Gm Dm

prince and slave. You, peace-mak - er and sword-bring - er
 on the cross, shin - ing in e - ter - nal glo - ry,
 at God's side. You, who preach a way that's nar - row,
 cos - mic Christ! Wor - thy your de - feat and vic - tory;

(B^b) (F) (E) (A/C#) (Dm)
 E^b B^b A D/F# Gm

of the way you took and gave. You, the ev - er - last - ing
 beg - gared by a sol - dier's toss, you, the ev - er - last - ing
 have a love that reach - es wide. You, the ev - er - last - ing
 wor - thy still your peace and strife. You, the ev - er - last - ing

(Am) (G) (Am) (Dm) (Em) (Am)
 Dm C Dm Gm Am Dm

in - stant; you, whom we both scorn and crave.
 in - stant; you who are both gift and cost.
 in - stant; you, who are our pil - grim guide.
 in - stant; you, who are our death and life.

TEXT: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1984
 MUSIC: French melody, 17th cent.
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Offering

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 - 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: Roger Warwick

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 # 818 "By Gracious Powers" (Page 8 of the bulletin)**

*** Benediction**

Rev. Doug Hagler

Postlude

Praise Team

Church Staff Vacations

Diane Legnini, music director, will be on vacation from Monday, Oct. 18th thru Sunday, Oct. 24th.

Sue Smith, office manager, will be on vacation from Monday, Oct. 18th thru Wednesday, Oct. 20th.

Prayer Requests

Joys:

Concerns: Cecil & Stephanie Nelson; Susan Johnson

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:6109338816) and she will forward your requests on to Amy. Anyone interested in being a Prayer Warrior should email Amy.

Upcoming Scripture Readings

October 24th: Psalm 148; John 1:1-5

October 31st: Jeremiah 31:31-34; Romans 3:19-28

By Gracious Powers

1 By gra - cious powers so won - der - ful - ly shel - tered,
 2 Yet is this heart by its old foe tor - ment - ed,
 3 And when this cup you give is filled to brim - ming
 4 Yet when a - gain in this same world you give us

and con - fi - dent - ly wait - ing, come what may,
 still e - vil days bring bur - dens hard to bear;
 with bit - ter suf - fering, hard to un - der - stand,
 the joy we had, the bright - ness of your sun,

we know that God is with us night and morn - ing
 O give our fright - ened souls the sure sal - va - tion
 we take it thank - ful - ly and with - out trem - bling,
 we shall re - mem - ber all the days we lived through,

and nev - er fails to greet us each new day,
 for which, O Lord, you taught us to pre - pare.
 out of so good and so be - loved a hand.
 and our whole life shall then be yours a - lone.

Blessing of the Animals, October 24th

On October 24th we will once again gather outdoors for a Blessing of the Animals service. You are welcome to bring your animals, photos of your animals, stuffed animals, etc to the service. Our back-up weather date for the service will be October 31st. Please dress for the weather.

People to People Flea Market

The next flea market will be held on Saturday, October 30th from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. All proceeds go toward feeding the homeless. **We need your help with the flea market.**

Even if you can only give one hour of your time...we'll take it!

The days we need the most help are on Thursday, Oct. 28th with setting out all of the sale items, (9am-3pm) and on the day of the sale, Saturday, Oct. 30th. (9am-1pm) Contact Bob Russell at 610-405-1362 if you can help.

A Request from a Neighbor

A few FPC volunteers are getting to know some neighbors through Bridge of Hope and helping them avoid homelessness. One of the challenges is finding affordable housing in the Phoenixville area for a family with five children. The ideal need is for a 3-4 bedroom residence with a maximum rent of \$1500. Although this family does not have good credit, there are references available and a stable, secure income. If you have any leads on possible housing, please contact Pastor Doug.

