



FPC Phoenixville

**First Presbyterian Church of Phoenixville
145 Main Street, Phoenixville, PA 19460**

Rev. Douglas Hagler, Pastor145@comcast.net
Church #: 610-933-8816
Secretaryfpc145@gmail.com
FPC-Phoenixville.org

Socialize with us!



[@FirstPresbyterianChurchOfPhoenixville](https://www.facebook.com/FirstPresbyterianChurchOfPhoenixville)



[@fpcphoenixville](https://twitter.com/fpcphoenixville)



[@fpcphoenixville](https://www.instagram.com/fpcphoenixville)

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 13, 2024** † ‡ **10:30 a.m.** † ‡

Prelude: *“Word of God Speak”*

MercyMe
Praise Team

Welcome

Rev. Doug Hagler

Passing the Peace

Minute for Ministry

Jen Johnson

Announcements

Sarah Shulman

Call to Worship (leader, people)

Sue Casey

Psalm 22

¹My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning?

²**O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer;
and by night, but find no rest.**

³Yet you are holy,
enthroned on the praises of Israel.

⁴**In you our ancestors trusted;
they trusted, and you delivered them.**

⁵**To you they cried, and were saved;
in you they trusted, and were not put to shame.**

***Hymn #487:** *“These Treasured Children”*

(see page 14)

(Please be seated.)

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, you poured your Spirit upon the gathered disciples, creating bold tongues, open ears, and a new community of faith. We confess that we hold back the force of your Spirit among us. We do not listen for your word of grace, we do not speak the good news of your love, and we do not live as people made one in Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit, and fill us with a burning desire to be your faithful people, doing your will for the sake of our Lord.

(Silent prayer and reflection)

Assurance of Pardon

Through Christ, God has poured out the Holy Spirit upon us for the forgiveness of sins. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God! Amen.

***Gloria Patri (Hymn #581)**

(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

Rev Doug Hagler

(Following the message, children may go to the upstairs classrooms, to the church nursery room, or they may stay with their family in worship.)

Call to the Word: "Come and Seek the Words of Wisdom"

Prayer for Illumination

Sue Casey

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: Job 23:1-9, 16-17

Sue Casey

¹Then Job answered: ²"Today also my complaint is bitter; his hand is heavy despite my groaning. ³Oh, that I knew where I might find him, that I might come even to his dwelling! ⁴I would lay my case before him, and fill my mouth with arguments. ⁵I would learn what he would answer me, and understand what he would say to me. ⁶Would he contend with me in the greatness of his power? No; but he would give heed to me. ⁷There an upright person could reason with him, and I should be acquitted forever by my judge.

⁸"If I go forward, he is not there; or backward, I cannot perceive him; ⁹on the left he hides, and I cannot behold him; I turn to the right, but I cannot see him.

¹⁶God has made my heart faint; the Almighty has terrified me; ¹⁷If only I could vanish in darkness, and thick darkness would cover my face!

Reading: Mark 10:17-31

Sue Casey

¹⁷As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

¹⁸Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" ²⁰He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." ²¹Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." ²²When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

²³Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" ²⁴And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." ²⁶They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" ²⁷Jesus looked at them and

said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible."

²⁸Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." ²⁹Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, ³⁰who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age — houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields with persecutions — and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Sermon

Rev. Doug Hagler

***Hymn #12: "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"**

(see page 15)

(Please be seated.)

Offering Prayer

In the spirit of the first believers,
we are called to share our goods in common
and contribute to the needs of the poor
with glad and generous hearts.

Offertory: "All Things Work Together For Good"

J. Carter

Please see the QR code card in your pew if you wish to give via credit card, PayPal, or ApplePay.

***Doxology (Hymn #606)**

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: George Cockerill

(Please be seated.)

