

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

October 1, 2023  10:30 a.m.

Prelude

"We Believe"

Praise Team

Welcome

Rev. Doug Hagler

Passing the Peace

Announcements

Sarah Shulman

Call to Worship

The Apostles' Creed

Lucinda Parrish

Leader: Creio em Deus Pai Todo-Poderoso, criador do céu e da terra.

E em Jesus Cristo, seu único Filho Nosso Senhor, que foi concebido pelo poder do Espírito Santo, nasceu da Virgem Maria, padeceu sob Pôncio Pilatos, foi crucificado, morto e sepultado, desceu a mansão dos mortos, ressuscitou ao terceiro dia, subiu aos Céus, está sentado à direita de Deus Pai todo-poderoso, donde há de vir a julgar os vivos e mortos. Creio no Espírito Santo. Na Santa Igreja Católica, na comunhão dos santos, na remissão dos pecados, na ressurreição da carne, na vida eterna. Amen.

The Apostles' Creed (in English)

People: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe 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.

* Hymn # 391

"This Is the Day"

(Psalm 118)

Refrain / Estribillo

Capo 3: (D)

(Em7)

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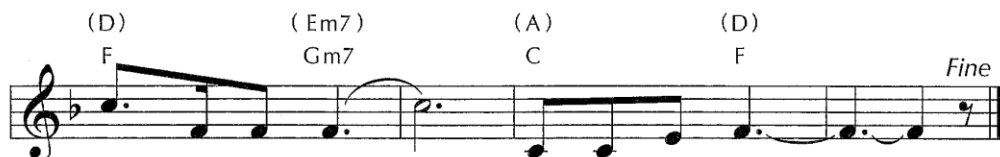
(Em7)



This is the day;

this is the day;

¡Es - te es el dí - a, es - te es el dí - a,



this is the day

that God has made!

es - te es el dí - a que hi - zo Dios!



1 O - pen, now, o - pen the door - ways of jus - tice!

2 I will sing prais - es be - cause you have heard me,

3 It is the Lord who has done all these won - ders.

4 Praise the Cre - a - tor, the Christ, and the Spir - it,



Let us be glad as we pass through those gates.

of - fering sal - va - tion with grace up - on grace,

I have seen mar - vel - ous, mar - vel - ous things.

from the be - gin - ning through worlds with - out end:

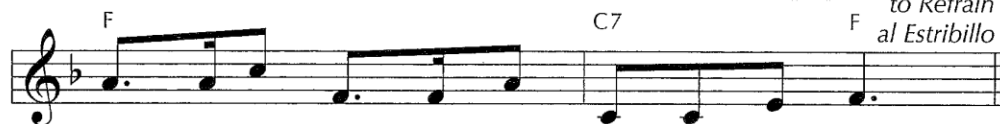


This is the place where the righ - teous may en - ter,

turn - ing the stone that the build - ers re - ject - ed

This is the day that the Lord has cre - at - ed.

God who is now and who ev - er - more shall be,



sing - ing to God with thanks - giv - ing and praise.

in - to the cor - ner - stone, rock of our faith.

Join the re - joic - ing as ev - ery heart sings:

glo - ry for - ev - er, a - men and a - men!

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Prayer of Confession

Rev. Doug Hagler

Αυτή είναι η διαθήκη που έκανε ο Θεός μαζί μας: ότι ο Θεός θα έβαζε τον νόμο μέσα μας και θα τον έγραφε στις καρδιές μας, και θα ήταν ο Θεός μας και εμείς θα ήμασταν λαός του Θεού. Ο Θεός συγχωρεί το λάθος που έχουμε κάνει και το καλό που αφήνουμε ανεκτέλεστο. Με μετάνοια και πίστη, ας ομολογήσουμε σιωπηλά τις αμαρτίες μας στον Θεό.

(English translation)

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 *By Bishop Desmond Tutu, South Africa*

Leader: Goodness is stronger than evil; Love is stronger than hate;
Light is stronger than darkness; Life is stronger than death;
Victory is ours through him who loves us.

