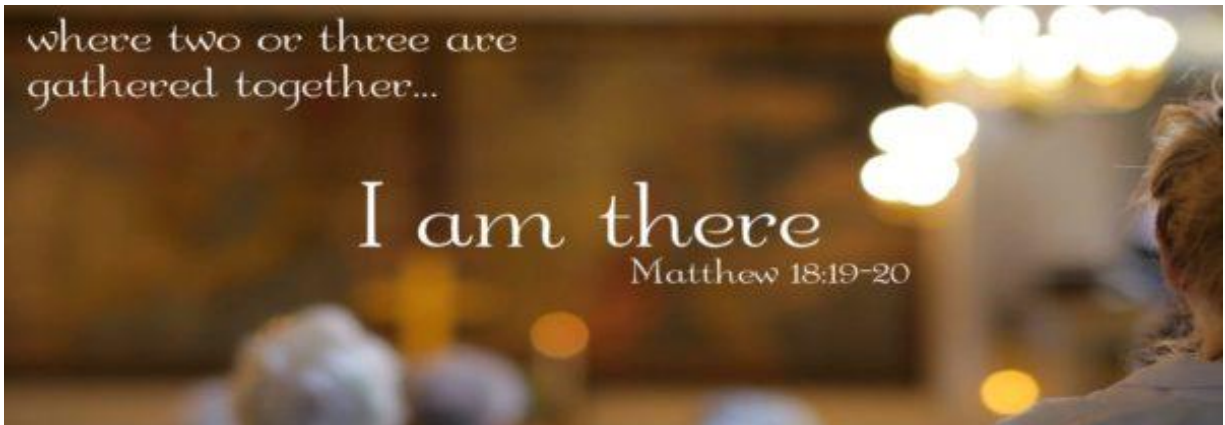



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Morning Worship

September 10, 2023  10:30 a.m.

Prelude *"I want to walk as a child of the light"* Wayne Wold

Welcome Rev. Doug Hagler

Passing the Peace

Announcements Sarah Shulman

Minute for Gratitude Jeff McLaughlin

Call to Worship

Leader: Prepare your hearts and spirits to receive God’s mercy and healing.
Sing and rejoice! The Lord reaches out to you with healing love!

People: The Lord is our strength and our power!

Leader: Dance before the Lord, a dance of joy and hope!

People: The Lord brings us joy and lifts us up in hope.

Leader: Come, let us worship God who is always with us.

People: Let us celebrate the good news God brings to us each day.


All: Amen.

* Hymn # 377

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"



1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to fol - low
 2 I want to see the bright-ness of God. I want to look at
 3 I'm look-ing for the com - ing of Christ. I want to be with

Je - sus. God set the stars to give light to the world. The
 Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ-teous-ness, shine on my path, and
 Je - sus. When we have run with pa-tience the race, we



Refrain



star of my life is Je - sus.
 show me the way to the Fa - ther. In him there is no dark-ness at
 shall know the joy of Je - sus.




all. The night and the day are both a - like. The Lamb is the




light of the cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.



Prayer of Confession *(unison)*

Dear God, thank you for being so kind and forgiving.

**We aren't always kind and forgiving,
and we don't always think of others.**

**We think more of ourselves, we get angry,
and sometimes we make bad decisions because of peer pressure.**

We don't always love others the way Jesus wants us to love.

Please forgive us and help us to do better.

**Thank you, God, for being there for us, our friends, our families ...
for all of us. Amen.**

(Silent prayer and reflection)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Thank you, God, for loving us and forgiving us.

All: 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.**

Children's Sermon

Children ages 3 and under may go to the church nursery room.

All other children are to remain with their family in worship.

Call to the Word *"Break Thou the Bread of Life"*

Choir

Prayer for Illumination

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 13:8-14

Don't run up debts, except for the huge debt of love you owe each other.
When you love others, you complete what the law has been after all along.
Love other people as well as you do yourself.
You can't go wrong when you love others.
When you add up everything in the law code, the sum total is *love*.

