

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
September 25, 2022 ☩☩☩ **10:30 a.m.**

Prelude *"How Beautiful"* arr. Peggy Bettcher
The Merry Ringers

Welcome Rev. Doug Hagler

Passing the peace

Announcements Sarah Shulman

Minute for Mission - Offering of Letters Jeff McLaughlin

* Call to Worship Jill Kleppinger

Leader: Jesus Christ is King of kings

People: and Lord of lords.

L: Jesus Christ, who rules over all things,

P: gather us in love.

L: Jesus Christ is King of kings

P: and Lord of lords.

All: Let us offer our praise and thanksgiving!

1 The church of Christ can - not be bound by
 2 True faith will o - pen up the door and
 3 True love will not sit i - dly by when
 4 If what we have we free - ly share to
 5 The church of Christ can - not be bound by

walls of wood or stone. Where char - i - ty and
 step in - to the street. True ser - vice will seek
 jus - tice is de - nied. True mer - cy hears the
 meet our neigh - bor's need, then we ex - tend the
 walls of wood or stone. Where char - i - ty and

love are found, there can the church be known.
 out the poor and ask to wash their feet.
 home - less cry and wel - comes them in - side.
 Spir - it's care through ev - ery self - less deed.
 love are found, there can the church be known.

TEXT: Adam M. L. Tice, 2005
 MUSIC: African American spiritual; Jubilee Songs, 1884; adapt. Harry T. Burleigh, 1940
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Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**God of justice and righteousness, you lift up the lowly and fill the empty;
yet we adore the high and the mighty.**

You reach out to the poor; yet we ceaselessly pursue wealth.

**You talk about treasure in heaven; yet we want dollars in our accounts right
now. Free us from striving for more and more.**

**Change our hearts so that we can tend to the things that matter,
and find our life in Jesus Christ. (*Silent prayer and reflection*)**

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Without regard for the cost, the precious love of God is poured out in Jesus
Christ. This is 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 "*Word of God in Human Language*"

Prayer for Illumination

Jill Kleppinger

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: Amos 6:1-7

Woe to those who are at ease in Zion and for those who feel secure on Mount
Samaria, the notables of the first of the nations, to whom the house of Israel
resorts! Cross over to Calneh and see; from there go to Hamath the great;
then go down to Gath of the Philistines.

Are you better than these kingdoms?

Or is your territory greater than their territory, you who put far away the evil day
and bring near a reign of violence?

Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory and lounge on their couches and eat
lambs from the flock and calves from the stall, who sing idle songs to the sound

3. *continued...*

of the harp and like David improvise on instruments of music, who drink wine from Bowls and anoint themselves with the finest oils but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!

Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile, and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

Reading: Luke 16:19-31

"There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores.

The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony.

Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house- for I have five brothers-that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.'

Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

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

Sermon

Rev. Doug Hagler

* Hymn # 773

“Heaven Shall Not Wait”

Capo 1: (D) (G) (A) (A7) (D) (Bm7) (Em) (A)
 E^b A^b B^b B^b7 E^b Cm7 Fm B^b



1 Heaven shall not wait for the poor to lose their pa-tience,
 2 Heaven shall not wait for the rich to share their for-tunes,
 3 Heaven shall not wait for the dawn of great i - de - as,
 4 Heaven shall not wait for tri - um - phant Hal - le - lu - jahs,

(D) (G) (A) (A7) (D) (G) (Asus) (A)
 E^b A^b B^b B^b7 E^b A^b B^bsus B^b



the scorned to smile, the de-spised to find a friend:
 the proud to fall, the e - lite to tend the least:
 thoughts of com - pas - sion di - vorced from cries of pain:
 when earth has passed and we reach an - oth - er shore:

(Bm7) (Em) (F#m) (Bm7) (D) (Em7) (A)
 Cm7 Fm Gm Cm7 E^b Fm7 B^b



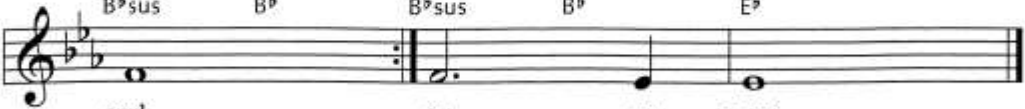
Je - sus is Lord; he has cham - pioned the un - want - ed;
 Je - sus is Lord; he has shown the mas - ter's priv - ilege:
 Je - sus is Lord; he has mar - ried word and ac - tion;
 Je - sus is Lord in our pres - ent im - per - fec - tion;

