

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 – Reformation Sunday

October 31, 2021 |||| 10:30 a.m.

Prelude *“Now Thank We All Our God”* arr. Dallas Blair

Welcome Rev. Doug Hagler

Sharing the Peace

Announcements Sarah Shulman

Minute for Stewardship Lynne Williams

* Call to Worship *From Westminster Confession of Faith* Karin Goodman

People: The grace of faith, whereby the elect are enabled to believe to the saving of their souls,

is the work of the Spirit of Christ in their hearts;

and is ordinarily wrought by the ministry of the Word:

**by which also, and by the administration of the sacraments,
and prayer, it is increased and strengthened.**

Leader: By this faith, a Christian believeth to be true whatsoever is revealed in the Word, for the authority of God himself speaking therein; and acteth differently, upon that which each particular passage thereof containeth;

yielding obedience to the commands, trembling at the threatenings,
and embracing the promises of God for this life, and that which is to come.

But the principal acts of saving faith are, accepting, receiving, and resting upon Christ alone for justification, sanctification, and eternal life, by virtue of the covenant of grace.

People: This faith is different in degrees, weak or strong;

may be often and many ways assailed and weakened,

but gets the victory; growing up in many to the attainment of a full assurance through Christ, who is both the author and finisher of our faith.

* Hymn # 624

"I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art"

1 I greet thee, who my sure Re-deem-er art,
 2 Thou art the King of mer-cy and of grace,
 3 Thou art the life, by which a-lone we live,
 4 Thou hast the true and per-fect gen-tle-ness;
 5 Our hope is in no oth-er save in thee;

my on-ly trust and Sav-ior of my heart,
 reign-ing om-ni-po-tent in ev-ery place:
 and all our sub-stance and our strength re-ceive;
 no harsh-ness hast thou and no bit-ter-ness.
 our faith is built up-on thy prom-ise free;

who pain didst un-der-go for my poor sake;
 so come, O King, and our whole be-ing sway;
 sus-tain us by thy faith and by thy power,
 O grant to us the grace we find in thee,
 Lord, give us peace, and make us calm and sure,

I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.
 shine on us with the light of thy pure day.
 and give us strength in ev-ery try-ing hour.
 that we may dwell in per-fect u-ni-ty.
 that in thy strength we ev-er-more en-dure.

TEXT: *Psalms*, Strasbourg, 1545; trans. Elizabeth Lee Smith, 1868
 MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551

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.**

Children's Message

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

Prayer for Illumination

Karin Goodman

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: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Karin Goodman

³¹ The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³² It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord.

3. *continued...*

³³ But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

³⁴ No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Reading: Romans 3:19-28

Karin Goodman

¹⁹ Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰ For "no human being will be justified in his sight" by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

²¹ But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, ²² the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³ since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴ they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶ it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷ Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸ For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

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

Anthem

"A Lord-Built House"

Roger Lentz

I wanna live in a Lord-Built House

Unless the Lord builds the house, the people labor in vain.

*Don't wanna live in a man-built house with a structure based on sin,
brightly painted shutters and doors and all decayed within!*

I wanna live in a Lord-Built house.

Don't wanna live in a man-made house with a man-made light inside.

The storm blows in and the power goes out and the man in fear must hide.

I wanna live in a Lord-Built house.

*I wanna live in a Lord-Built house with a structure based on love,
with a rock foundation under me and the heavenly father above.*

Unless the Lord builds the house the builders labor in vain.

Sermon

Rev. Doug Hagler

* Hymn # 275

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er
 2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be
 3 And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -
 4 That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a -

fail - ing. Our help - er he, a - mid the flood of
 los - ing, were not the right man on our side, the
 do - us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his
 bid - eth. The Spir - it and the gifts are ours through

mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe doth
 man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ
 truth to tri - umph through us. The Prince of Dark - ness grim, we
 him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go, this

seek to work us woe. His craft and power are great, and
 Je - sus, it is he. Lord Sab - a - oth his name, from
 trem - ble not for him. His rage we can en - dure, for
 mor - tal life al - so. The bod - y they may kill; God's

armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.
 age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.
 lo, his doom is sure. One lit - tle word shall fell him.
 truth - a - bid - eth still. His king - dom is for - ev - er.

TEXT: Martin Luther, 1529; trans. Frederick Henry Hedge, 1852
 MUSIC: Martin Luther, 1529, alt.

