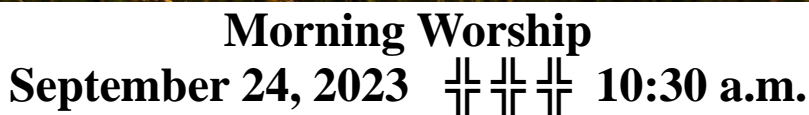


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* Hymn # 846

"Fight the Good Fight"

1 Fight the good fight with all thy might.
 2 Run the straight race through God's good grace;
 3 Cast care a - side; lean on thy guide.
 4 Faint not nor fear: God's arms are near.

Christ is thy strength and Christ thy right.
 lift up thine eyes, and seek Christ's face.
 God's bound-less mer - cy will pro - vide.
 God chang - eth not, and thou art dear.

Lay hold on life, and it shall be
 Life with its way be - fore us lies;
 Trust, and thy trust - ing soul shall prove
 On - ly be - lieve, and thou shalt see

thy joy and crown e - ter - nal - ly.
 Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.
 Christ is its life, and Christ its love.
 that Christ is all in all to thee.

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

Call to the Word

"Thy Word is Living"

Choir

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: Philippians 1:21-30

²¹For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. ²³I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; ²⁴but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. ²⁵Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, ²⁶so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

3. *continued....*

²⁷Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing.

²⁹For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well — ³⁰since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Reading: Matthew 20:1-16

¹"For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. ³When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; ⁴and he said to them,

'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went.

⁵When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same.

⁶And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' ⁷They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' ⁸When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.'

⁹When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. ¹⁰Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. ¹¹And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹²saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' ¹³But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

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

Sermon

Rev. Doug Hagler

* Hymn # 351 “All Who Love and Serve Your City”

C G C Em F Em

1 All who love and serve your cit - y, all who
 2 In your day of wealth and plen - ty, wast - ed
 3 For all days are days of judg - ment, and the
 4 Ris - en Lord, shall yet the cit - y be the

Am Dm7 G Em Am

bear its dai - ly stress, all who cry for
 work and wast - ed play, call to mind the
 Lord is wait - ing still, draw - ing near a
 cit - y of de - spair? Come to - day, our

Em Am Dm C G G7 C

peace and jus - tice, all who curse and all who bless:
 word of Je - sus, "You must work while it is day."
 world that spurns him, of - fering peace from Cal - vary's hill.
 judge, our glo - ry. Be its name "The Lord is there!"

TEXT: Erik Routley, 1966
 MUSIC: The United States Sacred Harmony, 1799; harm. Carlton R. Young, 1964
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Call to Offering

Rev. Doug Hagler

Leader: With what shall we come before the Holy One, and bow our-
 selves 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

“O Christ Surround Me”

R. Colligan

* 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: Ken Brown

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 # 719 "Come, Labor On"

Capo 1: (G) (C) (G) (Em) (C) (G) (C) (D) (G)
A^b D^b A^b Fm D^b A^b D^b E^b A^b




1 Come, la-bor on. Who dares stand i - dle on the har - vest plain
2 Come, la-bor on. Claim the high call - ing an - gels can - not share;
3 Come, la-bor on. Cast off all gloom - y doubt and faith - less fear!
4 Come, la-bor on. No time for rest, till glows the west - ern sky,

(Em) (B7) (Em) (B) (Em) (C) (D)
Fm C7 Fm C Fm D^b E^b



while all a - round us waves the gold - en grain? And to each
to young and old the gos - pel glad - ness bear. Re - deem the
No arm so weak but may do ser - vice here. Though fee - ble
till the long shad - ows o'er our path - way lie, and a glad

(G) (Em) (C) (G) (Am) (D7) (G)
A^b Fm D^b A^b B^bm E^b7 A^b



ser - vant does the Mas - ter say, "Go work to - day."
time; its hours too swift - ly fly. The night draws nigh.
a - gents, may we all ful - fill God's righ - teous will.
sound comes with the set - ting sun, "Well done, well done!"

TEXT: Jane Laurie Borthwick, 1859; rev. 1863, alt.
MUSIC: Thomas Tertius Noble, 1918

* Benediction Postlude

"Choral Song" 6.

Rev. Doug Hagler
S. S. Wesley

Sanctuary Flowers

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

Staff Vacations

Sue Smith, office manager, will be out of the office on Tuesday, Sept. 26th thru Thurs Sept. 28th.

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!

Upcoming Scripture Readings

October 1st: Exodus 17:1-17; Matthew 21:23-32

October 8th: TBA

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 house wares, 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.

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://tinyurl.com/mwp6k9mr>. 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.

Family Bingo Night Fall / Halloween Theme

You're invited to come and have fun playing bingo in Fellowship Hall on Friday, Oct. 13th. Since its Friday the 13th, we encourage you to bring Halloween/fall items to decorate your table or feel free to come in a costume! Doors open at 6:00 pm and games start at 6:30 pm.

Each game will have two winners, one child and one adult. Snacks and drinks will be available for a donation. Bingo cards will be provided.

Please bring something to mark your card. (pennies, beans, crayons)

We ask that you sign-up for the event by calling the church office or using the sign-up genius. This event is for FPC families only. If you'd like to donate a prize, please give Sue Smith a call in the office. 610-933-8816

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050F4AADA722A1FB6-family2>

Adult Bible Study

The adult Bible study is up and running 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.

Prayer Requests

Joys:

Concerns: Helen Harrop

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.

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 Oct. 15th. The book to be discussed will be "Cry Like a Man".

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 kindness?**

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

Pub Theology

The next Pub Theology will meet on Sunday, October 8th 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, Oct. 15th 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.

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

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.

Books Through Bars

The next Books Through Bars volunteer trip will be on Saturday, October 21st. 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.

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.

Sunday School Teachers Needed

The new Sunday School year has begun 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. 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.

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.

October Birthdays

Oct. 1: David Dzordzorme, Don Gerace, Bill Tyson
Oct. 4: Gary Giebler, Jen Guthan
Oct. 7: James Hobbins
Oct. 10: Jeanne Blackburn, Lilly Blackburn,
Rick Schnaedter
Oct. 11: Amy Myers
Oct. 13: Wendy Pennypacker
Oct. 14: Betty Miller
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 24th (*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 (3rd floor classroom)
7:00 p.m. Antiracism Book Club meeting via Zoom

Monday, September 25th

9:00 a.m. People to People clothing+ ministry (fellowship hall)
6:30 p.m. Zumba class (fellowship hall)
7:00 p.m. Queer Circle book study via Zoom
7:00 p.m. Stewardship Committee meeting via Zoom

Tuesday, September 26th

6:30 p.m. Zumba class (fellowship hall)
7:00 p.m. Session meeting via Zoom

Wednesday, September 27th

12:30 p.m. Start to set up Fellowship Hall for the garage sale
7:30 p.m. Handbell choir rehearsal (choir room)

Continued.....

Thursday, September 28th

9:00 a.m. Set up for the garage sale (fellowship hall, till noon)

10:00 a.m. People to People Food ministry (kitchen)

7:00 p.m. Choir rehearsal (choir room)

Friday, September 29th

9:00 a.m. Set up for the garage sale (fellowship hall, till noon)

Saturday, September 30th

8:00 a.m. People to People Garage Sale (fellowship hall till 1:00 pm)

Sunday, October 1st *World 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 classes

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Kevin Carrabine
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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