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.

(Please be seated.)

Children's Sermon

Call to the Word

"Thy Word is Living"

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: Exodus 17:1-17

¹From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" ³But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" ⁴So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." ⁵The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

Reading: Matthew 21:23-32

²³When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" ²⁴Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' ²⁶But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." ²⁷So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. ²⁸"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' ²⁹He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. ³¹Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³²For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him."

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

* Hymn # 770

"I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table"

1 I'm gon-na eat at the wel-come ta - ble;

2 I'm gon-na eat and drink with my Je - sus;

3 I'm gon-na join with sis - ters, broth - ers;

4 Here all the world will find a wel - come;

5 We're gon-na feast on milk and hon - ey;

I'm gon-na eat at the wel-come ta - ble, Al - le - lu - ia.

I'm gon-na eat and drink with my Je - sus, Al - le - lu - ia.

I'm gon-na join with sis - ters, broth - ers, Al - le - lu - ia.

here all the world will find a wel-come, Al - le - lu - ia.

we're gon-na feast on milk and hon - ey, Al - le - lu - ia.

I'm gon-na eat at the wel-come ta - ble; I'm gon - na

I'm gon-na eat and drink with my Je - sus; I'm gon - na

I'm gon-na join with sis - ters, broth - ers; I'm gon - na

Here all the world will find a wel - come; here all the

We're gon-na feast on milk and hon - ey; we're gon - na

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Communion

Opening Prayer

By Dom Helder Camara, Brazil

Am I mistaken, Lord; Is it a temptation to think
You increasingly urge me to go forth and proclaim
The need and urgency of passing from the Blessed Sacrament
To your other presence, Just as real, in the Eucharist of the poor?
Theologians will argue, a thousand distinctions be advanced
But woe to one who feeds on you, And later has no eyes to see you
To discern you, Foraging for food among the garbage
Being evicted, Living in subhuman conditions, Under the sign
Of utter insecurity!

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving *From El Salvador* Lew Osterhoudt

Creo, Señor, Que todo lo bueno del mundo Viene de ti. Creo en tu gran amor por todas las personas. Creo que, porque predicaste amor, Libertad y justicia, Fuiste humillado, Torturado y asesinado.

(English translation)

I believe, Lord, that everything good in the world comes from you.
I believe in your great love for all people.
I believe that, because you preached love,
Freedom and justice, You were humiliated, Tortured and killed.

(Continuing in English)

I believe that you continue, To suffer in your people,
I believe that you call me, To defend your cause,
But I also believe that you accompany me
In the task of transforming this world, Into a different one
Where there is no suffering or weeping;
A world where there is a gigantic table, Set with free food
Where everyone is welcome.
I believe that you accompany us, In waiting for the dawning of a new day.
I believe that you will give us strength, So that death does not find us
Without having done enough, And that you will rise
In those who have died seeking a different world.

Blessing of the Elements

Sharing Bread and Cup

Affirmation of faith (*From A Brief Statement of Faith*) Gail Landazuri

Wir vertrauen auf Jesus Christus,
ganz Mensch, ganz Gott.

Jesus verkündete die Herrschaft Gottes: Er
predigte den Armen die gute Nachricht
und ließ die Gefangenen frei,
lehrte durch Wort und Tat und segnete die Kinder,
heilte die Kranken und verband die gebrochenen Herzen,
aß mit Ausgestoßenen, vergab Sündern
und rief alle zur Umkehr auf und glaube an das Evangelium.

Jesus wurde zu Unrecht wegen Gotteslästerung und Volksverhetzung
verurteilt, wurde gekreuzigt,

erlitt die Tiefen menschlichen Schmerzes
und gab sein Leben für die Sünden der Welt.

Gott erweckte diesen Jesus von den Toten,
rechtfertigte sein sündloses Leben und
brach die Macht der Sünde und des Bösen.

Er erlöst uns vom Tod zum ewigen Leben.

