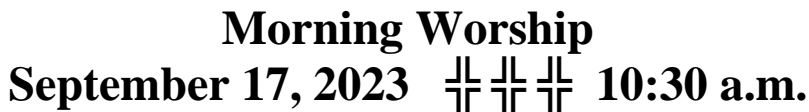


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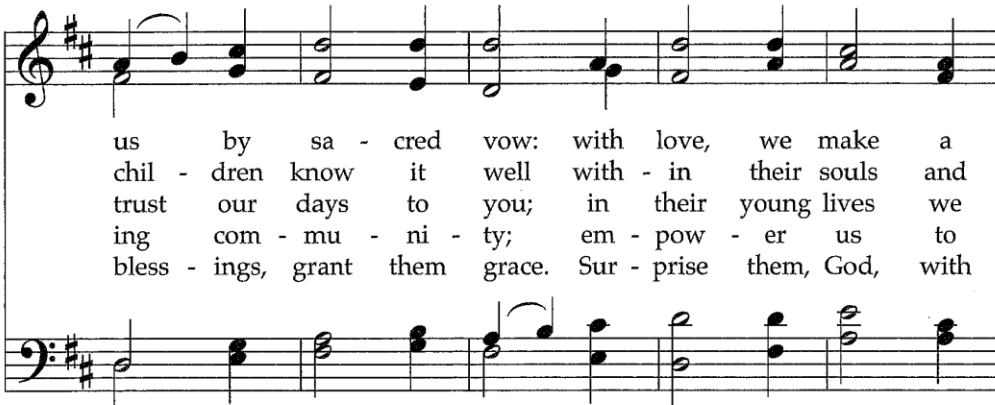
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\* Hymn # 487

"These Treasured Children"



1 These trea - sured chil - dren pres - ent now are bound to  
 2 Our an - cient sto - ry we shall tell, till these our  
 3 We long to trust as chil - dren do and so en -  
 4 Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, help us be a nur - tur -  
 5 Then, ten - der God, each child em - brace; God give them



us by sa - cred vow: with love, we make a  
 chil - dren know it well with - in their souls and  
 trust our days to you; in their young lives we  
 ing com - mu - ni - ty; em - pow - er us to  
 bless - ings, grant them grace. Sur - prise them, God, with



heart - felt claim to wel - come them in Je - sus' name.  
 minds and hearts, for this is where their jour - ney starts.  
 clear - ly see a les - son in hu - mil - i - ty.  
 re - a - lize God's king - dom through our chil - dren's eyes.  
 won - ders still, and gent - ly guide them to your will.

TEXT: Jacque B. Jones, 2009

MUSIC: Trier ms. 15th cent.; adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1609

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Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**This is the covenant God made with us: that God would put the law within us, and write it upon our hearts, and would be our God, and we would be God's people. God forgives the wrong we have done, and the good we leave undone. In penitence and faith, let us silently confess our sins to God.** (*Silent prayer and reflection*)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**All: 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

*Following the message children may go to their Sunday School rooms, to the church nursery room or they may stay 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 14:1-12

<sup>1</sup>Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. <sup>2</sup>Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables.

<sup>3</sup>Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them.

<sup>4</sup>Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

3. *continued...*

<sup>5</sup>Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. <sup>6</sup>Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

<sup>7</sup>We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. <sup>8</sup>If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. <sup>9</sup>For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

<sup>10</sup>Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. <sup>11</sup>For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God."

<sup>12</sup>So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

### Reading: Matthew 18:21-35

<sup>21</sup>Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" <sup>22</sup>Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

<sup>23</sup>"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. <sup>24</sup>When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him. <sup>25</sup>and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. <sup>26</sup>So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' <sup>27</sup>And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. <sup>28</sup>But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.'

<sup>29</sup>Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.'

<sup>30</sup>But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. <sup>31</sup>When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place.

<sup>32</sup>Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me.

<sup>33</sup>Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?'

4. *continued...*

<sup>34</sup>And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. <sup>35</sup>So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

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

Sermon

Rev. Doug Hagler

\* Hymn # 444 "Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive"

1 "For - give our sins as we for - give," you taught us, Lord, to pray,  
 2 How can your par - don reach and bless the un - for - giv - ing heart  
 3 In blaz - ing light your cross re - veals the truth we dim - ly knew:  
 4 Lord, cleanse the depths with-in our souls and bid re - sent - ment cease.

(F) (Em) (C) (Dm) (Em) (Am)  
 B $\flat$  Am F Gm Am Dm

but you a - lone can grant us grace to live the words we say.  
 that broods on wrongs and will not let old bit - ter - ness de - part?  
 what triv - ial debts are owed to us, how great our debt to you!  
 Then, by your mer - cy rec - on - ciled, our lives will spread your peace.

TEXT: Rosamond E. Herklotz, 1969, 1983, alt.  
 MUSIC: Supplement to Kentucky Harmony, 1820; harm. Margaret W. Mealy, 1985  
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 Music Harm. © 1985 GIA Publications, Inc.

