

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

January 2, 2022 ☩ ☩ ☩ 10:30 a.m.

Prelude

"In dulci jubilo"

D. Buxtehude

Welcome

Rev. Doug Hagler

Sharing the Peace

Announcements

Sarah Shulman

* Call to Worship *(unison) Psalm 147*

¹²Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem!

Praise your God, O Zion!

**¹³For he strengthens the bars of your gates;
he blesses your children within you.**

**¹⁴He grants peace within your borders;
he fills you with the finest of wheat.**

**¹⁵He sends out his command to the earth;
his word runs swiftly.**

**¹⁹He declares his word to Jacob,
his statutes and ordinances to Israel.**

**²⁰He has not dealt thus with any other nation;
they do not know his ordinances. Praise the Lord!**

* Hymn # 401

“Here in This Place”



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter; here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van-ished a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,
 bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
 light years a-way: here in this place the new light is shin-ing;



brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.
 call us a-new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in, the
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion; give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly;
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,



we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.
 lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Holy God, we are in awe of the dawn of your light in Jesus Christ, but we remain self-centered and cling to the world as we've known it. We celebrate the birth of our savior, yet we struggle in our commitment to follow him.

We are called to pursue justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you, yet we are content to seek our own comfort and ignore those in need. By the light of the Christ child, lead us on a path of goodness and righteousness, as we seek to love and live in your new creation. (*Time of 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.

Children's Message

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: Jeremiah 31:7-14

⁷For thus says the LORD: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O LORD, your people, the remnant of Israel."

⁸See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here.

⁹With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

¹⁰Hear the word of the LORD, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock." ¹¹For the LORD has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.

¹²They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again.

¹³Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry.

I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.

¹⁴I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the LORD.

Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. 4. *continued.....*

⁵He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will,
⁶to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

¹¹In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory.

¹³In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit;
¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Sermon

Rev. Doug Hagler

* Hymn # 435

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

1 There's a wide - ness in God's mer - cy, like the wide - ness
2 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sures

of the sea. There's a kind - ness in God's jus - tice,
of the mind. And the heart of the E - ter - nal

which is more than lib - er - ty. There is no place where earth's
is most won - der - ful - ly kind. If our love were but more

sor - rows are more felt than up in heaven. There is no place
faith - ful, we would glad - ly trust God's Word, and our lives re -

where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment given.
flect thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of our Lord.

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of two staves (treble and bass clef) for each of the six systems of lyrics. The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with the bass clef providing a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are arranged in two columns, with the first column starting at the beginning of each system and the second column starting at the beginning of the second system of each line.

Communion

Invitation to the Table

Leader: The Lord be with you!

People: And also with you!

Leader: This is the joyful feast of the people of God!

People will come from north and from south and from east and from west to sit at table in the kingdom of God.

Great Prayers of Thanksgiving (*unison*) (*Dionysius of Alexandria, died 264 CE*)

**God, good beyond all that is good, fair beyond all that is fair,
in you is calmness, peace and concord.**

**Heal the dissensions that divide us from one another
and bring us back to the unity of love**

bearing some likeness to your divine nature.

**Through the embrace of love and the bonds of godly affection,
make us one in the Spirit by your peace which makes all things
peaceful.**

(*unison*) (*Saint Benedict, 480-547 CE*)

**O gracious and holy Father, give us wisdom to perceive you,
intelligence to understand you, patience to wait for you,
eyes to see you, a heart to meditate on you,
and a life to proclaim you,
through the power of the Spirit of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Words of Institution

Sharing Bread and Cup - You will be invited to come forward and the bread will be placed in your hand. After eating the bread please take a communion cup and place the empty cup on the communion table, and return to your seat.

If for any reason you prefer not to come forward, notify a server and the elements will be brought to you.

The Apostles' Creed *(unison)*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

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.

Offering Anthem

Praise Team

*** 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**

(Please be seated.)

Morning prayer

**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 # 494 "Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts"

1 Je - sus, thou joy of lov - ing hearts, thou fount of
 2 Thy truth un - changed hath ev - er stood; thou sav - est
 3 We taste thee, O thou liv - ing bread, and long to
 4 Our rest - less spir - its yearn for thee, wher - e'er our
 5 O Je - sus, ev - er with us stay; make all our

life, thou light of all, from the best bliss that
 those that on thee call; to them that seek thee
 feast up - on thee still; we drink of thee, the
 change - ful lot is cast, glad when thy gra - cious
 mo - ments calm and bright. O chase the night of

earth im - parts we turn, un - filled, to heed thy call.
 thou art good, to them that find thee, all in all.
 foun - tain - head, and thirst our souls from thee to fill.
 smile we see, blest when our faith can hold thee fast.
 sin a - way; shed o'er the world thy ho - ly light.