Joys and Concerns

The Lord’s Prayer

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 #722: “Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak”** *(see page 16)*

***Benediction** Rev. Doug Hagler

Postlude: “Postlude on ‘St. Denio’”

~~~~~

**PRAYER REQUESTS:**

**Joys:**

**Concerns:** Hank

**PRAYER CHAIN:** Please send any prayer needs to the new email address, [fpcprayerchain2@gmail.com](mailto:fpcprayerchain2@gmail.com). Your request will be distributed to FPC's prayer angels. Their silent efforts will be put to work to lift you up. The same email address can be used for anyone wishing to join the prayer team.

**UPCOMING SCRIPTURE READINGS:**

**Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>:** Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 10:35-45

**Oct. 27<sup>th</sup>:** Job 42:1-6, 10-17; Hebrews 7:23-28

**YOUTH CHOIR REHEARSAL—TODAY!:** FPC's Youth Choir has rehearsal today after Sunday School from 11:45 AM-12:15 PM. Plan on some exciting music with instrumental parts. For more details about the choir, please see Barb Giebler or Rebecca Barkley.

**PUB THEOLOGY—TONIGHT!:** There will be a Pub Theology gathering tonight, Sunday, **October 13th**, 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!

**PEOPLE to PEOPLE AUCTION:** Our People to People Clothing Ministry has posted new items on the MaxSold Auction platform - Halloween & Christmas decorations, Phillies & Eagles attire, toys, Elvis items, house décor, and more. Bidding is now in session and concludes at 8:00 PM on Wednesday, October 16th. Visit the site by clicking this link <https://bit.ly/oct24auction> or by scanning the QR Code. Enjoy looking, the thrill of bidding, and the joy of winning! Pick-up will be in Fellowship Hall on Saturday, October 19th from 10:30 am – 12:00 pm, or special arrangements can be made for pick up if necessary by contacting Cheryl Messere or Sandy Heidel. All the money raised goes to our People to People mission. Thank you!

**GARAGE SALE RESULTS:** Thank you to everyone who helped with setting up tables, bringing items out, arranging items, manning the sale, and cleaning up afterwards. The sale is a lot of work and helps our community, also benefitting People to People Ministry with \$2,742.64. We could not have accomplished this without your help! Mark your calendars for the next one March 29, 2025, we can always use more help. Much appreciated!

**COAT & CLOTHING GIVE AWAY:** Thank you to everyone who helped with the Coat & Clothing Give Away yesterday. Many local families benefitted from your efforts!

**BOOKS THROUGH BARS:** The next Books Through Bars volunteer trip is on Saturday, **October 19th**. Registration to volunteer is available via SignUp Genius - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050F4AADA722A1FB6-47254630-books>, or call Maggie in the main office (610-933-8816) for assistance with 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.

**SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICE:** Music Appreciation Sunday will be **October 20th**. The amazing talents of FPC's musicians will be featured during the 10:30 AM service. Join us and show your support, love, and gratefulness for the great sounds that enhance our worship experience every week.

**WOMEN'S CIRCLE:** On Sunday, **October 20th**, FPC's Presbyterian Women's Circle will continue with their study of *Let Justice Roll Down: God's Call to Care for Neighbors and All Creation*. All women are invited! Bring your lunch/snack to the parlor after the worship service and enjoy some learning. Extra study guides are available.

**QUEER CIRCLE:** The Queer Circle will be meeting by Zoom on Sunday, **October 20th**, at 7:00 PM. Discussion will focus on the book, *"Jesus, the Bible, and Homosexuality"* by former PCUSA Moderator of the General Assembly, Rev. Dr. Jack Rogers. Book or no book, anytime is a great time to join this group!

Zoom Link - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85778319381>

Click on the Zoom link or call 1-929-205-6099

Meeting ID: 857 7831 9381

**SCRIP GIFT CARDS:** One more October date remains for scrip orders—Monday, **the 21st**. To place an order, please call or text Lynne Williams at 610-955- 4749 (cell) or send an email to [brettdrew@comcast.net](mailto:brettdrew@comcast.net). We will complete the order forms for you. Please make checks payable to “First Presbyterian Church DR”. Use the cards and the church gets a percentage. Thank you! *The Stewardship Committee*



**FPC BINGO NIGHT:** You're invited to come and have fun playing BINGO in Fellowship Hall on Friday, **November 1st**, Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead). Decorate your table; dress in costume - Halloween-style! 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. BYOM-Bring Your Own Markers - pennies, beans, crayons, etc. This event is for FPC members only. Please sign-online at <https://bit.ly/nov24bingo> or call the main office at 610-933- 8816. Questions about helping or donating prizes can be directed to Jeff McLaughlin at [fpcchildrenandyouth@gmail.com](mailto:fpcchildrenandyouth@gmail.com).

**GRATITUDE JOURNAL:** The gratitude journaling prompt for the month of October is "*How do you show kindness to strangers?*" Contact the main office, 610-933-8816, if you'd like to share your reflection during a Minute for Gratitude!

**CHILDREN'S WORSHIP RESOURCE CENTER:** The Grant Writing Committee recently secured a \$1000 grant (through Columbia Theological Seminary and Lilly Endowment, Inc.) for materials and programs that promote children's engagement in worship. One of the ways we are using the grant funds is to create and maintain a children's resource center in the narthex. The resource center will include books and other materials to help children to understand worship in general as well as more specific aspects of Presbyterian worship practice and traditions. We will be establishing a process for borrowing books from the resource center, so stay tuned for that. In the meantime, check out the resource center on your way in and out of church!

**ALL SAINTS:** On **November 3rd**, 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](mailto:secretaryfpc145@gmail.com) or call the church office at 610- 933-8816.

## **IN THE NEWS: BLESSING of the ANIMALS**

Extra! Extra! Read all about it! First Presbyterian Church of Phoenixville made the front page of the Times Herald and into other area newspapers on Thursday, October 3rd. Thank you to all our pets who made Blessing of the Animals a news-worthy liturgy. Gratitude is extended to the coordinators, technicians, musicians, ministers, youth participants, attendees, and remote supporters.

The "back-story" started with the daughter of journalist, Mary English, driving past FPC and seeing our banner about the Blessing of the Animals service. Knowing that Mary was writing an article about Blessing of the Animals and World Animal Day, her daughter passed on the details. Mary called church for more information both the week before the service and the day after. The bulletin and pictures were provided. Mary sent a notification to church on Thursday, 10/3, stating that we made the front page. A hard copy can be found in the narthex. Visit <https://bit.ly/blessinganimals-article> for a PDF version of the article.

