

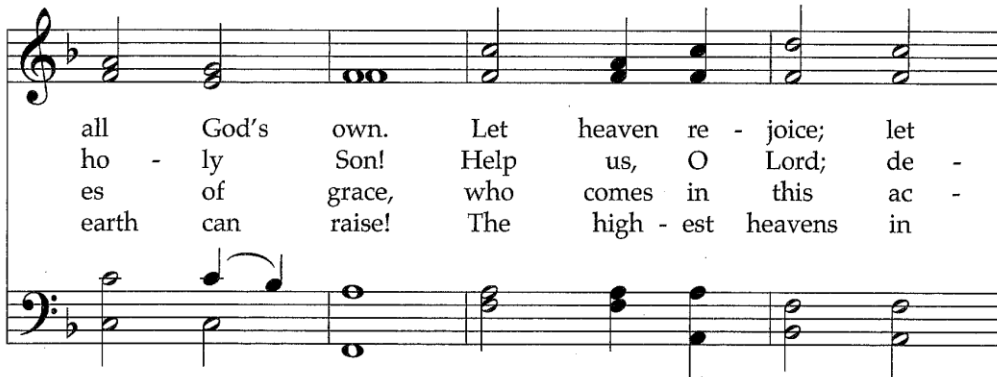
* Hymn # 681

“This Is the Day the Lord Hath Made”

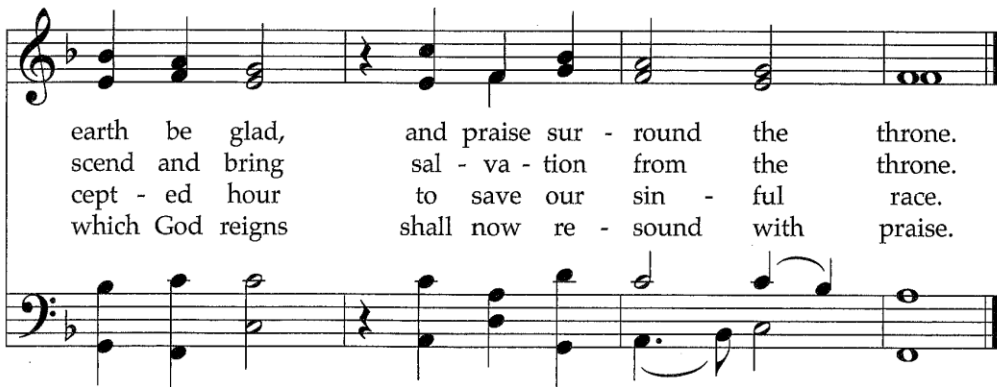
(Psalm 118)



1 This is the day the Lord hath made; the hours are
2 Ho - san - na to the a - noint - ed King, to Da - vid's
3 Blest be the Lord, who comes in power with mes - sag -
4 Ho - san - na in the high - est strains the church on



all God's own. Let heaven re - jice; let
ho - ly Son! Help us, O Lord; de -
es of grace, who comes in this ac -
earth can raise! The high - est heavens in



earth be glad, and praise sur - round the throne.
scend and bring sal - va - tion from the throne.
cept - ed hour to save our sin - ful race.
which God reigns shall now re - sound with praise.

TEXT: Isaac Watts, 1719, alt.
MUSIC: Johann Crüger, c. 1647

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

"Thy Word is Living"

Choir

Prayer for Illumination

Sue Casey

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: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Sue Casey

¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.

²We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers,
constantly ³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor
of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

3. *continued....*

⁴For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you,
⁵because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake.

⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit,
⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia.

⁸For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead — Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

Reading: Matthew 22:15-22

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said.

¹⁶So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality.

¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?”

¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites?

¹⁹Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius.

²⁰Then he said to them, “Whose head is this, and whose title?”

²¹They answered, “The emperor’s.”

Then he said to them, “Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.”

²²When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

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

Sermon

Rev. Doug Hagler

* Hymn # 81

“Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”



1 Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, cit - y of our God.
2 Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov - ering, see the cloud and fire ap - pear
3 See, the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e - ter - nal love,



God, whose word can - not be bro - ken, formed thee for a blest a - bode.
for a glo - ry and a cov - ering, show - ing that the Lord is near.
well sup - ply thy sons and daugh - ters and all fear of want re - move.



On the rock of a - ges found - ed, what can shake thy sure re - pose?
Thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner light by night and shade by day,
Who can faint while such a riv - er ev - er flows, their thirst to as - suage?



With sal - va - tion's walls sur - round - ed, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.
safe they feed up - on the man - na which God gives them when they pray.
Grace, so - like the Lord the giv - er, nev - er fails from age to age.



Call to Offering

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

“Cantate Domino”

H. Hassles

* 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: Jewell Baker

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 # 541 “God Be with You Till We Meet Again” (Page 7)

* Benediction

Rev. Doug Hagler

Postlude

“Trumpet Voluntary”

Andrew Carter

Sanctuary Flowers

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

Staff Vacations

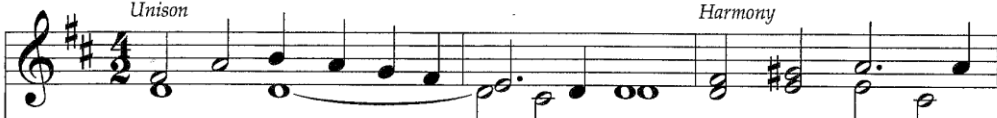
John Allen, church custodian, will be on vacation from Wednesday, Oct. 25th thru Monday, Oct. 30th.