(D) (G) (A) (A7) (D) (Bm) (Em)
 E^b A^b B^b B^b7 E^b Cm Fm



in him in - jus - tice con - fronts its time - ly
 to kneel and wash ser - vants' feet be - fore they
 his cross and com - pa - ny make his pur - pose
 his power and love are for now and then for

1-3	4
(Asus)	(Asus)
B ^b sus	B ^b
(A)	(A)
B ^b	B ^b
(D)	(D)
E ^b	E ^b



end. ev - er - more.
 feast.
 plain.

TEXT: John L. Bell and Graham Maule, 1987
 MUSIC: John L. Bell, 1987
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Offering Prayer

Rev. Doug Hagler

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

"Poor Man Lazarus"

arr. Jester Hairston

* 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

Elder: Roger Warwick

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 # 711 "Lord of All Good" (Page 7 of the bulletin)

* Benediction

Rev. Doug Hagler

Postlude

"My Heart Is Your"

Praise Team

Sanctuary Flowers

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

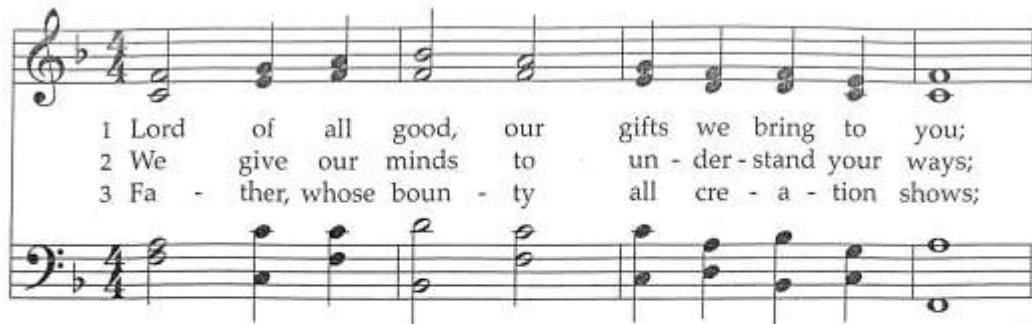
MaxSold Auction

The next interesting MaxSold Auction to benefit your People to People feeding and clothing ministry will start Tuesday, September 27th. The auction will be posted from Tuesday 9/27 to Wednesday 10/5 with pick up on Saturday 10/8 from 8 - 11 AM at the Jackson Street entrance to the church. Please take a look at the many items donated to us from Eagles' items, toys, pots & pans, vintage items, dishes, baking, and too many to mention. Log on to MaxSold Philadelphia, then look for Phoenixville Seller Managed (a direct link will be provided after we submit the auction).

Thank you for all your support.

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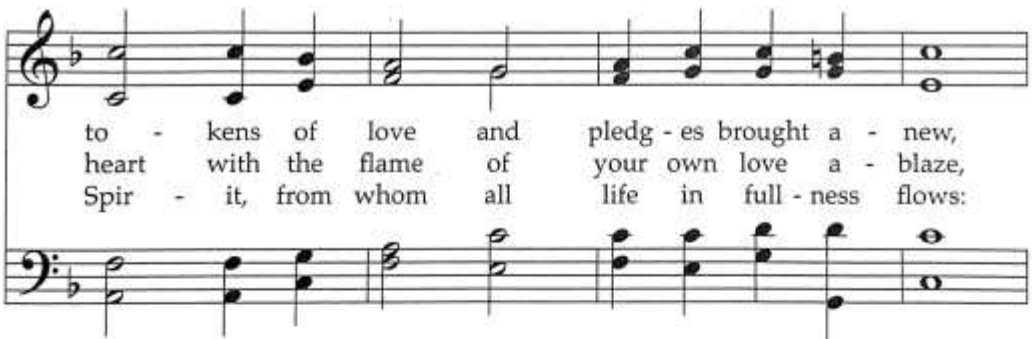
* Hymn # 711 "Lord of All Good"



