This Sunday's worship service will be streamed live at 10:30 AM and recorded. To view the liturgy, visit FPC's YouTube Channel - "FPC Phoenixville" - https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCrmNs7JdvZNJpsNjs0Ds8vg

Morning Worship # All Saints' Sunday # November 5, 2023 # 10:30 AM

Please complete the Red Friendship Book and pass it to others in your pew. Please note any concerns on the yellow prayer cards and place those in the offering plate.

Where indicated by the asterisk (*), please stand if you can do so comfortably.

Prelude

"Down by the Riverside"

arr. B. Sowash

Welcome

Rev. Doug Hagler

Passing the Peace

Announcements

Sarah Shulman

Minute for Stewardship

* Call to Worship

Karin Goodman

A prayer of Augustine of Hippo (354-430 CE)

Leader: God of life,

there are days when the burdens we carry are heavy on our shoulders and weigh us down,

People: when the road seems dreary and endless, the skies gray and threatening, when your lives have no music in them, and our hearts are lonely,

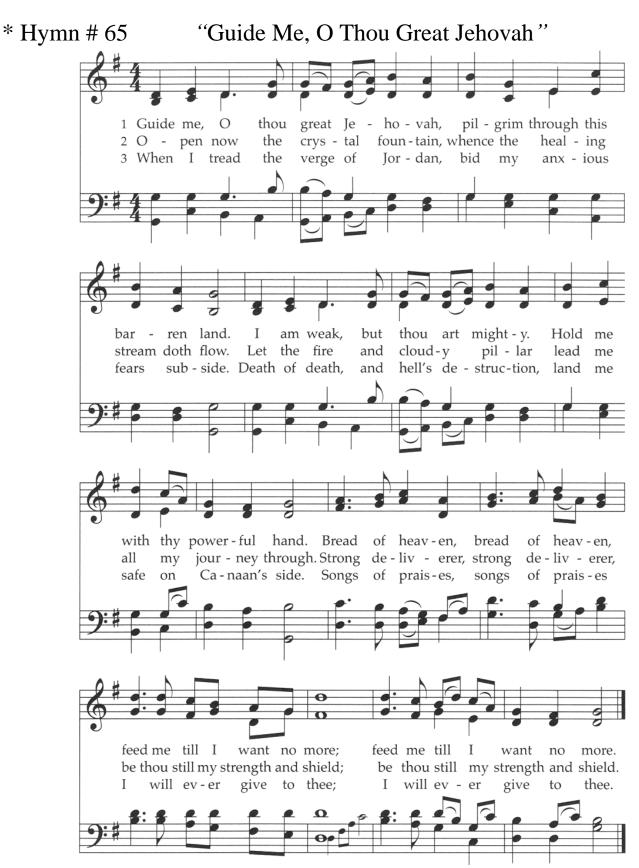
and our souls have lost their courage.

Leader: Flood the path with light,

turn our eyes to where the skies are full of promise;

People: tune our hearts to brave music;

with heroes and saints of every age; and so quicken our spirits that we may be able to encourage the souls of all who journey with us on the road of life, to your honor and glory. Amen.



Few Welsh hymns are as well known or loved as this 18th-century text that did not gain its popular tune until the early 20th century. In both its original text and in English translation, it is a stirring hymn of pilgrimage filled with vivid imagery from Hebrew Scripture.

(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. 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: 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

Following the message children may go to their Sunday School rooms, 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

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: Joshua 3:7-17

Karin Goodman

- ⁷ The LORD said to Joshua, "This day I will begin to exalt you in the sight of all Israel, so that they may know that I will be with you as I was with Moses.
- ⁸ You are the one who shall command the priests who bear the ark of the covenant, 'When you come to the edge of the waters of the Jordan, you shall stand still in the Jordan.'"
- ⁹ Joshua then said to the Israelites, "Draw near and hear the words of the LORD your God."
- ¹⁰ Joshua said, "By this you shall know that among you is the living God who without fail will drive out from before you the Canaanites, Hittites, Hivites, Perizzites, Girgashites, Amorites, and Jebusites:
- ¹¹ the ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the earth is going to pass before you into the Jordan.
- ¹² So now select twelve men from the tribes of Israel, one from each tribe. ¹³ When the soles of the feet of the priests who bear the ark of the LORD, the Lord of all the earth, rest in the waters of the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan flowing from above shall be cut off; they shall stand in a single heap."
- ¹⁴ When the people set out from their tents to cross over the Jordan, the priests bearing the ark of the covenant were in front of the people.
- ¹⁵ Now the Jordan overflows all its banks throughout the time of harvest. So when those who bore the ark had come to the Jordan, and the feet of the priests bearing the ark were dipped in the edge of the water,
- ¹⁶ the waters flowing from above stood still, rising up in a single heap far off at Adam, the city that is beside Zarethan, while those flowing toward the sea of the Arabah, the Dead Sea, were wholly cut off. Then the people crossed over opposite Jericho.
- ¹⁷ While all Israel were crossing over on dry ground, the priests who bore the ark of the covenant of the LORD stood on dry ground in the middle of the Jordan, until the entire nation finished crossing over the Jordan.

