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Morning Worship

April 16, 2023 10:30 a.m.

Prelude	<i>“Because He Lives (Amen)”</i>	Praise Team
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Welcome Rev. Doug Hagler

Passing the Peace

Announcements

Sarah Shulman

Minute for Mission – PACS Kristin Craven

Call to Worship *Psalms 16* Karin Goodman

**People: I bless the LORD who gives me counsel;
in the night also my heart instructs me.**

Leader: I keep the LORD always before me;
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

**People: Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;
my body also rests secure.**

Leader: For you do not give me up to Sheol,
or let your faithful one see the Pit.

**People: You show me the path of life.
In your presence there is fullness of joy;
in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

* Hymn # 231

"Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers"



1 Christ has ris-en while earth slum-bers; Christ has ris-en where hope died,
 2 Christ has ris-en for the peo-ple whom he died to love and save;
 3 Christ has ris-en and for ev-er lives to chal-lenge and to change



as he said and as he prom-ised, as we doubt-ed and de-nied.
 Christ has ris-en for the wom-en bring-ing flowers to grace his grave.
 all whose lives are messed or man-gled, all who find re-li-gion strange.



Let the moon em-brace the bless-ing; let the sun sus-tain the cheer;
 Christ has ris-en for dis-ci-ples hud-dled in an up-stairs room.
 Christ is ris-en, Christ is pres-ent mak-ing us what he has been:



let the world con-firm the ru-mor: Christ is ris-en, God is here!
 He whose word in-spired cre-a-tion can't be si-lenced by the tomb.
 ev-i-dence of trans-for-ma-tion in which God is known and seen.



Prayer of Confession *(unison)*

**O God, we often focus on the narratives of our own lives,
rather than the great good news of the resurrection.**

**We forget that you have conquered sin and death,
and settle instead for a perspective that never moves beyond our
horizon.**

**We are slow to bring your good news to our brothers and sisters.
Forgive us for our limited point of view,
and equip us again to become resurrection people
who seek to repair the breaches we see in society around us.**

(Silent prayer and reflection)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Listen, so that you may live: the steadfast love of God never fails.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

* Gloria Patri

(Children may come forward now for the children's message.)

**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- Answering Questions Part 1

Dedication: One Great Hour of Sharing

Jesus, we have so much to be thankful for.

Just as the Bible told us,

you died and then you were raised to life on the third day.

You have shown us grace, generosity, and love.

Take these gifts and multiply them,

so that everyone can have food, water,
school, and a chance to live a good life.

We pray in Jesus's name. Amen.

Call to the word *"Break Thou The Bread Of Life"*

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: Acts 2:14a, 22-32

^{14a}But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them,
²²“You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know — ²³this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. ²⁴But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power.
²⁵For David says concerning him,
 ‘I saw the Lord always before me,
 for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;
²⁶ therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
 moreover my flesh will live in hope.
²⁷ For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,
 or let your Holy One experience corruption.
²⁸ You have made known to me the ways of life;
 you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’
²⁹“Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. ³¹Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,
 ‘He was not abandoned to Hades,
 nor did his flesh experience corruption.’
³²This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

Reading: John 20:19-31

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.”

4. *continued...*

²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."

²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe."

²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!"

²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book.