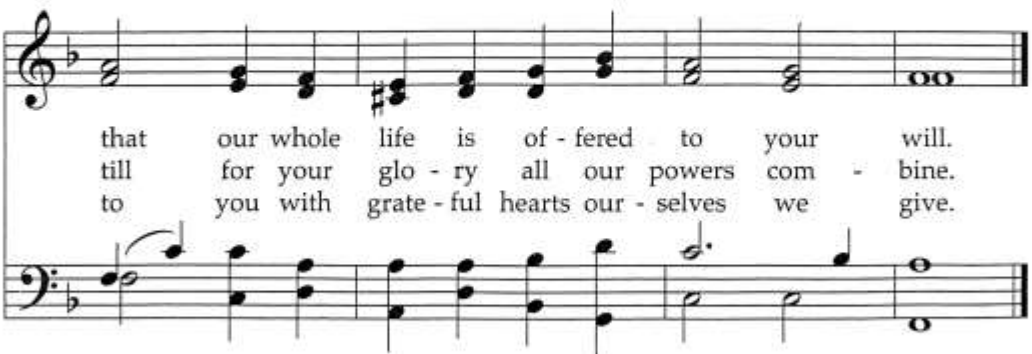
1 Lord of all good, our gifts we bring to you;
 2 We give our minds to un-der-stand your ways;
 3 Fa-ther, whose boun-ty all cre-a-tion shows;



use them your ho-ly pur-pose to ful-fill,
 hands, eyes, and voice to serve your great de-sign;
 Christ, by whose will-ing sac-ri-fice we live;



to-kens of love and pledg-es brought a-new,
 heart with the flame of your own love a-blaze,
 Spir-it, from whom all life in full-ness flows:



that our whole life is of-fered to your will.
 till for your glo-ry all our powers com-bine.
 to you with grate-ful hearts our-selves we give.

TEXT: Albert F. Bayly, 1962, alt.
 MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551; adapt. from GENEVAN 124
 Text © 1962 Oxford University Press

Finance Committee Report

- Total income is over budget by \$53,000 due to a member “angel gift”
- Pledges are behind budget by \$17,000
- Expenses are favorable by \$4,300

The Finance Committee thanks you for your continued support.

Adult Bible Study Begins Again

The adult Bible study will start up again on Sunday, September 25, at 8:30 AM, via Zoom. This fall we will be looking at *Words of Life: Jesus and the Promise of the Ten Commandments Today*, by Adam Hamilton. This book looks at the ten commandments in their original context, but also examines how Jesus taught them and lived them. Anyone interested can contact Sue Casey for the link. skcinpa@aol.com Sue will also help you get a copy of the book that will be studied.

Garage Sale Coming!

The next People to People Garage Sale is Saturday, October 1st from 9:00 am - 1: pm. Help is needed and appreciated for:

Wed., 9/28 - 12:30 pm set up tables

- 1:00 – 3:00 pm distribute bags of clothing to tables

- 5:00 - 6:30 pm bring out house ware items

Thurs., 9/29 – 9:00 am - 12 noon to arrange clothes and items

Fri., 9/30 – 9:00 am – 12:00 noon to finish arranging clothes and items

Sat., 10/1 - 8:30 am – 1:00 pm for sale and 1:00 – 2:00 pm for clean up

No donations are being accepted at this time until after the garage sale. Thank you for holding them, we appreciate your patience and donations after Oct 5th! This is one of the major fundraisers for our church's People to People feeding, clothing and community outreach.

Please contact Sandy Heidel (csheidel@verizon.net) to help or with questions.

October 2: Peace and Global Witness / Offering of Letters

During next Sunday's (October 2) worship service, we will collect two offerings: The Peace and Global Witness Special Offering and the Offering of Letters. If you use the church-supplied envelopes for offerings, there is a special envelope for Peace and Global Witness. And, be sure to bring your letters to representatives on October 2 to be offered and dedicated before we place them in the mail. Information about the Offering of Letters (including a sample letter) are available in the narthex or by emailing Jeff McLaughlin at fpcchildrenandyouth@gmail.com. Check the next *Perspective* for more information about Bread for the World, the Christian advocacy group that sponsors the Offerings of Letters.