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

"Ubi Caritas"

M. Duruflé

\* 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: Jeff McLaughlin

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 # 435

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy, like the wide - ness  
 2 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sures

of the sea. There's a kind - ness in God's jus - tice,  
 of the mind. And the heart of the E - ter - nal

which is more than lib - er - ty. There is no place where earth's  
 is most won - der - ful - ly kind. If our love were but more

sor - rows are more felt than up in heaven. There is no place  
 faith - ful, we would glad - ly trust God's Word, and our lives re -

where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment given.  
 flect thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of our Lord.

TEXT: Frederick William Faber, 1854, alt.  
 MUSIC: Dutch melody; arr. Julius Röntgen, c. 1906

\* Benediction  
Postlude

“Gavotte”

Rev. Doug Hagler  
M. Camidge

### **Sanctuary Flowers**

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

### **Presbytery Women’s Circle**

The women’s study, *Sacred Encounters*, will begin on Sunday, Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> at 12:00n. 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.

### **Sunday School Today!**

For today, at the conclusion of Pastor Doug’s children’s message, children should proceed to the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor Sunday School room for a large group meeting, after which we will convene in the three separate age-level rooms (2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> floors). We’re looking forward to getting together again! For more information about Sunday School, or to volunteer as a teacher, speak with Jeff McLaughlin in church on Sunday or contact him at [fpcchildrenandyouth@gmail.com](mailto:fpcchildrenandyouth@gmail.com).

### **People to People Garage Sale**

The People to People Garage Sale will be held on Saturday, Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:csheidel@verizon.net)) if you can help.

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

### **People to People Donations**

The Garage Sale is coming September 30<sup>th</sup> and the sorting team will be accepting donations until Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup>. 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!

## **Men's Group Book Discussion**

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

## **Adult Bible Study Begins Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>**

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](mailto:skcinpa@aol.com) Sue will also help you get a copy of the book that will be studied.

## **End of Summer Salad Pot-Luck Luncheon**

Parish Life invites you to share your favorite salad as we gather in Fellowship Hall after church on September 24<sup>th</sup>. Just so we don't end up with all tossed salads please choose the salad you will bring when signing up. Salad options are tossed greens, vegetable, pasta, fruit, and everyone's favorite Jello! Parish Life will supply rolls and dessert.

As always you are welcome to join us without a salad but please reply so we know how many people to plan for. RSVP to the office (610-933-88160 or sign up at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050F4AADA722A1FB6-endofsummer> Please email Jewell Baker at [jebaker38@gmail.com](mailto:jebaker38@gmail.com) with questions.

## **Prayer Requests**

### **Joys:**

**Concerns:** Mike Carr; Betty Casey

## **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](mailto: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.

## **Queer Circle Book Study**

The next meeting of the Queer Circle Book Study is scheduled for Monday, Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> 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.



## **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!

## **Intergenerational Fall Hayride – October 8**

Please join us on Sunday, October 8 from 2:45 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. for a family / intergenerational hayride at Colonial Gardens in Phoenixville. The cost is \$8.00 per person, to be paid to Jill Kleppinger (see details in the RSVP sign-up) or to Jeff McLaughlin. To sign up for the hayride, please follow this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090B4CA9AE23A5F85-fall1>.

Colonial Gardens is located at 745 Schuylkill Road in Phoenixville. On the day of the hayride, you will also have the option to include the corn maze for an additional \$3.00 per person. If you have questions or for more information about the hayride, contact Jill Kleppinger at [jillklepp@gmail.com](mailto:jillklepp@gmail.com).

## **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 a helper?** 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, October 21<sup>st</sup>. 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, October 8<sup>th</sup> 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!

## **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](mailto:physedjj@verizon.net)) for more information.

## **Volunteer English Program**

The Volunteer English Program in Chester County will sponsor a 3-session training workshop for those who wish to tutor English as a second language to an adult immigrant or refugee. The workshop will be held via Zoom on Tues., Oct., 24; Thurs., Oct. 26; & Mon., Oct. 30. Each session will run from 6-8p.m. For more information contact 610-918-8222 or visit the web site at [www.volunteerenglish.org](http://www.volunteerenglish.org).

## **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](mailto: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

## **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.

## **Sunday School Teachers Needed**

The new Sunday School year begins TODAY 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 speak with Jeff McLaughlin at church on Sunday or contact him at [fpcchildrenandyouth@gmail.com](mailto:fpcchildrenandyouth@gmail.com).

## **Upcoming Scripture Readings**

September 24<sup>th</sup>: Philippians 1:21-30; Matthew 20:1-16

October 1<sup>st</sup>: Exodus 17:1-17; Matthew 21:23-32

## **This Week in the Life of the Church**

### **Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>** (\*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)

### **Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup>**

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

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

### **Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 a.m. Church kitchen inspection

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

7:00 p.m. Personnel Committee meeting via Zoom

7:30 p.m. Property Committee meeting (office)

### **Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>**

12:30 p.m. Church Growth Committee meeting (Panera Bread, Collegeville)

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

*Continued....*

**Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup>**

- 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, September 22<sup>nd</sup>** No events scheduled.

**Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>** No events scheduled.

**Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>** (\*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. End of Summer Salad Luncheon (fellowship hall)  
12:00 n. Confirmation Class (3<sup>rd</sup> floor classroom)  
7:00 p.m. Antiracism Book Club meeting via Zoom

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Diane Legnini, Director of Music; Sarah Shulman, Praise Team Leader  
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**Elders on Session**

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

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