³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

Sermon

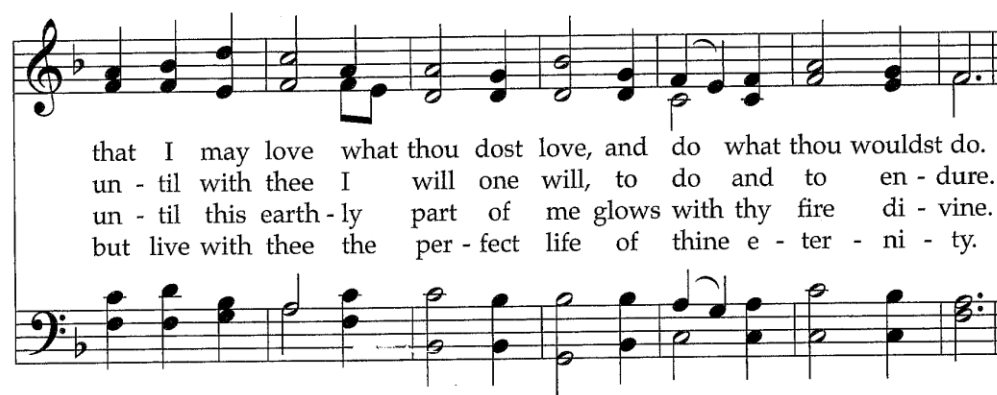
Rev. Doug Hagler

* Hymn # 286

“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”



1 Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life a - new,
 2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,
 3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am whol - ly thine,
 4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die,



that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.
 un - til with thee I will one will, to do and to en - dure.
 un - til this earth - ly part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.
 but live with thee the per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

TEXT: Edwin Hatch, 1878
 MUSIC: Robert Jackson, 1888

Installation of Elder Karin Goodman
 Constitutional Questions

Apostle's Creed (Hymnal pg. 35) (*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 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 *"Hallelujah, Let the People All Sing"* E. Toppenberg

* 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: Karin Goodman

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 # 253 "Alleluia! Christ Is Arisen"

Refrain / Estribillo

Capo 2: (Am)

Bm F#7

Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is a - ris - en.

(Am) Bm Fine

Bright is the dawn-ing of the Lord's day.
la ma - dru - ga - da del do - min - go.

(Am) Bm (F) G (E7) F#7

1 Run, faith - ful wom - en, to the grave - side.
2 Rise, Mag - da - le - na, from your weep - ing;
3 Gath - er, dis - ci - ples, in the eve - ning;
4 Thom - as, where were you on that eve - ning?

(Am) Bm

Mar - vel, the stone is rolled a - way!
Christ stands be - fore your ver - y eyes.
sud - den - ly Christ your Lord ap - pears.
"I'll not be - lieve un - less I see."

(F) G (E7) F#7

Hear from the an - gel, "He is ris - en."
Quick - ly re - turn to the dis - ci - ples;
"Look, it is I, your wound - ed Sav - ior.
Christ comes a - gain, and ev - ery Lord's day:

(Am) Bm to Refrain / al Estribillo

Christ goes be - fore you all the way.
bear the good news: "He is a - live."
Peace be with you, and do not fear."
"Touch me and see; have faith in me."

* Benediction
Postlude

Rev. Doug Hagler

Sanctuary Flowers

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

Men's Group Book Discussion

Join the Men's Group on the 3rd Sunday of each month after church for lunch and discussion. They will be reading *The Fellowship of the Ring* by JRR Tolkien, followed by *Cry Like A Man* by Jason Wilson, founder of the Cave of Adullam in Detroit. Come see Pastor Doug if you have any questions, or would like for him to order you a book, and feel free to join the group any 3rd Sunday whether you are reading the books or not. Next meeting will be on Sunday, April 16th.

Presbytery Women's Circle

The women's study, *Celebrating Sabbath*, will resume on Sunday, April 16th at 12:00 noon in the parlor. Bring a snack or your lunch. Enjoy a brief video session followed by discussion and prayer. Join in this fun learning experience.

Grass cutters needed, no experience necessary.

For a number of years a few church members have been cutting the grass. We need some help. If you are able to join us, please email Paul Parrish at parrishps@gmail.com

Summer Missions

The MAC Committee wants input on what the congregation wants to do for a summer mission project in July. Options include a one-day/weekend service event, a week of one-day opportunities, and a week-long trip. Let us know your interest and availability for serving. We will be collecting responses until Monday, April 17th.

<https://bit.ly/SummerMissionsFPC>

Prayer Requests

Joys:

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 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.