TEXT: Latin, 12th cent.; trans. Ray Palmer, 1858, alt.
 MUSIC: Henry Baker, 1854

* Benediction
 Postlude

"Go Tell It on the Mountain"

Rev. Doug Hagler
 J. Bert Carlson

Listening Session with the Personnel Committee

The Personnel Committee will hold a listening session on Tuesday, January 11th from 7:00-7:30 p.m. You are encouraged to share with Personnel how you feel about the job performances of the church staff. Responses will be kept strictly confidential. The decision on having this meeting in person or via Zoom will be made this week. Contact Jeanie Osterhoudt if you'd like to participate. (jeanoster@comcast.net)

Men's Group

All men of the congregation are welcome to meet with Pastor Doug for a Men's Group gathering after the service on Sunday, January 16th. Chat, bond, and learn something new.

Curiosity Class

Pastor Doug will once again be hosting a Curiosity Class where we will learn about Christianity, Presbyterianism, and this congregation in particular. The class will begin in January, with time and place to be determined. This is a class open to anyone, including curious visitors, new members, and members wanting a refresher. Contact Pastor Doug to let him know if you are interested. (pastor145@comcast.net)

Prayer Requests

Joys: Happy New Year!

Concerns:

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.

Thanks for Star Tree Generosity

Thanks to all who contributed to the Star Tree and to the food baskets for local families. We pray that the receiving families sensed the amazing love of Christ as the ultimate gift of this season.

Pub Theology

The next Pub Theology will meet on Sunday, January 9th 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!

Thanks for Alternative Gift Card Purchases

We are also thankful for those who purchased alternative cards, which benefited five different organizations, including both local and global missions. In all, 123 cards were sold. By the way, the most "popular" cause (most cards sold) was PACS (29 cards), with Bees (27) running a close second place. All income from sales of the gift cards will go to the five organizations represented.

People to People Facebook Page

The new P2P Facebook Page has already been reaching folks in our community, to let them know about events and opportunities at First Presbyterian and throughout the Phoenixville area. More and more people have been "liking" the page and viewing the individual posts.

A total of 58 people referred to the page for information about the Thanksgiving dinners and 249 (!) checked the page to learn about the recent coat giveaway. If you haven't done so already, visit the Facebook page, leave a "like," maybe post a comment or two, and check out the information and announcements included there. The address is:

<https://www.facebook.com/FPCPeopleToPeople>.

Offering Envelope Boxes

Your 2022 offering envelope boxes are ready for you to pick up in the narthex. Please take a moment in the coming weeks to get yours.

If you are unable to pick your envelopes, please call the church office and we will deliver or mail them to you.

Message from Stewardship and Finance

For contributions to be credited to your 2021 statement, offerings must be received by Sunday, Jan. 2, 2022. Contributions received after that date will be reflected in your 2022 statement. Thank you.

Book Club

The **Antiracism Book Club**'s next meeting will be on Sunday, Jan. 23rd at 7:00 PM. The new book to be discussed is "Caste" by Isabel Wilderson. All are welcome to [Zoom](#) in to learn, listen, and chat.

News from the Finance Committee

Key financial numbers year to date through October are as follows:

- Pledges are \$ 9,551 short of our expected pledge income
- Non-pledges are \$ 4,356 short of our expected non-pledge income
- Expenses are \$ 24,039 less than had been expected
- The church received \$ 37,606 in Covid-19 grant funds
- Our year to date revenue to expense result is favorable at \$11,837, but if we had not received the Covid-19 federal grant and made savings in our operating expenses, our position would be \$61,646 less than it is

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.

This Week in the Life of the Church

Sunday, January 2nd (*Childcare available.)

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

Monday, January 3rd Church office closed.

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

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

Tuesday, January 4th

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

7:00 p.m. MAC meeting (parlor & via Zoom)

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Wednesday, January 5th No events scheduled.

Thursday, January 6th

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

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

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

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

Friday, January 7th

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

Saturday, January 8th No events scheduled.

Sunday, January 9th (*Childcare available.)

8:30 a.m. *Adult Bible Study via Zoom

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

12:00 n. Worship & Music Committee meeting (parlor)

12:30 p.m. Deacons meeting via Zoom

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

Nursery/Children's Hour: The church nursery is located on the 2nd floor of the main building in room 209 and is available for children ages infant – 4 years old.

Childcare during the worship service for children ages 5 through third grade is offered in room 210, next to the nursery on the 2nd floor of the main building.

Restrooms: The church restrooms are located on the first & second floors of the main building. Ushers can help direct you to the restrooms.

For Hearing Assistance – If you wish to use a wireless assistive listening device to better hear the service, see one of the ushers.

Large Print Bulletins are available in the narthex.

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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.

Elders on Session

George Cockerill	484-302-1227
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Chris Wittrock	610-662-1412
Ken Brown	610-933-6188
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