

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.
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCrmNs7JdvZNJpsNjs0Ds8vg>

Morning Worship
October 29, 2023 ☩ ☩ ☩ **10:30 a.m.**

Prelude *"Percussive Praise"* Merry Ringers

Welcome Rev. Doug Hagler

Passing the Peace

Announcements Sarah Shulman

Minute for Mission - Dona Sensenig, Director, Spanish Health Ministry

Call to Worship Jacqui Busch

Leader: This is the day that God has made;

People: let us rejoice and be glad in it!

From the Theological Declaration of Barmen (PCUSA Book of Confessions)

Leader: Try the spirits whether they are of God!

Prove also *our words*

to see whether they agree with Holy Scripture
and with the *Confessions*.

If you find that we are speaking contrary to Scripture,
then do not listen to us!

**People: But if you find that we are taking our stand upon Scripture,
then let no fear or temptation keep you from treading with us
the path of faith and obedience to the Word of God,
in order that God's people be of one mind upon earth
and that we in faith experience what he himself has said:
"I will never leave you, nor forsake you."**

**Therefore, "Fear not, little flock,
for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom."**

* Hymn # 722

“Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak”

1 Lord, speak to me that I may speak in liv - ing
2 O lead me, Lord, that I may lead the wan - dering
3 O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the pre - cious
4 O fill me with your full - ness, Lord, un - til my
5 O use me, Lord, use e - ven me, just as you

ech - oes of your tone. As you have sought, so
and the wa - vering feet. O feed me, Lord, that
truths which you im - part. And wing my words that
ver - y heart o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and
will, and when, and where un - til your bless - ed

let me seek your err - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.
I may feed your hun - gering ones with man - na sweet.
they may reach the hid - den depths of man - ya heart.
glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.
face I see, your rest, your joy, your glo - ry share.

Two great truths inform this text: first, that the testimony of experience is powerful and persuasive; and second, that no one should venture to minister on one's own strength rather than God's. The tune reflects a 19th-century practice of adapting piano pieces as hymn tunes.

TEXT: Frances Ridley Havergal, 1872, alt.
MUSIC: Robert Schumann, 1839, alt.

CANONBURY
LM

(Please be seated.)

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.**

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**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.

(Please be seated.)

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

Jacqui Busch

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: Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Jacqui Busch

¹Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the LORD showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, ²all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, ³the Negeb, and the Plain — that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees — as far as Zoar. ⁴The LORD said to him, "This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, 'I will give it to your descendants'; **I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not**

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cross over there.” ⁵Then Moses, the servant of the LORD, died there in the land of Moab, at the Lord’s command. ⁶He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. ⁷Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigor had not abated. ⁸The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended. ⁹Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the LORD had commanded Moses. ¹⁰Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face. ¹¹He was unequalled for all the signs and wonders that the LORD sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, ¹²and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

¹You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, ²but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. ³For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, ⁴but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. ⁵As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; ⁶nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, ⁷though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. ⁸So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

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

Sermon

Rev. Doug Hagler

* Hymn # 49

“The God of Abraham Praise”

1 The God of A-braham praise, who reigns en-throned a - bove,
 2 Your spir - it still flows free, high surg - ing where it will.
 3 Your good - ly land we seek, with peace and plen - ty blest,
 4 You have e - ter - nal life im - plant - ed in the soul;

the An - cient of E - ter - nal Days, the God of love!
 In proph-et's word you spoke of old and you speak still.
 a land of sa - cred lib - er - ty and Sab - bath rest.
 your love shall be our strength and stay, while a - ges roll.

The Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con - fessed,
 Es - tab - lished is your law, and change - less it shall stand,
 There milk and hon - ey flow, and oil and wine a - bound,
 We praise you, liv - ing God! We praise your ho - ly name:

we bow be - fore your ho - ly name, for - ev - er blest.
 deep writ up - on the hu - man heart by your strong hand.
 and trees of life for - ev - er grow with mer - cy crowned.
 the first, the last, be - yond all thought, and still the same!

Shaped by its traditional Jewish tune, this selection of English stanzas conveys the essence of the *Yigdal*, a canticle based on a medieval Hebrew statement of faith about the nature of God and often used in synagogue worship, alternately chanted by cantor and congregation.