First Friday Parking Lot Volunteers Needed

Along with nice Spring weather, first Friday celebrations will begin again in downtown Phoenixville! People looking for a parking spots are grateful for an easy and inexpensive place to park. Bring a folding chair and water bottle to sit in the parking lot and collect a \$5 fee for each car.

We need 2 people to arrive around 5pm on the first Friday of each month and leave at dusk or about 7:30. Please give this task a try – it can be a fun evening as you greet visitors to our town. To volunteer please use the Sign Up Genius link or call the church office at 610-933-8816.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050f4aada722a1fb6-parking3/121281582#/>

Gratitude Journal: Gratitude for New Life

During our year-long journey of gratitude, we invite you to record your responses in a journal so you can reflect at the end of the year.

This week's prompt is: **How are you nurturing yourself so you can grow?**

If you would like to share your reflection (1-2 minutes) after a specific prompt or something you are grateful for, please let us know and we can let you share! The Church Growth Committee

Antiracism Book Club

The Antiracism Book Club will start a new discussion on Sunday, April 23rd at 7:00 p.m. about “A Raisin in the Sun”, by Lorraine Hansberry. Read the book and/or view the play on YouTube before the meeting. The zoom link for this group can be found in The Beat or ask Sue Smith to email it to you. Newcomers are welcome!

Nominations Are Open

The **Nominating Committee** requests suggestions from the congregation of names to consider for the next class of Session members (Elders) and the next class of members of the Board of Deacons. When suggesting names, please consider the qualifications and duties as described in the Book of Order, as well as the person's ability to remain committed and engaged in this leadership role.

Elders should be persons of faith, dedication, and good judgment. Their manner of life should be a demonstration of the Christian gospel, both within the church and in the world. Elders, together with the ministers, exercise leadership, government, and discipline, and have responsibilities for the life of a particular church.

The office of Deacon as set forth in Scripture is one of sympathy, witness, and service after the example of Jesus Christ. Persons of spiritual character, honest repute, exemplary lives, brotherly and sisterly love, warm sympathies, and sound judgment should be chosen for this office. It is the duty of deacons, first of all, to minister to those who are in need, to the sick, to the friendless, and to any who may be in distress.

Elders on Session

Class of 2023

Ken Brown
Kevin Carrabine
Karen Grocki
Roger Warwick

Class of 2024

George Cockerill
Jewell Baker
Adam Smith
Jeff McLaughlin

Class of 2025

Karin Goodman
Jean Osterhoudt
Cassy Gulden
Jill Kleppinger

Board of Deacons

Class of 2023

Jen Johnson
Gail Schnaedter
Kathy Thais
Ellen Williams

Class of 2024

Gail Landazuri
Mona Sabia
Kristin Craven
Open

Class of 2025

Lyn Williams
Paul Parrish
Paulette Mark
Bob Wittrock

Please submit names to be considered for nomination (including your own if you feel called to serve) to Adam Smith at afsmithphoto@gmail.com or to the church office at secretaryfpc145@gmail.com by April 24 (Last Sunday in April).

April Scrip Orders

Happy Spring...Happy April!! We will be placing orders on for gift cards on **Wednesday, April 5** and **Wednesday, April 19**.

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 (**April 4** and **April 18**).

Please make checks payable to "First Presbyterian Church DR".

All money raised goes to benefit First Presbyterian Church.

As always, thank you for continuing to support this program!

The Stewardship Committee

Cards for the Military

There is a basket in fellowship hall 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.

Attention Graduates

Please notify the church office with the names of those people who will be graduating from High School, College, Technical School or Grad School this year. (secretaryfpc145@gmail.com or 610-933-8816)

We will recognize all our graduates on Sunday, May 22nd during the worship service.

PACA 'Cookie Revival' in May

This year the Clergy Association is going to have a bake sale during the Dogwood Parade as a fundraiser. We will be hosting a cookie-baking party at First United Methodist Church on May 19th starting around 1pm and going until around 6pm at the latest. If you would like to help bake, let Pastor Doug know, and if you would like to help host our Cookie Revival table at the Parade, let Pastor Doug know!

