

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

August 7, 2022  10:30 a.m.

Prelude

Welcome

Rev. Doug Hagler

Passing the Peace

Announcements

Sue Casey

* Call to Worship *Psalm 84*

Sue Casey

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

My soul longs, indeed it faints, for the courts of the Lord;

my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.

Even the sparrow finds a home and the swallow a nest for herself,

where she may lay her young, at your altars, O Lord of hosts,

my King and my God.

Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise.

* Hymn # 664 "Morning Has Broken"



1 Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing; black-bird has
2 Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from heav - en, like the first
3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing, born of the



spo - ken like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the
dew - fall on the first grass. Praise for the sweet-ness of the wet
one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion; praise ev - ery



morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
gar - den, sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.
morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**God of the ages, God of the old, old story,
we hear our ancestors and are astounded by their faith.**

They trusted you, but we waver.

They believed your promise, but we cling to our own ideas.

**Forgive us and free us from our fear, that we may follow with joy wherever
you may lead; through Jesus Christ our Lord. (*Silent prayer and reflection*)**

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: From age to age, from generation to generation,

God's mercy never fails. Hear the good news!

In 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. (*Please be seated.*)

Children's Message

Prayer for Illumination

Sue Casey

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: Romans 11:33-12:8 (*Doxology*)

³³ Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God!

How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out!

³⁴ "Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counselor?"

³⁵ "Who has ever given to God, that God should repay them?"

³⁶ For from him and through him and for him are all things.

To him be the glory forever! Amen.

12 Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper

worship. ² Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

2. *continued....*

³ For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. ⁴ For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, ⁵ so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.

⁶ We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; ⁷ if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; ⁸ if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

Reading: James 1

¹⁶ Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers and sisters. ¹⁷ Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸ In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave birth to us by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

¹⁹ You must understand this, my beloved brothers and sisters: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger, ²⁰ for human anger does not produce God's righteousness.

²¹ Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. ²² But be doers of the word and not merely hearers who deceive themselves.

²³ For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; ²⁴ for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like.

²⁵ But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

²⁶ If any think they are religious and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. ²⁷ Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

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

Sermon

Rev. Doug Hagler

* Hymn # 336

“We Gather Together”

1 We gath - er to - geth - er to ask the Lord's bless - ing;
 2 Be - side us to guide us, our God with us join - ing,
 3 We all do ex - tol thee, thou lead - er tri - um - phant,

he chas - tens and has - tens his will to make known;
 or - dain - ing, main - tain - ing his king - dom di - vine;
 and pray that thou still our de - fend - er wilt be.

the wick - ed op - press - ing now cease from dis - tress - ing,
 so from the be - gin - ning the fight we were win - ning;
 Let thy con - gre - ga - tion es - cape trib - u - la - tion;

Sing prais - es to his name; he for - gets not his own.
 thou, Lord, wast at our side; all glo - ry be thine!
 thy name be ev - er praised! O Lord, make us free!

TEXT: Air: Adrianus Valerius, c. 1626; trans. Theodore Baker, 1894
 MUSIC: Neederlandsch Gedenck-Clanck, 1626; harm. Eduard Kremser, 1877

Invitation to the Lord's Table

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 Prayer 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 God, 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

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.

Offertory

"Kum By Yah, My Lord"

arr. Mary McDonald

* 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: Chris Wittrock

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 # 405

“Praise God for This Holy Ground”



1 Praise God for this ho - ly ground,
 2 Praise God in whose word we find
 3 Praise God who through Christ makes known
 4 Praise God's Spir - it who be - friends,
 5 Though praise ends, praise is be - gun

(Em7) (D/F#) (Em7) (Asus4) (A)
 F#m7 E/G# F#m7 Bsus4 B



place and peo - ple, sight and sound.
 food for bod - y, soul, and mind.
 all are loved and called God's own.
 rais - es, hum - bles, breaks, and mends.
 where God's will is glad - ly done.



Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!

