

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.

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Morning Worship
January 9, 2022 $\frac{\parallel}{\parallel}$ $\frac{\parallel}{\parallel}$ $\frac{\parallel}{\parallel}$ **10:30 a.m.**

Prelude	<i>"I've Got Peace Like a River"</i>	arr. Mark Hayes
Welcome		Rev. Doug Hagler
Sharing the Peace		
Announcements		Sarah Shulman
* Call to Worship	<i>Psalm 29</i>	Chris Wittrock

Leader: Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

**People: Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name;
worship the LORD in holy splendor.**

Leader: The voice of the LORD is over the waters;

People: the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over mighty waters.

Leader: The voice of the LORD is powerful;

People: the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

Leader: The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare;

People: and in his temple all say, "Glory!"

Leader: The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king for ever.

**People: May the LORD give strength to his people!
May the LORD bless his people with peace!**

* Hymn # 480 "Take Me to the Water"

1 Take me to the wa - ter. Take me to the wa -
 2 I love Je - sus. I love Je -
 3 He's my Sav - ior. He's my Sav -
 4 Glo - ry hal - le - lu - jah. Glo - ry hal - le - lu -

ter. Take me to the wa - ter to be bap - tized.
 sus. I love Je - sus, yes, I do.
 ior. He's my Sav - ior, yes, he is.
 jah. Glo - ry hal - le - lu - jah to be bap - tized.

TEXT and MUSIC: African American spiritual

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**In the waters of baptism, O God, you have cleansed us and claimed us.
 Forgive us for refusing your grace and rejecting your name.
 We have followed our own paths, and they have led us far from you.
 Help us to live into our baptisms, to trust that all we need is what you provide,
 for you have marked us as your own, loving us without limit.
 Wash us with your love, so that with clean hearts we may travel the way of
 Jesus. (*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: The love of God flows ceaselessly.
 The mercy of God never ends. This the good news!

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

Chris Wittrock

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: Isaiah 43:1-7

Chris Wittrock

¹But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.

²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.

³For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.

⁴Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life.

⁵Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; ⁶I will say to the north,

"Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold;

bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth —

⁷everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

Reading: Luke 3:1-5, 15-22

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene,

3. *continued....*

² during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness.

³ He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, ⁴ as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

⁵ Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth;

⁶ and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’”

¹⁵ As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah,

¹⁶ John answered all of them by saying,

“I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals.

He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

¹⁷ His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

¹⁸ So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

¹⁹ But Herod the ruler, ^[f] who had been rebuked by him because of Herodias, his brother’s wife, and because of all the evil things that Herod had done,

²⁰ added to them all by shutting up John in prison.

²¹ Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²² and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

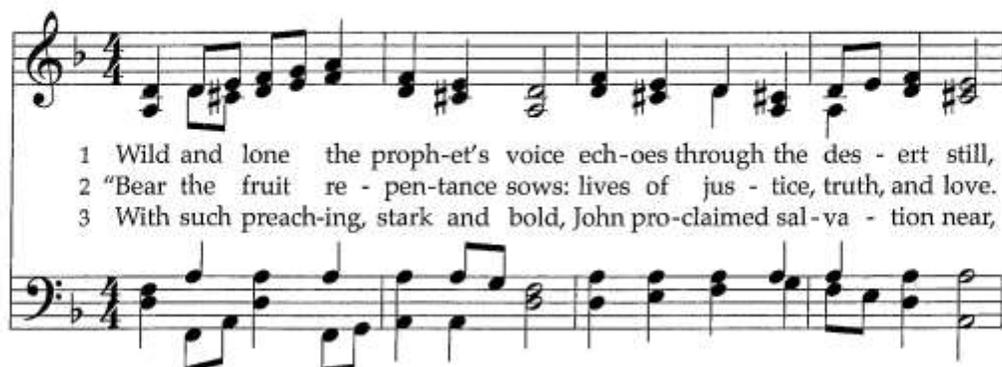
Leader: This is the word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Sermon