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: Jeanie Osterhoudt

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 # 649 "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"

1 A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, that
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
grace my fears re - lieved. How pre - cious did that
have al - read - y come. 'Tis grace has brought me
word my hope se - cures. He will my shield and
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found, was blind, but now I see.
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

* Benediction
Postlude

Rev. Doug Hagler
Praise Team

Staff Vacations

Sarah Shulman, the Praise Team Leader, will be on vacation on Sunday, November 7th.

Prayer Requests

Joys:

Concerns: The Langevin family; Jay Parrish

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.

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.

Family Outing

The FPCP families group is going to be hiking at Valley Forge on Saturday, Nov 6. We will meet outside the Visitors Center at 10:30am and plan to hike about an hour. Email FPCPfamily@gmail.com to let us know if you plan to attend.

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.

People to People is now on Facebook!

The People to People Facebook page will share events, volunteer opportunities, and information on their mission.

Give them a like at <https://www.facebook.com/FPCPeopleToPeople>.

2022 Pledge Campaign

As we begin the **Pledge Campaign** for the year **2022**, the Stewardship Committee asks that you prayerfully consider your financial commitment to our church. Your generous and faithful offerings help to support the ministry and the many good works of First Presbyterian Church. Your pledge helps the Finance Committee as they plan for the coming year.

You may place your completed pledge card in the offering plate on Sunday morning, or return it by mail in the pre-addressed envelope that you receive with the card.

Please return your pledge card by **Dedication Sunday, November 21**.

Thank you for sharing your many gifts, and for your continued financial support. The Stewardship Committee

Book Club

The **Antiracism Book Club's** next meeting will be on Sunday, Nov. 28th at 7:00 PM. All are welcome to [Zoom](#) in to learn, listen, and chat.

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 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.

Chocolate! A Virtual (and Tasty) Journey to Guatemala

The next CEDEPCA Virtual (Zoom) Journey to Guatemala will take place on Thursday, November 18, at 7:30 p.m. The program, entitled *The Taste of Guatemala*, will include a virtual chocolate tasting and celebration led by two expert chocolatiers. This sweet journey is sponsored by CEDEPCA, the educational and pastoral organization with which we have collaborated during our trips to Guatemala, so your registration also supports their work of that group. A registration fee includes delivery of four artisanal Guatemalan chocolate bars. Yes! To register, go to <https://tinyurl.com/57t3mser>.

Upcoming Scripture Readings

November 7th: Isaiah 25:6-9; Revelation 21:1-6a

November 14th: Deuteronomy 6:1-9; Mark 12:28-34

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.

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!

November Birthdays

Nov. 1st: Paul Parrish; John Zern
Nov. 4th: Dot McIntyre
Nov. 5th: Barb Giebler
Nov. 8th: Savannah Rivera
Nov. 9th: Patrice Barnes, Kristen Skutch
Nov. 12th: Megan Smith
Nov. 14th: Noah Pilotti
Nov. 16th: Amy Roussey
Nov. 17th: Helen Harrop
Nov. 21st: Doug Hagler
Nov. 22nd: Ellen Williams
Nov. 29th: Doris Langevin



This Week in the Life of the Church

Sunday, October 31st (*Childcare provided)

No afternoon or evening events scheduled.

Monday, November 1st

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

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

Tuesday, November 2nd

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

7:00 p.m. MAC meeting

Wednesday, November 3rd

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

Thursday, November 4th

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 (choir room)

7:00 p.m. "We Are" Virtual Vigil via Zoom

Friday, November 5th

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

Saturday, November 6th No events scheduled.

Sunday, November 7th *All Saints' Sunday – 175th Anniversary Service*

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

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

12:30 p.m. Deacons 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 & 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.

Elders on Session

George Cockerill	484-302-1227
Jeanie Osterhoudt	610-331-7835
Becky Sinapius	610-983-9644
Lynne Williams	610-415-1581
Mike Eitl	610-650-8011
Kathryn Grocki	610-933-6252
Ron Williams	610-505-1977
Chris Wittrock	610-662-1412
Ken Brown	610-933-6188
Kevin Carrabine	610-933-2318
Ann Miller	610-554-6391
Roger Warwick	610-458-7080
Jewell Baker (Clerk)	484-459-3585

Board of Deacons

Gail Landazuri	610-608-5662
Mona Sabia	610-506-9925
Barb White	610-935-7242
Pam Bodam	610-496-1933
Karen Drummond	610-952-1242
Paulette Mark	610-935-2749
Bob Wittrock	610-662-1412
Jen Johnson	610-831-5466
Gail Schnaedter	610-666-5402
Kathy Thais	610-933-8983
Ellen Williams	484-988-0174