(D) (G) (Em7) (A) (F#7) (Bm)
 E A F#m7 B G#7 C#m



God's good - ness is e - ter - nal.

TEXT and MUSIC: John L. Bell, 2002
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* Benediction
 Postlude

Rev. Doug Hagler

Staff Vacations

Jeff McLaughlin, Children & Youth Coordinator, will be on vacation from Thursday, Aug. 4th thru Tuesday, Aug. 9th.

Sue Smith, office manager, will be on vacation from Monday, Aug. 8th thru Friday, Aug. 12th.

John Allen, custodian, will be on vacation from Thursday, Aug. 11th thru Tuesday, Aug. 16th.

Rev. Hagler, will be on vacation from Friday, Aug. 12th thru Tuesday, Aug. 16th.

Rev. Lawrence Moir will be the supply pastor on Aug. 14th.

Diane Legnini, music director, will be on vacation from Sunday, Aug. 14th thru Saturday, Aug. 27th. 6.

The sanctuary flowers are given today to the glory of God.

Baptism Anniversary

This week we celebrate the first anniversary of the baptism of **Cade William Krauth**, son of Meg (Fetter) & Jason Krauth of Philadelphia.

Prayer Requests

Joys:

Concerns:

Jacqui Busch – prayers for continued healing;

Millie – prayers to help her deal with the death of her father & having to start a new conservatorship;

Jeff – prayers for him as he starts a new life on his own.

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 Myers and members will be lifting you up in prayer. fpcprayerchain1@gmail.com 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.

Church Parking Lot

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered and helped in the parking lot the past months. With the new "Give-Butter" Q-R Code payment system set up and running... going forward we will only need volunteers to work in the parking lot on First Fridays and special events. Please check your calendars, and sign up to spend some time in the lot with a fellow church member. See Lynne Williams, Jewell Baker or check your email for the link to the Sign-up Genius. Thanks, from the Stewardship Committee

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, August 21st. Meet in the church office and then the chat will continue with lunch at Molly Maguire's restaurant at Main & Bridge streets. Chat, bond, and learn something new.

Our first Electronic Recycling event at FPC was a great success!

The **June 11th event collected** 6,843 lbs. of electronic related waste, keeping over 3 tons of electronics out of landfills. Thank you all for your participation!

Books Through Bars

Books Through Bars (BTB) is a non-profit that fulfills book requests from incarcerated people. We are looking for volunteers to carpool to BTB to prepare books for shipment. We will be volunteering on the third Saturday of each month from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

(Next trip will be on Aug. 20th).

If you would like to volunteer on one of our scheduled dates, please register via this Sign-Up Genius, or call Sue Smith to help register you. Please indicate if you are willing to share with driving.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050F4AADA722A1FB6-books>

BTB is located at 4722 Baltimore Avenue in the University City section of Philadelphia, which is approximately one hour away on a Saturday morning. *Please note that all volunteers must be fully vaccinated and comply with current masking mandates.*

Virtual Scavenger Hunt

Everyone from the First Presbyterian Church community is invited to participate in a Virtual Scavenger Hunt between August 12 and 27, 2022. Here's how it works. First, register [here](https://tinyurl.com/FPCScavengerHunt) (tinyurl.com/FPCScavengerHunt). Be prepared to come up with a team name; you can use your own name, a pseudonym, or any name you want! On August 11, everyone who registered will receive a list of destinations to visit around Phoenixville. These will include local nonprofits and other community-focused locations. Teams can partake in the "hunt" anytime between August 12 and 27, as individual schedules allow. At each spot, take a photo to document your visit, then share the photo on the [FPC Scavenger Hunt Facebook Event Page](#) or email it to fpcchildrenandyouth@gmail.com. On Sunday, August 28, we will host a celebration and culminating event in Fellowship Hall after the worship service. We hope you can join us! If you have any questions, please reach out to Jeff McLaughlin at fpcchildrenandyouth@gmail.com.