But make sure that you don't get so absorbed and exhausted in your day-by-day work that you lose track of the time and doze off. The night is about over, dawn is about to break. Be up and awake to what God is doing! God is putting the finishing touches on the work he began when we first believed.

We can't afford to waste a minute, must not misuse these precious daylight hours in arguing and fighting over silly things. Get out of bed and get dressed! Don't wait until the very last minute. Dress yourselves in Christ and be up and about!

Reading: Matthew 18:15-20

If a fellow believer hurts you, go and tell them—work it out between the two of you. If they listen, you've made a friend.
If they won't listen, take one or two others along so that the presence of witnesses will keep things honest, and try again.

If they still won't listen, tell the church.
If they won't listen to the church, you'll have to start over from scratch, confront them with the need for repentance, and offer again God's forgiving love.

Take this most seriously:
A yes on earth is yes in heaven; a no on earth is no in heaven.
What you say to one another is eternal. I mean this.

When two of you get together on anything at all on earth and make a prayer of it, my Father in heaven goes into action.
And when two or three of you are together because of me, you can be sure that I'll be there.

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

Sermon

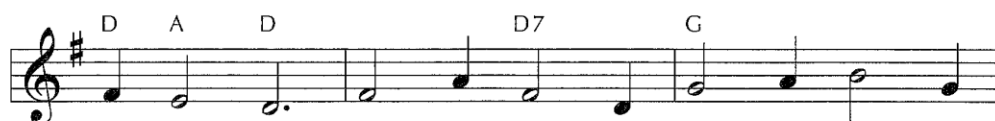
Rev. Doug Hagler

* Hymn # 394

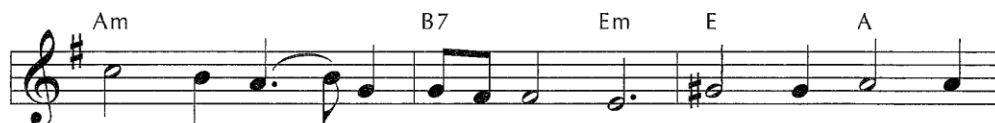
“Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”



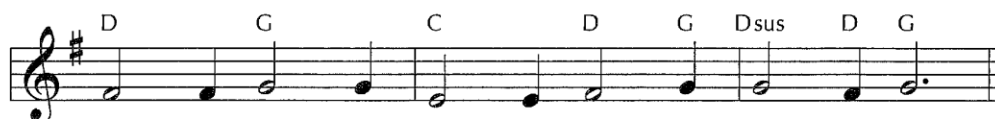
1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and
2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O Lord of
3 Here be - stow on all your ser - vants what they seek from
4 Laud and hon - or to the Fa - ther, laud and hon - or



cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,
hosts, and stay; come, with all your lov - ing - kind - ness;
you to gain; what they gain from you, for - ev - er
to the Son, laud and hon - or to the Spir - it,



bind - ing all the church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
hear your peo - ple as we pray, and your full - est
with the bless - ed to re - tain; and here - af - ter
ev - er three and ev - er one: one in might and



help for - ev - er, and our con - fi - dence a - lone.
ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in these walls to - day.
in your glo - ry ev - er - more with you to reign.
one in glo - ry while un - end - ing a - ges run!

TEXT: Latin, 7th cent.; trans. John Mason Neale, 1851, alt.
MUSIC: Henry Purcell, c. 1680; adapt. Ernest Hawkins, 1843

Call to Offering

Rev. Doug Hagler

Leader: With what shall we come before the Holy One, and bow ourselves
before God on high? God has shown us what is good.

Let us present ourselves to God as those who have been delivered from death
to life.

