

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 April 30, 2023 ☩ ☩ ☩ 10:30 a.m.

Prelude "Prelude on 'Crimond'" J. Carter
Welcome Rev. Doug Hagler

Passing the Peace

Announcements Sarah Shulman

Minute for Ministry Sarah Shulman & Jacqui Busch

Minute for Stewardship Cassy Gulden

Call to Worship *From the Confession of Belhar* Jacqui Busch

Leader: The unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways;

People: in that we love one another;

Leader: that we experience, practice and pursue community with one another;

People: that we are obligated to give ourselves willingly and joyfully to be of benefit and blessing to one another;

Leader: together know and bear one another's burdens, thereby fulfilling the law of Christ;

People: that we need one another and upbuild one another,

Leader: admonishing and comforting one another;

People: that we suffer with one another for the sake of righteousness;

Leader: pray together; together serve God in this world;

People: and together fight against all which may threaten or hinder this unity;

Leader: that this unity can be established only in freedom and not under constraint;

People: that the variety of spiritual gifts, opportunities, backgrounds, convictions, as well as the various languages and cultures, are by virtue of the reconciliation in Christ, opportunities for mutual service and enrichment within the one visible people of God;

* Hymn # 802

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

(Psalm 23)

1 The King of love my shep-herd is, whose good - ness
2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow my ran - somed
3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in
4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear

fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
soul he lead - eth, and where the ver - dant
love he sought me, and on his shoul - der
Lord, be - side me; thy rod and staff my

I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.
pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
com - fort still, thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
thy unction grace bestoweth;
and O what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so through all the length of days
thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house forever.

TEXT: Henry Williams Baker, 1868
MUSIC: Irish melody, harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906, alt.

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**Forgive us, generous God,
for creating scarcity where you give plenty,
for excluding where you offer welcome,
straying from the path you choose for us and then wondering why we
are lost.**

**Help us return to your better way listening to your voice which calls
us home.** (*Silent prayer and reflection*)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: All of us have gone astray, but now we have returned to the
shepherd and guardian of our souls.

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

Call to the word *“Break Thou the Bread of Life”*

Prayer for Illumination

Jacqui Busch

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 2:42-47

⁴²They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the
breaking of bread and the prayers.

⁴³Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done
by the apostles. ⁴⁴All who believed were together and had all things in common;

⁴⁵they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all,
as any had need.

3. *continued...*

⁴⁶Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Reading: John 10:1-10

¹“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit.

²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep.

³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.

⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.”

⁶Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep.

⁸All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them.

⁹I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture.

¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy.

I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

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

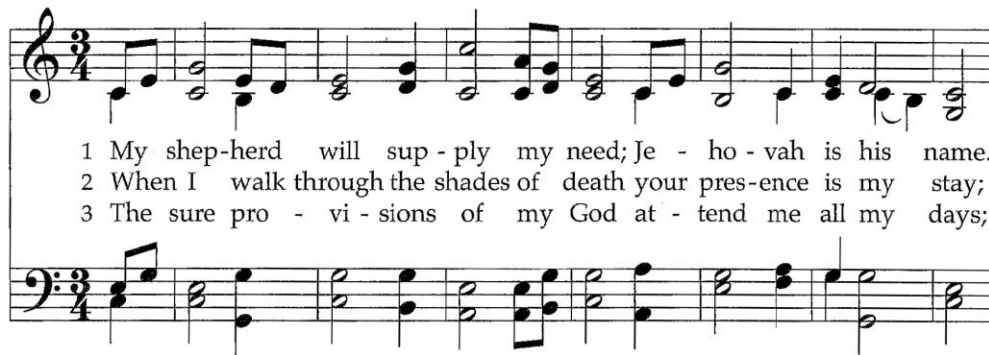
Sermon

Rev. Doug Hagler

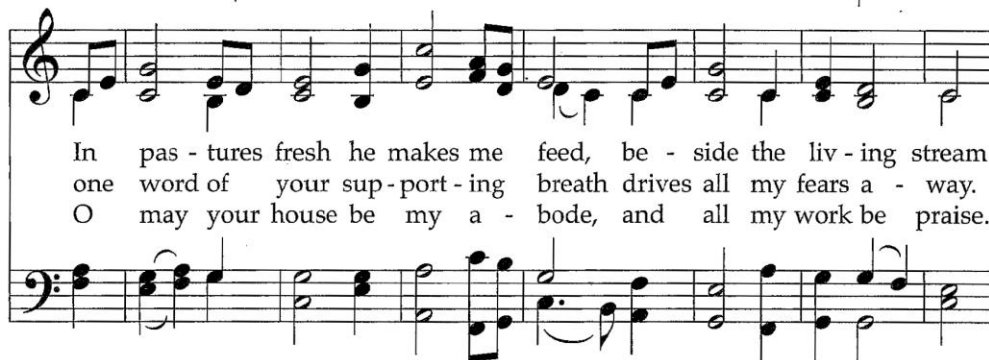
* Hymn # 803

“My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”