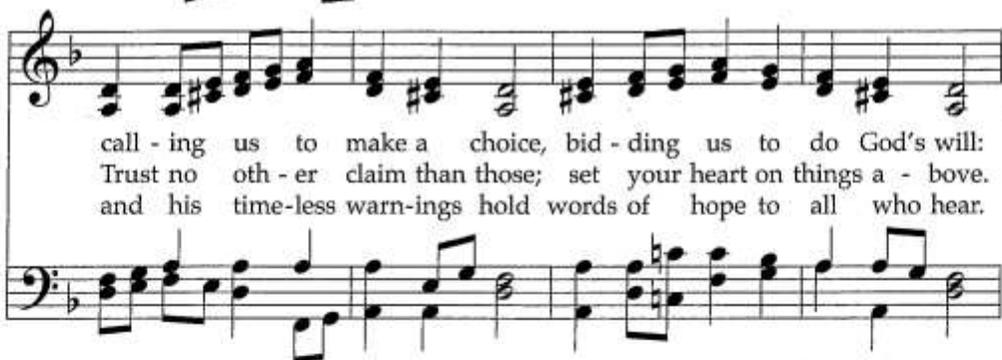
Rev. Doug Hagler

* Hymn # 163

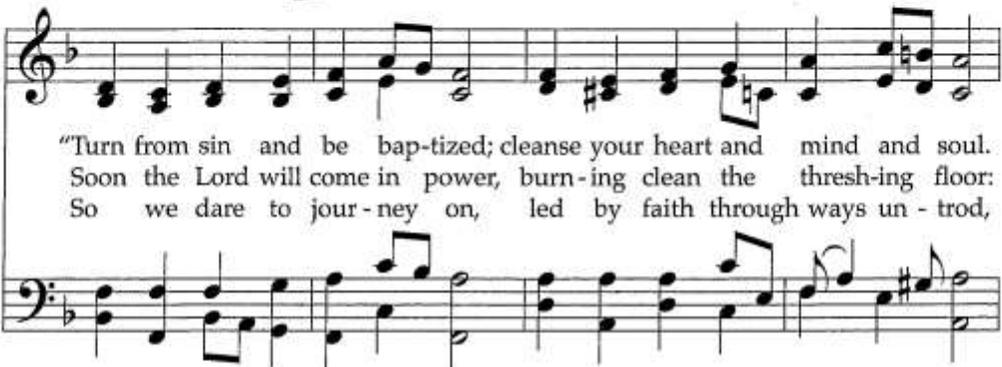
“Wild and Lone the Prophet’s Voice”



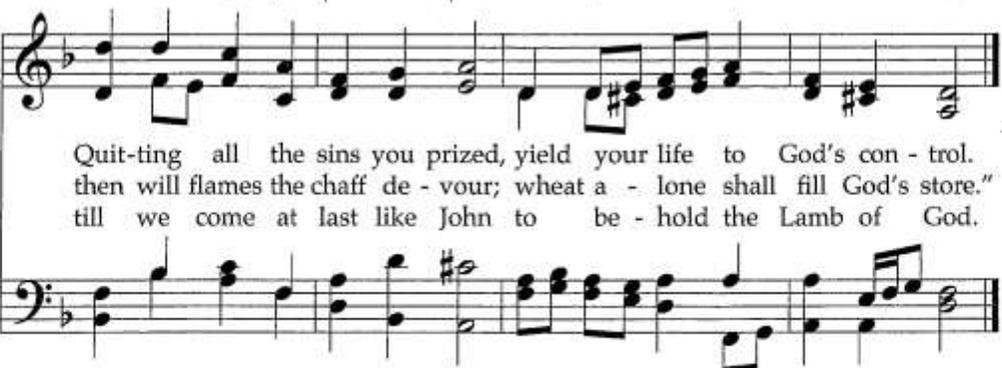
1 Wild and lone the proph-et's voice ech-oes through the des - ert still,
2 "Bear the fruit re - pen-tance sows: lives of jus - tice, truth, and love.
3 With such preach-ing, stark and bold, John pro-claimed sal - va - tion near,



call - ing us to make a choice, bid - ding us to do God's will:
Trust no oth - er claim than those; set your heart on things a - bove.
and his time-less warn-ings hold words of hope to all who hear.



"Turn from sin and be bap-tized; cleanse your heart and mind and soul.
Soon the Lord will come in power, burn-ing clean the thresh-ing floor:
So we dare to jour - ney on, led by faith through ways un - trod,



Quit-ting all the sins you prized, yield your life to God's con - trol.
then will flames the chaff de - vour; wheat a - lone shall fill God's store."
till we come at last like John to be - hold the Lamb of God.

TEXT: Carl P. Daw Jr., 1985
MUSIC: Joseph Parry, 1876
Text © 1989 Hope Publishing Company

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.

Offering Anthem "I've Just Come From the Fountain" arr. Robert Hobby

I've just come from the fountain,

His name's so sweet.

O sister do you love Jesus? Yes, yes I do love my Jesus,

His name's so sweet.

O sinner do you love Jesus, yes, yes, I do love my Jesus.

His name's so sweet.

O Lord I've just come from the fountain,

His name's so sweet.

* 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: Ken Brown

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 # 463 "How Firm a Foundation"

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dis - mayed,
 3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
 4 "When through fi - ery tri - als thy path - way shall lie,
 5 "The soul that on Je - sus hath leaned for re - pose,

is laid for your faith in God's ex - cel - lent Word!
 for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
 the riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow;
 my grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;
 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

What more can be said than to you God hath said,
 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
 for I will be near thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign
 that soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,

to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.
 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

TEXT: "K" in John Rippon's A Selection of Hymns, 1787, alt.
 MUSIC: American folk melody; Funk's Genuine Church Music, 1832, alt.

* Benediction
 Postlude

"Holy Spirit Rain Down"

Rev. Doug Hagler
 Praise Team

Annual Reports are Due Today

Annual reports are due today. If you haven't done so already, please email your report to Sue Smith right away. Thank you.