Offertory

“Teach Me Oh Lord”

Thomas Attwood

* 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: George Cockerill

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 # 529 "Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether"

1 Draw us in the Spir-it's teth-er, for when hum-bly
 2 As dis-ci-ples used to gath-er in the name of
 3 All our meals and all our liv-ing make as sac-ra-
 in your name two or three are met to-geth-er,
 Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the giv-er
 ments of you, that by car-ing, help-ing, giv-ing,
 you are in the midst of them. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
 break the bread and bless the cup, Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
 we may be dis-ci-ples true. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
 lu-ia! Here we touch your gar-ment's hem.
 lu-ia! so now bind our friend-ship up.
 lu-ia! We will serve with faith a-new.

TEXT: Percy Dearmer, 1931, alt.
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* Benediction Postlude

"Great I Am"

Rev. Doug Hagler
Praise Team

Participants in the worship service today are:

Aurora Carrabine, Dahlia Gulden, James Hobbins, Audrey Kleppinger, Jeffrey Kleppinger, Noah Pilotti and Luke Walker.

Sanctuary Flowers

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

Adult Bible Study Begins Sept. 17th

The adult Bible study will start up again on Sunday, September 17, at 8:30 AM, via Zoom. This fall we will start with a study titled “*Women of the New Testament*”. Note: This does not mean that it is a women-only study. We welcome all to our study! 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.

See You in May



Labor Day is over which means Lemonade in the Shade is also, but the cart will be back for Memorial Day Weekend 2024.

Thanks to everyone who helped out this summer, especially the lemonade taste-testers...you know who you are!

Jewell for the Parish Life Committee.



Gratitude Journal

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 thankful for first responders?**

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

It's Time for Choir!

Yes, it is September again and time to begin our FPC Choir rehearsals on Thursday, September 7th, at 7:00 p.m. in the choir room. Our first Sunday in the chancel will be September 10th. This year in addition to our regular anthems and service music for Sundays, we will be learning Will Todd's “Missa Brevis”. This short, jazz work will be presented at the beginning of Lent.

New members are always welcome and needed. We sing a large variety of styles and composers, liturgically planned, and with favorites for everyone. You can always find me at the organ on Sunday morning if you have any questions about our Fall startup. See you soon!

Diane Legnini, Director of Music

Upcoming Scripture Readings

September 17th: Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35

September 24th: Philippians 1:21-30; Matthew 20:1-16

Fall Hayride – October 8

On Sunday, October 8 (2:45 p.m.), an intergenerational hayride will take at Colonial Gardens in Phoenixville. The cost will be \$8.00 per person and everyone is invited. A sign-up link will soon be distributed but in the meantime, put the date on your family calendar! For more information about the hayride, contact Jill Kleppinger at jillklepp@gmail.com.

Books Through Bars

The next Books Through Bars volunteer trip will be on Saturday, September 16th. Registration to volunteer is available via Sign-Up Genius. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050F4AADA722A1FB6-books2> , 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, September 10th 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, *Sacred Encounters*, will begin on Sunday, Sept. 17th at 12:00 n. 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.

Men's Group Book Discussion

Join the Men's Group on the 3rd Sunday of each month after church for lunch and discussion. Next meeting date will be Sept. 17th. The book to be discussed will be "Cry Like a Man".

Prayer Requests

Joys:

Concerns: Jacqui Busch; Johnson family

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.

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.

Queer Circle Book Study

The next meeting of the Queer Circle Book Study is scheduled for Monday, Sept. 25th at 7pm via Zoom. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85778319381> Join us as we discuss the book -*Outlove: A Queer Christian Survival Story*. We hope that this discussion will bring in folks who are interested in learning more about gender, sexual orientation, Christian faith, and related issues. Talk to Pastor Doug, Sarah Shulman, or Jacqui Busch for more information, and we hope to see you there.

People to People Garage Sale

The People to People Garage Sale will be held on Saturday, Sept. 30th in Fellowship Hall from 8:00 am – 1:00 pm. There will be housewares, toys, clothing for everyone, linens, glassware, books, household items, knick-knacks, jewelry, and much more at very reasonable prices. Come and find a unique treasure, too!