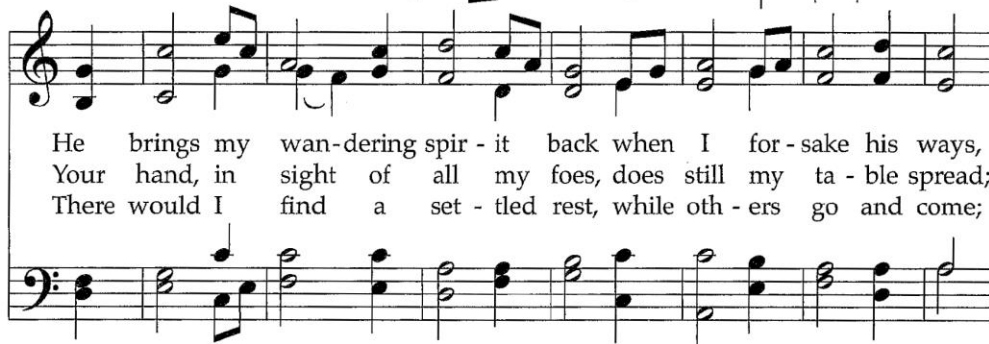
(Psalm 23)



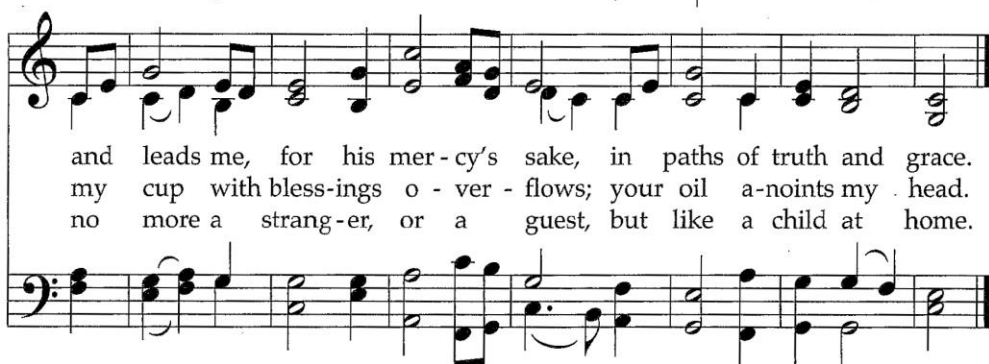
1 My shep-herd will sup - ply my need; Je - ho - vah is his name.
2 When I walk through the shades of death your pres-ence is my stay;
3 The sure pro - vi - sions of my God at - tend me all my days;



In pas - tures fresh he makes me feed, be - side the liv - ing stream.
one word of your sup - port - ing breath drives all my fears a - way.
O may your house be my a - bode, and all my work be praise.



He brings my wan - dering spir - it back when I for - sake his ways,
Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my ta - ble spread;
There would I find a set - tled rest, while oth - ers go and come;



and leads me, for his mer - cy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.
my cup with bless - ings o - ver - flows; your oil a - noints my head.
no more a strang - er, or a guest, but like a child at home.

TEXT: Isaac Watts, 1719, alt.
MUSIC: U.S.A. folk melody; Lewis's Beauties of Harmony, 1828; harm. Dale Grotenhuis, 1986
Music Harm. © 1990 Dale Grotenhuis

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

* 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: Cassy Gulden

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 # 746 "Send Me, Jesus"

Thu - ma mi - na. Thu - ma mi - na, thu - ma mi - na. Thu - ma
 Send me, Lord. 1 Send me, Je - sus; send me, Je - sus; send me,
 (2 Lead me,) Je - sus; lead me, Je - sus; lead me,
 (3 Fill me,) Je - sus; fill me, Je - sus; fill me,

Repeat ad lib.	End
2 Lead me, Lord.	
3 Fill me, Lord.	

mi - na, So - man - dla.
 Je - sus; send me, Lord. 2 Lead me,
 Je - sus; lead me, Lord. 3 Fill me,
 Je - sus; fill me, Lord.