Ice Cream Social (Take 2)

Seems Parish Life jumped the gun on the Bocce ball announcement, but look for Bocce & hot dogs in the spring of 2023.

In its place on October 2nd, we will have an Ice Cream Social (Take 2).

There will be ice cream, whipped cream, cherries and sprinkles!

Meals for St. Mary's Franciscan Shelter

During the week of October 3 to 7, we will again be providing dinners for the residents of St. Mary's Shelter. If you did not receive a sign-up link via email, use this link to sign up for all or part of a meal (for 12 to 14 people):

<https://tinyurl.com/yckwtfnd>. There is also a sign-up sheet in the narthex.

Good Works Lunches – Volunteers Needed

We will again be providing bag lunches for Good Works volunteers working in the Phoenixville area on Saturday, October 8. Assistance is needed from 10:30 a.m.

until about noon. Check the P2P Facebook page

(<https://www.facebook.com/FPCPeopleToPeople>) or contact Bob Russell at

Bob@rtact.com.

Upcoming Scripture Readings

October 2nd: Lamentations 3:16-36; 2 Timothy 1:1-14

October 9th: Jeremiah 29:1,4-7; 2 Timothy 2:8-15

Antiracism Book Group

The next meeting for the Antiracism Book Group will be on Sept. 25th 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.

Pub Theology

The next Pub Theology will meet on Sunday, Oct. 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!

Books Through Bars

Our next volunteer trip is October 15th. If you would like to join us, or if you would like to volunteer on one of our other 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>

Offering of Letters – September 2022 – Sample Letter to Congress

<https://ol.bread.org>

Base your letter(s) on the language below, but also personalize wherever possible (local reference or story, personal experience with hunger, favorite Scripture reference, etc.).

Sample Letter to Congress: Advocacy for Global Food Security Act

[Date]

[Your Address]

Rep. _____

U.S. House of Representatives - or -

Washington, DC 20515

Sen. _____

U.S. Senate

Washington, DC 20510

Dear Representative _____,

Dear Senator _____,

Hunger and malnutrition are preventable. I urge you to co-sponsor and support the Global Food Security Reauthorization Act (S. 4649/H.R. 8446).

This bipartisan legislation reauthorizes a successful approach to food security and agricultural development, currently utilized by Feed the Future, and ensures that we can build upon this program's successes to fight hunger and malnutrition and strengthen agricultural production in its 20 focus countries. This innovative initiative leverages resources provided by non-governmental and faith-based organizations, private enterprises, universities, and foreign governments to maximize efficiency and impact. Through this initiative, we can help alleviate global hunger, poverty, and malnutrition in low-income countries and enhance nutrition and food security. In turn, we will strengthen communities, create stronger trading partners, and build a more stable and secure world.

This legislation is needed now more than ever. The world is currently in a global hunger crisis that threatens to push at least 47 million people in 81 countries into famine. A complex set of factors — increasingly intense weather, ongoing conflicts, and the impacts of the pandemic — have converged to create this crisis. Then, the war in Ukraine made a dire situation worse. Vital exports have been cut off, driving up food prices in vulnerable areas in East and West Africa and the Middle East. The United States continues to be a leader in providing immediate humanitarian and emergency food relief, but Congress also has an opportunity to go a step further to counteract rising rates of hunger by reauthorizing and expanding the Global Food Security Act.

As a Christian, I am called to love and care for my neighbors wherever they are. Every human being is made in God's image and carries a sacred dignity and immeasurable worth (Genesis 1:27). I urge you to co-sponsor S. 4649/H.R. 8446.

Sincerely, [Your Name]

Congressional and Senate Representatives

Both “snail mail” and website addresses are provided below.

After writing your old-fashioned paper letter, consider sending a follow-up message as well, via the appropriate website.

Representatives

These are the Representatives for most of us in the First Presbyterian Church community. You can check here to confirm your Congressional district and Representative:

https://ziplook.house.gov/htbin/findrep_house?ZIP=19460

4th – Madeleine Dean

6th – Chrissy Houlahan

U. S. House of Representatives

U.S. House of Representatives

Washington, DC 20515

Washington, DC 20515

<https://dean.house.gov>

<https://houlahan.house.gov>

Senators

All Pennsylvanians are represented by the following two Senators.