(English translation)

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

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

“Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi”

David N. Child

*** 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

The Lord’s Prayer

Sarah Shulman

Leader: Notre Père, qui est aux cieux, que ton nom soit sanctifié, que ton règne vienne, que ta volonté soit faite sur la terre comme au ciel. Donne-nous aujourd’hui notre pain de ce jour.

Pardonne-nous nos offenses, comme nous pardonnons aussi à ceux qui nous ont offensés. Et ne nous laisse pas entrer en tentation mais délivre-nous du Mal.

Amen.

(English) (*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 # 53 “O God, Who Gives Us Life” (Page 9 of the bulletin)

* Benediction

Rev. Doug Hagler

Postlude

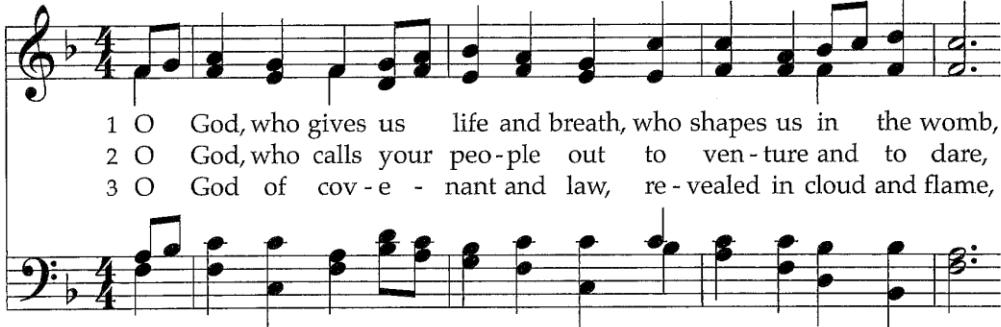
“Come to the Table”