TEXT: South African; English trans. Freedom Is Coming, 1984
 MUSIC: South African; arr. Freedom Is Coming, 1984
 Text and Music © 1984 Walton Music Corp.

* Benediction
Postlude

“Build Your Kingdom Here”

Rev. Doug Hagler
Praise Team

Sanctuary Flowers

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

A Very Special Birthday

Vivian Sedlacek will turn 98 on May 4th. If you'd like to help her celebrate, cards and letters can be sent to Vivian at: 6130 Shannondell Drive, Audubon, PA 19503

Teacher Appreciation Sunday: May 14

On Sunday, May 14, we will celebrate Teacher Appreciation Day in church. In addition to recognizing our fabulous group of Sunday School and adult class teachers, we will be including children in some key parts of the worship service itself. This will also be the day of our Ukulele Ensemble's debut performance in church. We hope that you and your children can join us on May 14!

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 14th during the worship service.

Mother's Day Cards Available

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 14th, and MAC has a selection of cards for the occasion to benefit Bridge of Hope. Think of mothers, mother-in-laws, wife, other family members, or a person who has been like a mother to you. Bridge of Hope is a Christian organization that helps a family from becoming homeless with Neighboring Volunteers who assists and encourages the family.

Cards are available in the narthex on Sundays and in the church office during the week for \$5. Thank you for your support. Your MAC Committee

Prayer Requests

Joys: Vivian Sedlacek's 98th birthday!

Concerns: Jack & Kathryn Grocki

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 and she will forward your requests on to Amy. Anyone interested in being a Prayer Warrior should email Amy.

One Great Hour of Sharing...Thank You

Thank you for your generous gifts to the One Great Hour of Sharing ministry. Your gracious contributions will help to support the many life changing missions of this ministry. Once we have all of the offerings and “Gracie” fish boxes, we will update you on the total received. Stay tuned...

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

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 can you share what you have grown?**

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

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.

May Gift Card Orders

It's May, and that means it's time to think about Mother's Day and Graduations!!! We will be placing orders for gift cards on Wednesdays May 3, May 17 and May 31. If you would like to place an order, please call or text Lynne Williams at 610-955-4749, 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 (May 2, May 16 and May 30). 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

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#/>

Breakfast Bags for Neighbors in Need

During our final Sunday School Session of the school year (May 21), children will be putting together hot breakfast bags to be delivered to Better Days Ahead Outreach, who will then distribute them where they are most needed. If you can help by donating some items for the bags, go to the sign-up here:

<https://tinyurl.com/yc2w9b39>. Additional details, including needed items and quantities, are included with the sign-up.

If you'd like more information about the mission of Better Days Ahead, visit their website at <https://bdaoutreach.org>. Special thanks to Laura Hobbins for organizing this opportunity for our children to practice compassion for neighbors in need.

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!

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.

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!

Presbytery Women's Circle

The women's study, *Celebrating Sabbath*, will resume on Sunday, May 21st 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.

Antiracism Book Club

The Antiracism Book Club will start a new discussion on Sunday, May 28th 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!

Upcoming Scripture Readings

May 7th: Acts 7:55-60; 1 Peter 2:2-10

May 14th: Acts 17:22-31; 1 Peter 3:13-22

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, May 21st.

May Birthdays

May 2: Ben Dove, Mimi Hiestand

May 4: Judy Ball, Michelle Goodman, Vivian Sedlacek

May 5: Kate Kennedy

May 6: Dawn Buzzerd-Bader

May 10: Karen Drummond

May 13: Kevin Roussey, Megan Roussey

May 24: Lynne Williams

May 25: Blanche Chang

May 29: Liz Carrabine, Mike Naughton

May 30: Muriel Rowlands



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.

This Week in the Life of the Church

Sunday, April 30th (*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)

Monday, May 1st

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

2:00 p.m. MAC meeting via Zoom

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

Tuesday, May 2nd

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

Wednesday, May 3rd

7:30 p.m. Handbell Choir rehearsal (choir room)

Thursday, May 4th

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)

Friday, May 5th

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

5:00 p.m. Collections in the parking lot

Saturday, May 6th

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

Sunday, May 7th *Communion* (*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. Deacons meeting

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

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Lucinda Parrish
Lynne Williams
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