Senator Bob Casey

Senator Pat Toomey

U. S. Senate

U.S. Senate

Washington, DC 20510

Washington, DC 20510

<https://www.casey.senate.gov>

<https://www.casey.senate.gov>

FPC’s Choir Is Back!

We had our first rehearsal on Thursday, September 8th, at 7:00 p.m. Sunday, September 18th was our first Sunday to lead our worship service. I am hoping to see all of our returning members and hopefully a few new ones, too. You can always find me at the organ on Sunday morning if you have any questions about our Fall startup. Diane Legnini, diane.legnini1@verizon.net

Raise Right Gift Cards

We ask that you consider shopping with **gift cards** to your favorite stores while at the same time you benefit the church financially. A percentage of each gift card is donated to our church. In September we will be placing orders on Wednesday, September 14 & Wednesday, September 28.

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 (September 13 & September 27). Please make checks payable to “First Presbyterian Church DR”. As always, thank you for continuing to support this program! The

Stewardship Committee

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.

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, Oct. 16th. 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.

Prayer Requests

Joys:

Concerns: Bill & Sharon Wagner; Laurie Little

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:(610)933-8816) and she will forward your requests on to Amy. Anyone interested in being a Prayer Warrior should email Amy.

October Birthdays

- Oct. 1: David Dzordzorme, Don Gerace, Bill Tyson
- Oct. 3: Rob Ferguson, Turrey Kepler
- Oct. 4: Gary Giebler, Jen Guthan
- Oct. 10: Jeanne Blackburn, Lilly Blackburn, Rick Schnaedter
- Oct. 11: Amy Myers
- Oct. 13: Wendy Pennypacker
- Oct. 14: Betty Miller
- Oct. 15: Bill Wagner
- Oct. 16: Mike Eitl
- Oct. 19: Tom Allred
- Oct. 21: Kathy Thais
- Oct. 23: Abigail Dzordzorme, Doug Walker
- Oct. 24: Nancy Gray
- Oct. 25: Keith Roussey
- Oct. 26: Eva Carlino
- Oct. 29: Jewell Baker, Dave Mandrusiak



This Week in the Life of the Church

Sunday, September 25th (*Childcare available.)

- 8:30 a.m. Bible Study via Zoom with Sue Casey
- 10:30 a.m. *WORSHIP – Rev. Doug Hagler, In person and via YouTube
- 10:45 a.m. *Sunday School (start in sanctuary, then to fellowship hall)
- 7:00 p.m. Antiracism Book Group meeting via Zoom

Monday, September 26th

- 9:00 a.m. People to People clothing + ministry (fellowship hall)
- 6:30 p.m. Zumba class (fellowship hall)

Tuesday, September 27th 6:30 p.m. Zumba class (fellowship hall)

Wednesday, September 28th

- 12:30 p.m. Set up Fellowship Hall for garage sale (till 7:30 pm)
- 7:30 p.m. Handbell rehearsal (choir room)

Thursday, September 29th

- 9:00 a.m. Set up Fellowship Hall for garage sale (till 1:00 pm)
- 10:00 a.m. People to People food ministry (kitchen)
- 7:00 p.m. Choir rehearsal (choir room)

Friday, September 30th

- 9:00 a.m. Set up Fellowship Hall for garage sale (till 1:00 pm)

Saturday, October 1st

- 9:00 a.m. People to People Garage Sale (fellowship hall till 1:00 pm)

Sunday, October 2nd *World Communion Sunday* (*Childcare available.)

- 8:30 a.m. Bible Study via Zoom with Sue Casey
- 10:30 a.m. *WORSHIP – Rev. Doug Hagler, In person and via YouTube
- 10:45 a.m. *Sunday School (start in sanctuary, then to fellowship hall)
- 12:00 n. Ice Cream Social #2 on the lawn
- 12:30 p.m. Deacons meeting via Zoom

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.

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Kathryn Grocki
Ron Williams
Chris Wittrock
Ken Brown
Kevin Carrabine
Roger Warwick
Jewell Baker (Clerk)
George Cockerill
Jeff McLaughlin
Adam Smith

Board of Deacons

Karen Drummond
Paulette Mark
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Jen Johnson
Gail Schnaedter
Kathy Thais
Ellen Williams
Kristen Craven
Gail Landazuri
Mona Sabia (Chairperson)