Reading: Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37

- O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures for ever.
- ² Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, those he redeemed from trouble
- and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

- Some wandered in desert wastes, finding no way to an inhabited town;
- ⁵ hungry and thirsty,

their soul fainted within them.

- ⁶ Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress;
- he led them by a straight way, until they reached an inhabited town.
- He turns rivers into a desert, springs of water into thirsty ground,
- fruitful land into a salty waste, because of the wickedness of its inhabitants.
- 35 He turns a desert into pools of water, a parched land into springs of water.
- And there he lets the hungry live, and they establish a town to live in;
- they sow fields, and plant vineyards, and get a fruitful yield.

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

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Sermon

Rev. Doug Hagler

* Hymn # 69

"I, the Lord of Sea and Sky"



5. continued...



The stanzas here need to be understood as representing the voice of God, while the refrain (based on Isaiah 6:8) is the faithful human response to God's call. This becomes clearer if a leader or small group sings the stanzas, with the congregation joining on the refrain.

TEXT: Daniel L. Schutte, 1981, alt.
MUSIC: Daniel L. Schutte, 1981; harm. Alfred V. Fedak, 2011
Text and Music © 1981, 2000 OCP

HERE I AM (Schutte) 7.7.7.4.D with refrain

(Please be seated.)

COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Leader: This is the joyful feast of the people of God! People will come from north and from south And from east and from west

To sit at table in the kingdom of God.

Opening Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you. **People: And also with you.** Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

All thanks and praise to you, Eternal God. You created all things in your wisdom, and sustain them in your being. You made us in your image, forming us from the dust of the earth, and breathing into us the breath of life, that we might know you and love you.

When we rebel against you, you do not turn away, but make an everlasting covenant with ys, promising to always be faithful. You send prophets to guide us and we praise you joining our voices with the heavenly choirs and with all the faithful who have come before and all who come after who forever sing the glory of your name.

You are holy, God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. He lived as one of us, knew our joy, our pain and our sorrow, and died our death. By his death on the cross you revealed that your love has no limit.

7. continued...

By raising him from death you conquered the last enemy, crushed all evil powers, and gave new life to the world. Holy Spirit, pour out upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and cup, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. Spirit unite us with the living Christ and with all who are baptized in his name that we may be one in ministry in every place.

Words of Institution

Blessing of the Elements

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

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

"Bright Canaan"

arr. Shaw/Parker

Elder: Kevin Carrabine

* Prayer of Dedication

(Please be seated.)

^{*} 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.

Prayers of Intercession

Leader: Trusting in the power of God to deliver us,

Let us make our prayers of intercession for all.

God our savior,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for the church

Make us ever ready for the coming of the Lord When your people will be gathered together

To worship you in joy forever

God our savior,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for the world

Shake the foundations of this present darkness,

So that the power of evil will crumble.

Restore the splendor of your good creation.

God our savior,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for this community

Hear those who cry to you for justice Show them your great faithfulness

God our savior,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for loved ones

Surround them with your steadfast love.

Guard them as the apple of your eye

And hide them in the shadow of your wings.

God our savior,

People: hear our prayer.

People:

Leader: We pray especially for those who have died

Be with their loved ones in their grief And welcome into their eternal homes

hear our prayer.

Carole Geibler, mother of Gary Giebler (late October 2022)
David Kennedy, brother of Barb White (November)
Jack Geibler, brother of Gary Geibler (March)
Karen Dobbs, friend of Lucinda Parrish (April)
Marie Schumann, aunt of Pastor Doug (July)
Joseph Koncsics, father of Chris Wittrock (July)
Rob Ferguson, member (August)
Rosemary Camilari, relative of Terri Camilari (October)
Blanche Chang, member (October)
Jeanne Blackburn, member (October)
Mimi Heistand, member (October)

And for all those we have not named, Whose names we carry in our hearts, And for their loved ones and friends, God our savior, hear our prayer.