Help is needed:

Wed. Sept 27, 12:30 PM: set up tables; 5 PM-7:30 PM set out items

Thurs. Sept 28, 9 AM-12PM: set out and display items

Fri. Sept 29, 9 AM-12PM: finish setting out items

Sat. Sept 30, 8 AM – 1PM: help customers and re-organize items

Sat. Sept 30, 12:30 – 2: help pack leftovers, clean up

Please get in touch with Sandy Heidel (csheidel@verizon.net) if you can help.

Thank you so much for supporting our church's clothing and feeding ministry.

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 13** and **Wednesday, September 27**.

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. Please pick up a list of retailers, located in the narthex and the office. Orders and checks must be received by the day before the orders are placed (September 12 and September 26). Please make checks payable to “First Presbyterian Church DR”. As always, thank you for continuing to support this program! The Stewardship Committee

Antiracism Book Club

The Antiracism Book Club will be discussing “We Remain: Race, Racism and the Story of the American Indian” by Keith R. Burich on Sunday, Sept. 24th at 7:00 p.m. The zoom link for this group can be found in The Beat or ask Sue Smith to email it to you. Newcomers are welcome!

Sunday School Teachers Needed

The new Sunday School year begins on September 17 and we are still seeking teachers to participate in the program. As you know, Sunday School takes place during the worship service each week. An impressive group of teachers is already in place and ready to begin the new year. However, with a few additional volunteers, we could assure that no single teacher misses worship more than once (or occasionally twice) a month.

On Sunday mornings, there are two teachers with each Sunday School group, one designated as “lead teacher” and one as “assistant teacher.” Lesson plans are distributed in advance and all necessary materials are provided. Therefore, your actual preparation time will be minimal. If you are uncertain, consider starting out as an assistant teacher. This will give you a chance to see how the program works before deciding to join the group for the school year.

For more information and/or to express interest, speak with Jeff McLaughlin at church on Sunday or contact him at fpcchildrenandyouth@gmail.com.

Support Maui

The rebuilding process has begun across Maui following the devastating wildfires that killed at least 115 people and displaced thousands more. Overall, the wildfire has affected an estimated 3,453 acres of land.

The burn area is restricted to authorized personnel only as federal agencies remove potentially dangerous ash and other debris. This could take months, officials have said. To support Maui in its rebuilding process, please write a check out to First Presbyterian Church of Phoenixville with “Maui” in the memo line.

People to People Donations

The Garage Sale is coming September 30th and the sorting team will be accepting donations until Thursday, September 21st. We need time to sort and price items before the big set up starts the following Wednesday. Please make sure your donations are clean and in working order.

No TVs, furniture or car seats can be accepted.

Thank you for your continued support of our mission to help our comm.-unity neighbors! Please consider joining us – you are always welcome!

This Week in the Life of the Church

Sunday, September 10th (*Childcare available.)

- 10:30 a.m. *WORSHIP – Rev. Doug Hagler, In person and via YouTube
- 12:00 n. Deacons meeting via Zoom
- 12:00 n. Worship & Music committee meeting (parlor)
- 7:00 p.m. Pub Theology (The Foodery, 325 Bridge Street)

Monday, September 11th

- 9:00 a.m. People to People clothing+ ministry (fellowship hall)
- 12:30 p.m. Staff meeting via Zoom
- 6:30 p.m. Zumba class (fellowship hall)
- 7:00 p.m. Finance Committee meeting via Zoom

Tuesday, September 12th

- 6:00 p.m. Parish Life Committee meeting (Luciano's, Collegeville)
- 6:30 p.m. Zumba class (fellowship hall)

Wednesday, September 13th

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

Thursday, September 14th

- 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. Choir rehearsal (choir room)
- 7:00 p.m. Compassionate Friends meeting (parlor)

Friday, September 15th

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

Saturday, September 16th

- 10:30 a.m. Books Through Bars (leaving from church parking lot)

Sunday, September 17th (*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 classes
- 12:00 n. Men's Group (start in church office, then out for lunch)
- 12:00 n. Women's Circle (parlor)

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