Annual Congregational Meeting

The Annual Congregational Meeting has been called for Sunday, **January 30th at 2:00 pm**. The purpose of the meeting is to approve the 2022 Nominating Committee, receive the 2021 Annual Report, and approve the pastor's Terms of Call. The Zoom link will be available prior to the meeting.

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. 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.

January Nursery & Childcare

The Christian Education Committee has decided that due to the current sharp increase in COVID cases, we will not be providing nursery or childcare during the in-person worship services in January. We have made it a priority over the past 2 years to keep our children, staff and volunteers safe, and we feel that this is the best way to do that right now.

We will re-evaluate closer to the end of the month, as hopefully there will be a decline in the cases and we can proceed as before.

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)

Cards for the Military

First Presbyterian Church of Phoenixville is going to start sending cards, letters or thank you notes to Jen Johnson's nephew Peter Johnson (serving in the Navy) or his squadron thanking him/them for their service.

If you would like to send a card or note, please put it in the basket in the Narthex that has the above picture on it. Jen will collect them and then mail them to her nephew. On the envelope put either Peter or Squadron.

If you would like to send an email instead, please send the email to Jen Johnson physedjj@verizon.net and she will forward the email to Peter or his squadron.

If you prefer to mail, send them to:

Jen Johnson, 107 Harvard Drive Trappe, PA 19426 c/o Peter Johnson.

Prayer Requests

Joys:

Concerns: Glenn Parrish; Big Sandy; Ken & Jill; Bonnie Russell

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.

MAC Priorities Survey

The MAC Committee is interested in your ideas and suggestions related to the mission outreach of First Presbyterian Church. Our call is to engage in direct assistance in local and broader communities and also to advocate for the poor, hungry, oppressed, disenfranchised, and otherwise overlooked members of our shared world. Please complete our short (and anonymous) survey related to mission priorities. Paper copies of this survey will also be available in the narthex at church.

The survey is here: <https://tinyurl.com/2p8f8c76>.

You can also use the QR code to get to the survey.

Thanks!



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!

Next Virtual Journey to Guatemala – January 26

On January 26, at 7:30 p.m., CEDEPCA, our mission partner in Guatemala, will be presenting another virtual (Zoom) journey, entitled *Preparing to Travel Again*. The focus will be on the eventual resumption of travel to Guatemala. The program will also cover the kinds of intercultural encounters that CEDEPCA will be able to provide when we can safely travel there again. You can register for this virtual journey at <https://tinyurl.com/2p9fec49>

On-Line Contribution Information

Several visitors to the church have asked about on-line giving. Below is the link to Faith Life, the app. that handles our on-line contributions.

If you are a friend or member of the church, and you have an envelope number, you can include when the on-line account is set-up.

If you do not have an envelope number, you can contribute as friend.

You can also access the link on the church web site. Direct any questions to fpctreasurer145@gmail.com. Thank you. <https://faithlife.com/fpcop-n/give>

Tornados in the South

In early December 2021, several tornadoes ripped through multiple U.S. states, resulting in extensive damage and significant loss of life. In the course of a single night, many communities in Kentucky, Tennessee, Arkansas, Illinois, and beyond were devastated. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is coordinating efforts to provide needed resources and support to affected communities. If you would like to donate to this effort, make your check payable to First Presbyterian Church of Phoenixville, write *Tornado Assistance* on the memo line, and place your check in the offering plate or mail it to the church office.

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.

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>.

Scrip Gift Card Orders

We would like to thank everyone who continued to support the Scrip Gift Card Program in 2021. You helped raise over \$2,000 for the benefit of the church. Now it's time to begin a **New Year...2022!!**

We are placing orders for gift cards every other Wednesday in January (**Jan.5 and Jan 19**). If you would like to place an order, please call or text Lynne Williams at 610-415-1581 (home) or 610-955-4749 (cell) or send an email (brettdrew@comcast.net). We will complete the order forms for you. Orders and checks must be received by the day before the orders are placed (**Jan. 4 & Jan. 18**). Please make checks payable to “First Presbyterian Church DR”. Thank you...Thank you for continuing to support this program!

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.

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.

Upcoming Scripture Readings

January 16th: Psalm 36:5-10; John 2:1-11

January 23rd: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a; Luke 4:14-21

January 30th: Jeremiah 1:4-10; 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

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 9th (No childcare available.)

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

12:30 p.m. Worship & Music Committee meeting via Zoom

12:30 p.m. Deacons meeting via Zoom

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

Monday, January 10th

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

Tuesday, January 11th

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

7:00 p.m. Personnel Committee Open Forum meeting (via Zoom)

7:00 p.m. Parish Life Committee meeting

Wednesday, January 12th No events scheduled.

Thursday, January 13th

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)

Friday, January 14th No events scheduled.

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Saturday, January 15th

9:30 a.m. Zumba class (fellowship hall)

Sunday, January 16th (No 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. Men’s Group gathering

12:00 n. Women’s Circle (parlor)

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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