Masks Now Optional (As of 4/2/23)

Session met Tuesday night to discuss, among many other things, our ongoing masking policy. We decided that, due to moving back to the sanctuary (where there is room to spread out if people choose) and our own changing behaviors around masking outside of church, we would change our masking policy to "Masks Optional." Those who are serving Communion will remain masked for the foreseeable future. If there is some significant change in the reality of COVID (a particularly virulent strain, etc.) we may revisit this decision, but masks are now optional in worship. We know that this is a welcome change for some, and a challenging change for others who have more health concerns. Remember, as always, that we are the Body of Christ, and it is our calling to be patient with one another and our differences, as we have been up to this point. If you have questions, as always, seek out Pastor Doug or a member of Session, and thank you for your continued forbearance as we navigate these issues together.

Books Through Bars

The next Books Through Bars volunteer trip will be on Saturday, May 20th. Registration to volunteer is available via Sign-Up Genius. <https://www.cignupgenius.com/go/8050F4AADA722A1FB6-books>, or call Sue Smith in the church office (610-933-8816) to sign up. Please indicate if you are willing to share with driving. Volunteers will meet in the church parking lot at 10:30 am and return by 2:30 pm. Thanks in advance for your help with this meaningful ministry.

Pub Theology

The next Pub Theology will meet on Sunday, May 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!

Upcoming Scripture Reading

April 23rd: Acts 2:14, 36-41; Luke 24:13-35

April 30th: Acts 2:42-47; John 10:1-10

This Week in the Life of the Church

Sunday, April 16th (*Childcare available.)

- 8:30 a.m. Adult Bible study via Zoom
- 10:30 a.m. *WORSHIP – Rev. Doug Hagler, In person and via YouTube
- 10:45 a.m. *Sunday School (start in sanctuary, then moves to classrooms)
- 12:00 n. Men's Group (meet in church office, then out for lunch)
- 12:00 n. Women's Circle (parlor)

Monday, April 17th

- 9:00 a.m. People to People clothing+ (fellowship hall)
- 9:30 a.m. Fire alarm system test (It's gonna be loud in the building)
- 6:30 p.m. Zumba class (fellowship hall)
- 7:30 p.m. Staff meeting via Zoom

Tuesday, April 18th

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

Wednesday, April 19th

- 12:30 p.m. Church Growth Committee meeting (Panera Bread Collegeville)
- 7:30 p.m. Handbell Choir rehearsal (choir room)

Thursday, April 20th

- 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. Christian Education Committee meeting via Zoom

Friday, April 21st

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

Saturday, April 22nd No events scheduled.

Sunday, April 23rd (*Childcare available.)

- 8:30 a.m. Adult Bible study via Zoom
- 10:30 a.m. *WORSHIP – Rev. Doug Hagler, In person and via YouTube
- 10:45 a.m. *Sunday School (start in sanctuary, then moves to classrooms)
- 7:00 p.m. Antiracism Book Club via Zoom

Nursery/Sunday School: The church nursery is located on the 2nd floor of the main building in room 209 and is available for children ages infant-3 years. All children 3 years and older are invited to attend Sunday School during worship (children will depart fellowship hall for their classrooms immediately following the Children's Sermon), with ages 3-5 in room 210, ages 6-8 in room 208, and grades 5 and older in the third-floor class-room. Sunday School is from 10:45am–11:45am.

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 from an usher.

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Roger Warwick
Jewell Baker (Clerk)
George Cockerill
Jeff McLaughlin
Adam Smith
Karin Goodman
Cassy Gulden
Jill Kleppinger
Jeanie Osterhoudt

Board of Deacons

Jen Johnson
Kathy Thais
Gail Schnaedter
Ellen Williams
Kristin Craven
Gail Landazuri
Mona Sabia (Chairperson)
Paulette Mark
Lucinda Parrish
Lynne Williams
Bob Wittrock