Praise Team

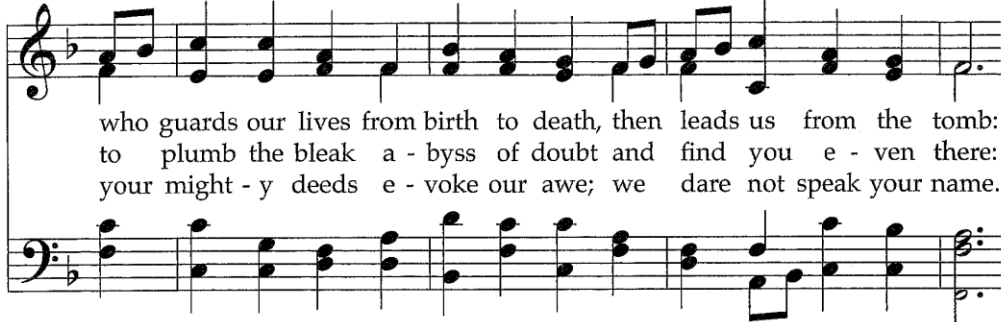
Sanctuary Flowers

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

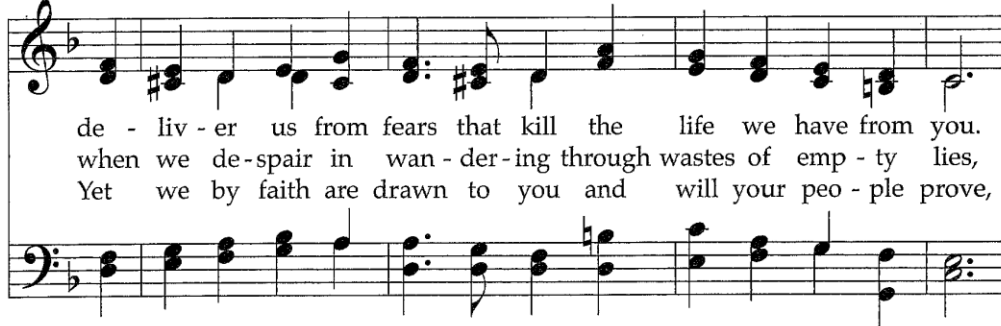
53 O God, Who Gives Us Life



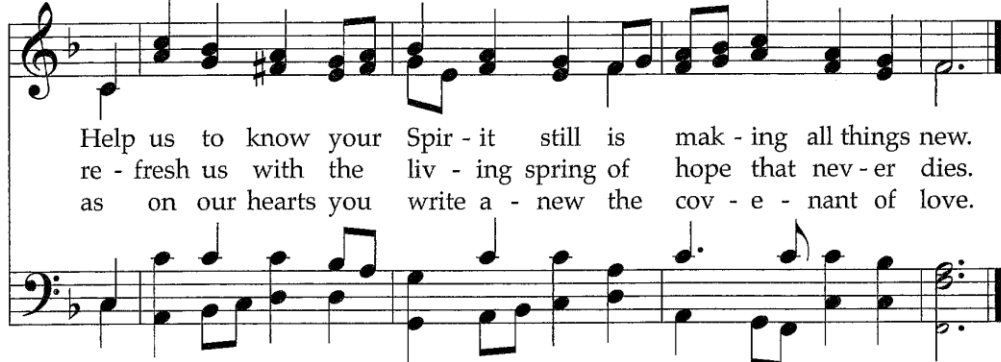
1 O God, who gives us life and breath, who shapes us in the womb,
 2 O God, who calls your peo-ple out to ven-ture and to dare,
 3 O God of cov-e - nant and law, re-vealed in cloud and flame,



who guards our lives from birth to death, then leads us from the tomb:
 to plumb the bleak a - byss of doubt and find you e - ven there:
 your might - y deeds e - voke our awe; we dare not speak your name.



de - liv - er us from fears that kill the life we have from you.
 when we de-spair in wan - der - ing through wastes of emp - ty lies,
 Yet we by faith are drawn to you and will your peo - ple prove,



Help us to know your Spir - it still is mak - ing all things new.
 re - fresh us with the liv - ing spring of hope that nev - er dies.
 as on our hearts you write a - new the cov - e - nant of love.

Staff Vacations

Rev. Hagler will be taking Sunday, Oct. 8th as a vacation day. (Pastor and Pam will be celebrating their anniversary.) A pre-recorded sermon will be played during the worship service.

John Allen, custodian, will be on vacation from Thurs., Oct. 5th thru Tues., Oct. 10th.

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 it's 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>

Prayer Requests

Joys:

Concerns: Flossie

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: **Having a new experience / trying something new (food sailing, etc.)?**

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 15th 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!

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 October we will be placing orders on **Wednesday, October 11** and Wednesday, **October 25**. 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 (**October 10 and October 25**). Please make checks payable to "First Presbyterian Church DR". As always, thank you for continuing to support this program!

The Stewardship Committee

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.

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 for your help with this ministry.

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, October 22nd at 7:00 p.m. The zoom link for this group can be found in The Beat or ask Sue Smith.

Queer Circle Book Study

The next meeting of the Queer Circle Book Study is scheduled for Monday, October 23rd 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.

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.

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.

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.

This Week in the Life of the Church

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

12:00 n. Worship & Music Committee meeting (parlor)

Monday, October 2nd

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

2:00 p.m. MAC meeting via Zoom

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

Tuesday, October 3rd 6:30 p.m. Zumba class (fellowship hall)

Wednesday, October 4th 7:30 p.m. Handbell choir rehearsal (choir room)

Thursday, October 5th

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, October 6th

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

5:00 p.m. Church parking lot collection

Saturday, October 7th 9:30 a.m. Zumba class (fellowship hall)

Sunday, October 8th (**Childcare available.*)

8:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study via Zoom

10:30 a.m. *WORSHIP – In person and via YouTube

10:45 a.m. *Sunday School classes

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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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Kathy Thais
Gail Schnaedter
Ellen Williams
Kristin Craven
Gail Landazuri
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Paulette Mark
Lucinda Parrish
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