Remembering Loved Ones

On November 7th, All Saints' Sunday, we will note in the bulletin the names of the saints (believers) from our congregation who have died during the past year. We will also note other relatives and loved ones who have died in the past year but were not members of this church. If you would like the names of those loved ones listed, please send a message to Sue Smith at secretaryfpc145@gmail.com or call the church office at 610-933-8816.

Yarn, Yarn, Going, Going, Gone!

This is the last call for you to get some yarn! It will be included in the Flea Market scheduled for Saturday, October 30th, and then it will be taken away. Please help yourself to as much as you want! Don't feel greedy...we need to move it on to give the space back to the yellow room. And enjoy using it for whatever project you take on!

Virtual Journey to Guatemala

Upcoming CEDEPCA Virtual (Zoom) Journeys to Guatemala will take place on Wednesday, October 27 and Thursday, November 18 (both at 7:30 p.m.). The October theme will be "What About the Men?" and the November program will be a virtual chocolate tasting (with registration including delivery of four artisanal Guatemalan chocolate bars!). For information and to register for the October virtual journey, go to <https://tinyurl.com/39rr34re>. For the November program, go to <https://tinyurl.com/57t3mser>.

Orion Presents: Music for Everyone

On Wednesday, October 20 (7 p.m.), Orion Communities will host the 7th Annual *Music for Everyone* concert at the Colonial Theatre. You can attend live (with proof of vaccination and a mask) or online. For details, go to www.OrionCommunities.org/MFE-2021.

Adult Bible Study

The Adult Bible Study meets on Sunday mornings via Zoom, from 8:30-9:30 AM. They are currently 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.

Pub Theology

The next Pub Theology will meet on Sunday, November 14th 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!

Book Club

The **Antiracism Book Club**'s next meeting will be on Sunday, Oct. 24th at 7:00 PM. The group will discuss a new book. All are welcome to [Zoom](#) in to learn, listen, and chat.

Scrip Gift Card Orders

We will be placing orders for gift cards every other Wednesday, (October 6 & October 20). 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 (October 5 & October 19). Please make checks payable to "First Presbyterian Church DR".

As always...Thank you for continuing to support this program as a percentage of each order goes to benefit the church.

The Stewardship Committee

Help our neighbors in Mont Clare

As we were looking for ways to help our neighbors and friends in Mont Clare, who were profoundly affected by flooding caused by Hurricane Ida, we were informed that donations of Lowes and Target gift cards (\$25 denomination) would be greatly appreciated.

If you would like to order cards through our Scrip program, we will deliver them to the appropriate organization for you.

Many families have months of work ahead as they try to rebuild their homes and lives. All donations are greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Parking Lot Attendants Needed

We will continue to need volunteers to collect parking donations on Friday and Saturday evenings from 5:00pm – 8:00pm during the month of October. 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.

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!

New Treasurer

Join us in thanking Chuck Heidel for stepping into the position of church Treasurer! Session approved Chuck's position as the treasurer from August 1st thru the end of this year. He will be handling some of the previous Treasurer responsibilities, with the support of the Finance Committee, and the church has also hired an accountant who meets with Chuck each Thursday to keep our finances in order. Thanks Chuck!

"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, Oct. 21st.

This Week in the Life of the Church

Sunday, October 17th (*Childcare provided)

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

Monday, October 18th

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

Tuesday, October 19th

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

7:00 p.m. Christian Ed/Church Growth Committee meeting via Zoom

Wednesday, October 20th

7:30 p.m. Bell choir rehearsal (choir room)

Thursday, October 21st

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. "We Are" Live vigil (Main & Bridge Streets)

Friday, October 22nd No events scheduled.

Saturday, October 23rd No events scheduled.

Sunday, October 24th *Blessing of the Animals service - Outside*

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

9:15 a.m. *Sunday School (all meet in fellowship hall)

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

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

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Church Office Hours

Monday & Wednesday: 9:00am – 4:00pm

Tuesday & Thursday: 10:00am – 4:00pm; Friday: 9:00am – 4:00pm

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

Please respect his day off unless there is an emergency.

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