TEXT: Moses Maimonides, 12th cent.; vers. Daniel ben Judah Dayan, 1404; stanzas 1, 3, trans. Thomas Olivers, c.1770, alt.; LEONI
 stanzas 2, 4, trans. Max Landsberg, Newton M. Mann, and William C. Gannett, 1884, 1910, alt. 6.6.8.4.D
 MUSIC: Jewish melody, 17th cent.; adapt. Meyer Lyon and Thomas Olivers, 1770

(Please be seated.)

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

“O God Our Help in Ages Past”

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: Adam Smith

(Please be seated.)

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 # 697

“Take My Life”

1 Take my life and let it be con-se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
3 Take my voice and let me sing al-ways, on - ly, for my King;
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold; not a mite would I with-hold;

take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in
take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti -
take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sa -
take my in - tel - lect and use ev - ery power as

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cease - less praise; let them flow in cease - less praise.
 ful for thee, swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
 ges from thee, filled with mes - sa - ges from thee.
 thou shalt choose, ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine;
 it shall be no longer mine.
 Take my heart, it is thine own;
 it shall be thy royal throne,
 it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
 at thy feet its treasure store;
 take myself and I will be
 ever, only, all for thee,
 ever, only, all for thee.

This hymn of consecration radiates from the repeated word "take," resulting in a remarkably full survey of a person's attributes and possessions and giving weight to the "all" at the end. The composer of the tune was influential in the renewal of Reformed hymnody in French.

TEXT: Frances Ridley Havergal, 1874
 MUSIC: H. A. César Malan, 1827

HENDON
 7.7.7.7

* Benediction

Rev. Doug Hagler

Postlude

"Fanfare on St. Anne"

Charles Callahan

Sanctuary Flowers

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

Spanish Health Ministry

There are special guests from the Spanish Health Ministry joining us today for worship, Sunday School, and a luncheon. All are invited to the luncheon after the service. It will be held in Fellowship Hall. Come eat, enjoy their great company, and take advantage of this opportunity to learn about the [Spanish Health Ministry](#).

Rob Ferguson's 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.

Holiday Card Writing

Church Growth will host a Holiday Card Writing event on Sunday, November 12th, after the service in Fellowship Hall. We invite you to join us as we write holiday cards to those incarcerated at SCI Phoenix and Muncy. Light refreshments will be provided as well as holiday prompts if you feel like you're writing the same thing over and over. In addition, we are asking for donations of holiday cards with plain white envelopes, no decorations. If you have extra Christmas cards, we will take them. If you are purchasing cards to donate, we ask that you keep them holiday neutral as not everyone celebrates Christmas. Thank you.

2024 Pledge Campaign

Stewardship begins with gratitude to God for everything we have received from Him. We express our thanksgiving and gratitude by giving back to God a portion of His gifts. As we begin the 2024 Pledge Campaign, the Stewardship Committee asks that you prayerfully consider your financial commitment to our church. Your generous and faithful offerings help to support the many ministries of First Presbyterian Church. Your pledge helps the Finance Committee as they plan for the coming year. Please place your completed pledge card in the offering plate on Dedication Sunday, November 19th. You may also return it by mail in the pre-addressed envelope that you receive with the card. Thank you for sharing your many gifts, and for your continued financial support. The Stewardship Committee

Scrip Gift Cards

Let the Stewardship Committee help you with your **Christmas shopping**, while at the same time provide you the opportunity to support our church. We are placing orders for **gift cards** every Wednesday, beginning **December 1**. (Orders will be placed **12/1, 12/8, 12/15, and 12/22**) If you would like to place an order, please call Lynne Williams at 610-415-1581 (home) or 610-955-4749 (cell). You may mail your check to Lynne, drop it off at her home, (14 Schofield Road, Phoenixville, PA 19460), or see her at church on Sunday morning. Orders and checks must be received by the day before the orders are placed (**Nov. 30, Dec.7, Dec. 14 & Dec. 21**). Please make checks payable to "First Presbyterian Church DR". You do not need to fill out an order form. We will do that for you. Happy Christmas Shopping! As always, thank you for continuing to support this program.

Bridge of Hope New Sponsors

Recruitment for our next Bridge of Hope cohort continues. If you'd like participate in helping to keep a family from experiencing homelessness, then please contact Pastor Doug in-person or by email at Pastor145@comcast.net. There are just 3 more openings in the current group of volunteers. It's a short-term commitment with a long-term goal!