~~~~~

This Week in the Life of the Church

SUNDAY, October 13 (**Childcare available*)

P2P MaxSold Online Auction

8:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study (Zoom)

10:30 a.m. *WORSHIP SERVICE with Rev. Doug Hagler, in-person and on YouTube -

<https://www.youtube.com/@fpcphoenixville7042>

10:45 a.m. Sunday School (upstairs classrooms)

11:45 a.m. FPC Youth Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

12:00 a.m. Worship & Music Committee Meeting (Parlor)

7:00 p.m. Pub Theology (The Foodery, 325 Bridge St, Phoenixville)

Monday, October 14

P2P MaxSold Online Auction

9:00 a.m. People to People Clothing Ministry (Fellowship Hall)

6:30 p.m. Zumba Class (Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday, October 15

P2P MaxSold Online Auction

6:30 p.m. Zumba Class (Fellowship Hall)

7:30 p.m. Property Committee Meeting (Main Office)

7:30 p.m. Praise Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

7:30 p.m. Drama Committee Meeting (Parlor)

Wednesday, October 16

P2P MaxSold Online Auction until 8:00 PM

10:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Music Ministry (Sanctuary)

6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Better Days Ahead open office hours (Fellowship Hall Office)

7:30 p.m. Handbells Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Thursday, October 17

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 (Fellowship Hall)

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Friday, October 18

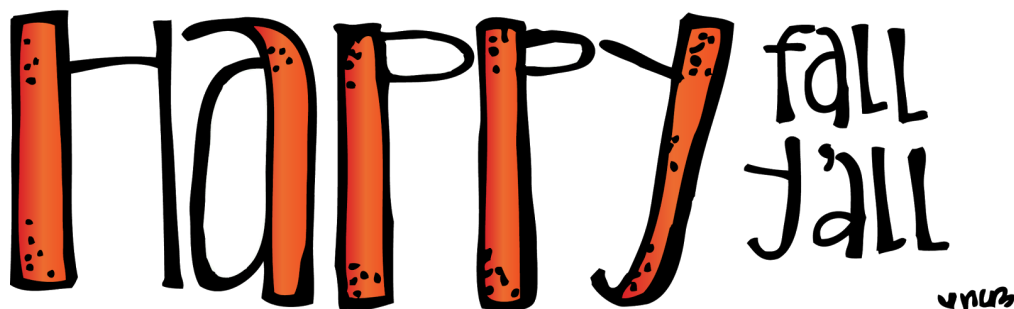
9:00 a.m. Women, Infants & Children (Fellowship Hall)

Saturday, October 19

9:30 a.m. Zumba Class (Fellowship Hall)