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 # 741

"Guide My Feet"





- 2 Hold my hand ...
- 5 Search my heart ...
- 3 Stand by me ...
- 6 Guide my feet ...
- 4 I'm your child ...

This African American spiritual is based on the imagery of "the race that is set before us" in Hebrews 12:1–2. Its call-and-response structure allows for the improvisation and addition of stanzas related to an athletic metaphor that is as vivid today as it was centuries ago.

TEXT: African American spiritual MUSIC: African American spiritual; harm. Wendell P. Whalum, c. 1984 Music Harm. © Estate of Wendell P. Whalum GUIDE MY FEET 8.8.8.10

* Benediction

Rev. Doug Hagler

Postlude

"My Story"

Big Daddy Weave

Sanctuary Flowers

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

Upcoming Scripture Readings

November 12th: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13 November 19th: Judges 4:1-7; Judges 5:1-3; 24-31

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 preaddressed envelope that you receive with the card. Thank you for sharing your many gifts, and for your continued financial support. *The Stewardship Committee*

Community Thanksgiving Eve Service

First United Methodist Church (865 Main St, Phoenixville) will host a Community Thanksgiving Eve service at 7 PM on November 22nd. It will be a great time to join with our Methodist friends again and give thanks for all we have.

Adult Sunday School / Bible Study

There are some scheduling and content changes to share regarding Adult Sunday School/Bible Study. **Nov. 12th** - no session; **Nov. 19th** - 8:00 AM start time with a new book; **Nov. 26th & Dec. 3rd** - 8:30 AM start time; **Dec. 10th** - 8:00 AM start time; **Dec. 24th & 31st** - no session; **Jan. 7th** - sessions resume at 8:30 AM. The book for the Advent Study will be *The Journey: Walking the Road to Bethlehem* by Adam Hamilton. New learners are always welcome. This is a short series and a great way to "get your feet wet." If interested, please contact <u>Sue Casey</u> for a book and the Zoom link.

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!

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 do you appreciate a loved one who has passed?.** 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*

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. 19th (revised date) 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*

Prayer Requests

Joys:

Concerns: Helen Harrop

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.

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.

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 "<u>Cry Like a Man</u>".

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.

This Week in the Life of the Church

Sunday, November 5th All Saints' Sunday(*Childcare available.)

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

10:30 a.m. *COMMUNION WORSHIP – Rev. Doug Hagler, In person and via YouTube

10:45 a.m. *Sunday School classes

12:15 n. Deacons' Meeting (parlor) – Postponed until further notice.

Monday, November 6th

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

6:00 p.m. Zumba class (fellowship hall)

Tuesday, November 7th

7:00 a.m. Municipal Voting (fellowship hall until 8:00 p.m.)

12:00 n. MAC Committee Meeting – Zoom

7:30 p.m. Nominating Committee Meeting (parlor)

Wednesday, November 8th

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

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

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Thursday, November 9th

9:00 a.m. Set-up for Coat & Clothing Giveaway (fellowship hall until 12)

9:00 a.m. Public Health Management (fellowship hall)

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

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

7:00 p.m. Compassionate Friends Meeting (parlor)

Friday, November 10th

9:00 a.m. Set-up for Coat & Clothing Giveaway (fellowship hall until 12)

Saturday, November 11th

8:00 a.m. People to People Free Coat & Clothing Giveaway (fellowship hall until 11:00 a.m.)

3:00 p.m. Private Event (fellowship hall until 7:00 p.m.)

Sunday, November 12th

(*Childcare available.)

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

10:45 a.m. *Sunday School classes

12:00 n. Holiday Card Writing (fellowship hall)

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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On Saturday, November 11th, from 8:00 AM-11:00 AM, our Fellowship Hall will be transformed into a Coat & Clothing Giveaway event for people in need of warm winter attire.

Help is needed to make this a success.

Are you available during any of the following dates and times?

- Thursday, 11/9, from 9:00 AM 12:00 PM to set out coats & clothing
- **Friday, 11/10**, from 9:00 AM 12:00 PM to display coats & clothing
- Saturday, 11/11, from 8:00 AM 11:00 AM to assist people
- Saturday, 11/11, from 11:00 AM-12:00 PM to pack surplus inventory

Please contact Sandy Heidel at <u>csheidel@verizon.net</u> or Bob Russell if you are able to help even for an hour to benefit our neighbors in the Phoenixville area.

Thank you, People to People