Retirement Celebration


The Session of First Presbyterian Church invites you to a celebration of Sue Smith! Sue is retiring after 17 years as our Church Office Manager, and we will send her off with a reception following worship TODAY.

God Be with You Till We Meet Again 541


Unison *Harmony*



1 God be with you till we meet a - gain; lov - ing coun - sels
2 God be with you till we meet a - gain; un - seen wings pro -
3 God be with you till we meet a - gain; when life's per - ils
4 God be with you till we meet a - gain; keep love's ban - ner



guide, up - hold you, with a shep - herd's care en - fold you:
tect - ing hide you, dai - ly man - na still pro - vide you:
thick con - found you, put un - fail - ing arms a - round you:
float - ing o'er you; smite death's threat - ening wave be - fore you:



Unison



God be with you till we meet a - gain.



TEXT: Jeremiah Eames Rankin, 1880, alt.
MUSIC: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

Rob Ferguson Memorial Service

Friends and family are invited to attend his memorial service at First Presbyterian Church of Phoenixville, Monday, October 30, at 10:30 AM; 145 South Main Street, Phoenixville, PA 19460.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Rob's name to [First Presbyterian Church of Phoenixville](#).

Arrangements are being handled by the Campbell - Ennis - Klotzbach Funeral Home, Inc. Condolences may be offered online at www.PhoenixvilleFuneralHome.com

Remembering Loved Ones

On November 5th, All Saints' Sunday, we will note in the bulletin the names of the saints (believers) from our congregation who have died during the past year. We will also note other relatives and loved ones who have died in the past year but were not members of this church. If you would like the names of those loved ones listed, please send a message to Maggie O'Malley at secretaryfpc145@gmail.com or call the church office at 610-933-8816.

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 Maggie O'Malley to email it to you. Newcomers are welcome!

Spanish Health Ministry

Join us next Sunday (October 29th) for a special Sunday School and Luncheon. Spanish Health Ministry will visit to share their mission and teach a special Sunday School lesson. The MAC Committee will be hosting a luncheon in Fellowship Hall following the service. We hope you will join us as we celebrate all the work Spanish Health Ministry has done and are lifted by the amazing work they do and continue to do in our community.

Bridge of Hope New Sponsors

You may remember that we are recruiting for our next Bridge of Hope cohort to work together to keep a family from experiencing homelessness. So far we have three people who have expressed interest, and ideally we would like to have at least three more. If you have questions, or are interested, talk to Pastor Doug.

New Office Manager

We are happy to announce that we have found a **new Office Manager** to take over when Sue retires at the end of October and it is our very own **Maggie O'Malley!** She will be working at FPC as one of her two jobs, and her hours initially will be 10 hours on Mondays, 4 hours on Wednesdays, and 10 hours on Fridays. (Pastor Doug will still plan to be in the office at least on Tuesday and Thursday to ensure that it is always covered.)

The rule: You are welcome to congratulate Maggie, but please hold off on discussing anything related to her new position as Office manager until **October 23rd**. (This means not talking about what she'll be doing, what you want her to do when she starts, making appointments to meet with her, etc. Let's let her enjoy her last few days, until we are paying her). On behalf of the Personnel Committee, we are happy and excited that this position change will work for Maggie and we look forward to working with her.

Finally: We are so thankful and grateful for the time that Sue Smith has been with us, and wish her the very best retirement ever!. -Pastor Doug

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.

Pub Theology

The next Pub Theology will meet on Sunday, Nov. 12th 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!

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 Maggie O'Malley 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.

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: **Meeting a new person.**

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

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. The next order will be placed on 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 25). Please make checks payable to "First Presbyterian Church DR". As always, thank you for continuing to support this program!

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, Nov. 18th.

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.

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 Nov. 19th. The book to be discussed will be "Cry Like a Man".

Presbytery Women's Circle

The women's study, *Sacred Encounters*, will begin on Sunday, Nov. 19th 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.

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.

Bulletin Announcements

All announcements for the Sunday bulletin must be given to Maggie in the church office no later than noon on Wednesdays.

This Week in the Life of the Church

Sunday, October 22nd (*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
- 11:45 a.m. Retirement reception for Sue Smith (fellowship hall)
- 12:00 n. Confirmation class (3rd floor classroom)
- 7:00 p.m. Antiracism Book Club via Zoom

Monday, October 23rd

- 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

Tuesday, October 24th

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

Wednesday, October 25th

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

Thursday, October 26th

- 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 27th

9:00 a.m. Mom's House Fall Festival (fellowship hall till 3:00 pm)

Saturday, October 28th No events scheduled.

Sunday, October 29th (*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. Reception for the Spanish Health Ministry (fellowship hall)

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