Needed: Sunday Teachers and Assistants for Fall 2022

Beginning in September, weekly Sunday School sessions will take place during the worship service. For this reason, we need a rotating group of adults to serve as either lead teachers or assistants in Sunday School.

Prior teaching experience is not a requirement. Lesson plans will be provided and each group will have two adults on hand at all times.

Please prayerfully consider volunteering for this important ministry to the youngest members of our congregation. Contact Jeff McLaughlin at fpcchildrenandyouth@gmail.com.

Raise Right Gift Cards

It's time to think about some **back-to-school** shopping! Think about shopping with **gift cards** to your favorite stores. Your purchase of gift cards will financially benefit the church.

In **August** we will be placing orders on **Monday, August 15** and **Wednesday, August 31**.

If you would like to place an order, please call or text Lynne Williams at 610-955-4749 (cell), or send an email to (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 (**August 14 & August 30**). Please make checks payable to

“First Presbyterian Church DR”. As always, thank you for continuing to support this program! The Stewardship Committee

Antiracism Book Group

The next meeting for the Antiracism Book Group will be on Aug. 28th at 7:00 pm via Zoom. Our discussion of Caste by Isabel Wilkerson continues. If you would like to join the discussion, let Pastor Doug know.

Cards for the Military

There is a basket in the narthex for your cards, letters, and notes for individuals serving in the military. Jen Johnson will be delivering these notes to her nephew Peter Johnson and his Navy squadron. Contact Jen (physedjj@verizon.net) for more information.

Upcoming Scripture Readings

August 14th: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14, 2:18-23; Luke 12:13-21

August 21st: Isaiah 56:1-8; Matthew 22:23-33

Financial Results / Mid-Year

- Pledges to date are short of planned giving by \$11,500
- Non-pledged giving is favorable by \$300
- Expenses are favorable by \$3,300
- We have received a generous donation from a church member.

This donation will enable the church to end the year much closer to budget than we were tracking year-to-date.

Your continued support of the church is greatly appreciated. Contribution statements were emailed/mailed out last week. Call the church office if you have not yet received your statement.

Pub Theology

The next Pub Theology will meet on Sunday, Sept. 11th 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!

Masking to Continue for Now

On May 24th the Session met and, among other things, discussed our congregation's masking policy. Though there was some (amicable) disagreement, the majority of Elders felt that continuing as we have been was the best plan. Considerations included the current transmission rate for our county (High) and the difficulty of switching back and forth between masks required and masks recommended as the transmission rate fluctuates. We have also watched multiple places and groups reinstate masking over the last month or two, where things looked more hopeful when we met in March. If you have questions about Session's decision, please contact Pastor Doug or a member of Session. In the meantime, we deeply appreciate the congregation's patience as we make difficult decisions that affect all of us.

This Week in the Life of the Church

Sunday, August 7th *Communion* (*Childcare available.)

- 9:45 a.m. Pick Up Choir rehearsal (sanctuary)
- 10:30 a.m. *WORSHIP – Rev. Doug Hagler, In person and via YouTube
- 12:00 n. Worship & Music Committee meeting (parlor)
- 12:30 p.m. Deacons meeting via Zoom
- 2:00 p.m. Sanctuary rented for piano recital

Monday, August 8th

- 6:30 p.m. Zumba class (fellowship hall)
- 7:00 p.m. Finance Committee meeting

Tuesday, August 9th

- 6:30 p.m. Zumba class (fellowship hall)
- 7:00 p.m. Personnel Committee meeting (parlor)

Wednesday, August 10th No events scheduled.

Thursday, August 11th

- 9:00 a.m. Public Health Management (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. Compassionate Friends meeting (parlor)

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Friday, August 12th No events scheduled.

Saturday, August 13th No events scheduled.

Sunday, August 14th (*Childcare available.)

10:30 a.m. *WORSHIP – Rev. L. Moir, In person and via YouTube

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