

Morning Worship October 24, 2021 ### 10:30 a.m.

Prelude "Indescribable" Praise Team

We welcome you to stand or sit with your pet or animal wherever you are comfortable. During the blessing portion of the service, the Pastor will come to where you are.

Welcome Rev. Doug Hagler

Sharing the Peace with humans and animals.

Announcements Sarah Shulman

* Call to Worship - The Prayer of St. Francis

Jacqui Busch

Leader: Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

People: Where there is hatred, let us sow love;

L: Where there is injury, pardon;

P: Where there is doubt, faith;

L: Where there is despair, hope;

P: Where there is darkness, light;

L: Where there is sadness, joy. O Divine Master, Grant that we may

P: not so much seek to be consoled as to console;

L: To be understood as to understand;

P: To be loved as to love.

L: For it is in giving that we receive;

P: It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

L: And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen



(Please be seated.)

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Eternal God, we confess that we have failed to care for your creation. We seek mastery, and put ourselves in your place.

We consume your good creation, and our short-sightedness unmakes what you made. Forgive us, God of grace.

Save us from ourselves, and give us humility; through Jesus Christ our Lord. (Silent prayer and reflection)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Hear the good news of God's promise: God will pour out the Spirit on all flesh, and all who have the Spirit within them will be made new.

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 at the service.

Call to the Word "Listen, God is Calling"

Prayer for Illumination

Jacqui Busch

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 148 Jacqui Busch

Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

- ² Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!
- ³ Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!
- ⁴ Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!
- ⁵ Let them praise the name of the Lord, for he commanded and they were created.
- ⁶ He established them forever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.
- ⁷ Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps,
- ⁸ fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command!
- ⁹ Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!
- ¹⁰ Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!
- ¹¹ Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!
- ¹² Young men and women alike, old and young together!
- ¹³ Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven.
- ¹⁴ He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to him. Praise the Lord!

Reading: John 1:1-5 The Word Became Flesh Jacqui Busch 1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God.

³ All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being.

What has come into being ⁴ in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

¹ Praise the Lord!

⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

* Hymn

"All Things Bright and Beautiful"



Rev. Doug Hagler

Blessing of the Animals

Leader: Let us give thanks to God our Creator for all the gifts so freely bestowed upon us and for the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea;

People: We thank you, Lord.

L: For the richness of the mountains, plains and rivers;

P: We thank you, Lord.

L: For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women;

P: We thank you, Lord.

L: For all creatures that breathe, and move, and have life;

P: We thank you, Lord.

L: For the songs of birds and the loveliness of flowers and trees;

P: We thank you, Lord.

L: For the trust you have shown in giving into our care these, our animals;

P: We thank you, Lord.

L: That each creature here may be treasured with care;

P: We pray to you, Lord.

L: That we may love and honor all your works, O God;

P: We pray to you, Lord.

L: That we may continue to grow in our grateful enjoyment of your abundant creation;

P: To the honor and glory of your name, now and forever, we pray to you, Lord. Amen.

All: Almighty God, our great Creator, yours are the praise, the glory, the honor, and all blessings! All things belong to you alone.

We praise you for giving us the animals, birds and fish which fill your world. May we think of you and thank you when we play with and care for our animals. We ask you, Lord, that we may be good to our animals always, so that they may be happy also.

Help us always to take care of them so that they will be healthy.

O God, your world is wonderful, and we give you thanks. Amen.

Blessing of the Animals

Pastor Doug will now come to each of you who has brought an animal, or animals, and offer a blessing.

"So Will I (100 Billion X)

Praise Team

Elder: Ann Miller

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 which you can place it. We will not be passing offering plates for the time being.

* 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

(Please be seated.)

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

"You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord" On Eagle's Wings (Psalm 91)



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* Benediction Postlude

"Thank You Lord" 9. Rev. Doug Hagler Praise Team

Church Staff Vacations

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

Prayer Requests

Joys:

Concerns: Stephanie

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 fo10) 933-8816 and she will forward your requests on to Amy. Anyone interested in being a Prayer Warrior should email Amy.

Upcoming Scripture Readings

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

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.

Thank you...Thank you!!

The Stewardship Committee would like to thank each and every member who volunteered their time on Friday and Saturday evenings, collecting in the parking lot, May through October.

We will collect one last time on First Friday, November 5. Enjoy a few months off. We will meet in the lot again in the spring! Thank you!

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!

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!

From the Finance Committee

Member and friends contribution statements have been sent from the church. You will receive via e-mail or USPS. Any questions, please direct to fpctreasurer145@gmail.com. Thank you. Chuck Heidel, Treas.

Scrip Gift Card Orders

Just in time for a little Christmas shopping, we will be placing orders for gift cards every other **Wednesday** (**November 3 & November 17**).

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 (**November 2 & November 16**). 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

Helping our neighbors in Mont Clare

We are continuing to accept donations for \$25 Lowes and Target gift cards for our neighbors in Mont Clare.

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

November Zoom Trivia Night With The Balls!!

Our return to Trivia with Judy and Hermann in October was so much fun, that we are doing it again in November!

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, November 17 at 7:30 pm. Plan to share a fun time together with lots of chatting and laughter, and some serious competition! A zoom link will be sent to you prior to the event.

Book Club

The **Antiracism Book Club's** next meeting will be on Sunday, Oct. 24th at 7:00 PM. All are welcome to **Zoom** in to learn, listen, and chat.

Rev. Steve Garstad Memorial Service

A Memorial Service will be held at 12:00noon on Saturday, Nov. 13, Camp Hill Presbyterian Church, 101 N. 23rd St., Camp Hill, PA 17011 with a reception following at the church. Public Interment will be prior to the service, at 10:30am, at the Rolling Green Cemetery, 1811 Carlisle Rd. Camp Hill, PA 17011. All are welcome.

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!

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.

"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" virtual vigil will be held on Thursday, Nov. 4th.

This Week in the Life of the Church

Sunday, October 24th (*Childcare provided)

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

Monday, October 25th

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

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

Tuesday, October 26th

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

7:30 p.m. Session meeting via Zoom

Wednesday, October 27th 7:30 p.m. Bell choir rehearsal (choir room)

Thursday, October 28th

9:00 a.m. Set up for flea market (fellowship hall & classrooms)

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

7:00 p.m. Choir rehearsal (choir room)

Friday, October 29th Set up for flea market (fellowship hall)

Saturday, October 30th

9:00 a.m. People to People Flea Market (fellowship hall & classrooms)

Sunday, October 31st

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

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

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Church Office Hours

Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 9:00am – 4:00pm Tuesday & Thursday: 10:00am – 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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