New Office Manager

Maggie O'Malley has started in her new role as FPC's Office Manager. Office hours will be on Mondays, Wednesday mornings, and Thursdays. Training time has been busy with Sue Smith transferring her church knowledge and office expertise. Thanks for your patience during this transitioning period. We are so thankful for the time that Sue Smith has been with us and wish her the very best retirement ever!

Daylight Saving Time

REMINDER: Daylight Saving Time ends at 2:00am on Sunday, November 5th. Fall back and take advantage of an extra hour of sleep!

Queer Circle Book Study

The next meeting of the Queer Circle Book Study is scheduled for Monday, November 27th at 7pm via Zoom.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85778319381>. Join us the book discussion of *The Book of Queer Prophets*, edited by Ruth Hunt. 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.

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!

Men's Shoes Needed

The People to People Clothing Ministry has received many requests from local non-profit organizations for men's shoes. Our supply is depleted in several sizes. If you have men's sneakers or shoes in sizes 7, 8, 9, 10, 10 1/2, 12 or larger and they are in good, useable condition, we would appreciate them. Please put them on the stage, by the office, in the narthex, or contact Sandy Heidel (csheidel@verizon.net). Thank you for helping to meet the needs of our community. *People to People*

Worship & Event Safety

You are welcome to use the doors to the left of the chancel, by the organ, to go to the restrooms at any time during worship. If you have a mobility concern, we have an usher in the Narthex who will accompany you down the ramp and let you in through the glass door. For security reasons, we will be keeping the glass door locked during worship. In addition, as a response to safety and security concerns, the Session has decided that external doors will remain locked during church events. If arriving late, people will need to be let into the building as needed once an event has begun.

Prayer Requests

Joys:

Concerns: Helen Harrop, Jeanne Blackburn, Megan Smith's uncle, Mary

Prayer Chain & Prayer Requests

The Prayer Chain ministry is in need of a new organizer because Amy Myers is moving to Pittsburgh. She has been a fabulous coordinator for years and will be missed. This position offers a special way to stay connected with FPC congregants without having to be onsite. If you are interested in filling this vital role, please talk with Amy or Maggie. In the meantime, you can email requests to Amy at fpcprayerchain1@gmail.com and members will be lifting you up in prayer. You may also call Maggie O'Malley at 610-933-8816 and she will forward your requests.

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: **Discovering Something About Yourself.**

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

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.

Bulletin Announcements

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

November Birthdays

Nov. 1: Paul Parrish; John Zern	Nov. 16: Amy Roussey
Nov. 4: Dot McIntyre; Elena Howe	Nov. 17: Helen Harrop
Nov. 5: Barb Giebler	Nov. 20: Randy Schrack
Nov. 12: Megan Smith	Nov. 21: Doug Hagler
Nov. 13: Cassy Gulden	Nov. 22: Ellen Williams
Nov. 14: Noah Pilotti	Nov. 29: Doris Langevin

This Week in the Life of the Church

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)

Monday, October 30th

- 9:00 a.m. People to People Clothing+ ministry (fellowship hall)
- 10:30 a.m. Rob Ferguson's Memorial Service (Sanctuary)
- 6:30 p.m. Zumba class (fellowship hall)

Tuesday, October 31st

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

Wednesday, November 1st

Sue Smith's Last Day – Best Wishes!

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

Thursday, November 2nd

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, November 3rd

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

Saturday, November 4th

9:30 a.m. Women, Infants & Children (fellowship hall)

ALL SAINTS' Communion Sunday, November 5th

(*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. Deacons' Meeting (parlor)

Nursery & Sunday School: The church nursery is located on the 2nd floor of the main building in room 209 and is available for children ages infant-3 years.

All children 3 years and older are invited to attend Sunday School during worship (children will depart fellowship hall for their classrooms immediately following the Children's Sermon), with ages 3-5 in room 210, ages 6-8 in room 208, and grades 5 and older in the third-floor classroom. Sunday School is from 10:45am–11:45am.

Restrooms: The church restrooms are located on the first & second floors of the main building. Ushers can help direct you to the restrooms.

For Hearing Assistance: If you wish to use a wireless assistive listening device to better hear the service, see one of the ushers.

Large Print Bulletins are available from an usher.

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