9:00 a.m. Zumba Class (Fellowship Hall)

10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Auction Pick-Up (Fellowship Hall)



Calendar continues ➤

SUNDAY, October 20 (*Childcare available)

Music Appreciation Sunday

8:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study (Zoom)

10:30 a.m. *WORSHIP SERVICE with Rev. Doug Hagler, in-person and on YouTube -

<https://www.youtube.com/@fpcphoenixville7042>

10:45 a.m. Sunday School (upstairs classrooms)

11:45 a.m. FPC Youth Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

12:00 p.m. Women’s Circle (Parlor)

7:00 p.m. Queer Circle (Zoom)

Zoom Link - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85778319381>

Click on the Zoom link or call 1-929-205-6099

Meeting ID: 857 7831 9381

~ ~ ~ ~ ~

GENERAL INFORMATION

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 the sanctuary 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.

~ ~ ~ ~ ~

STAFF

Rev. Douglas Hagler, Pastor145@comcast.net

Cell: 415-300-7912

Diane Legnini, Director of Music

Sarah Shulman, Praise Team Leader

Maggie O'Malley, Office Manager & Communications

Secretaryfpc145@gmail.com & FPCcommunications@comcast.net

Jeff McLaughlin, Children & Youth Coordinator,

fpcchildrenandyouth@gmail.com

Church Treasurer: fpctreasurer145@gmail.com

~ ~ ~ ~ ~

OFFICE HOURS

Mondays: 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Tuesdays: 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Wednesdays: 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Thursdays: 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Fridays: by appointment

~ ~ ~ ~ ~


WORD SEARCH—THE RICH YOUNG MAN

Based on Mark 10:17-31

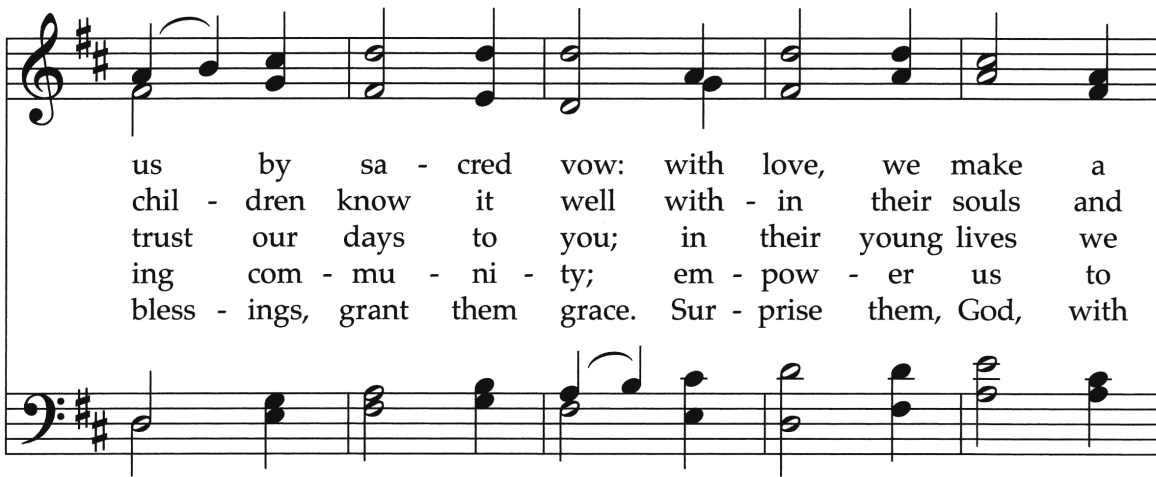
H T E S T I M O N Y E O N N C
 R U W Y K W V D L A M T I T O
 Q N R G B E V Y O U E J K F M
 G O H K L A N U V L T R A Y M
 H O N O R L E R E W E S D L A
 C H Z E I T E K D N R F U P N
 F A L S E H D X Q R N E L L D
 K M Z S T R L R L L A T T A M
 M I K A M E E N E T L E E C E
 U R F K P H C M I T F A R K N
 R P N P T T A R G A X C Y L T
 D O E O E C E Z I L G H A L S
 E O M F N H B E V O T E B L L
 R R I P N G W M E S T R G Y I
 B L X I K Z L B A S Z X M X H

ADULTERY	LIFE
CAMEL	LOVED
COMMANDMENTS	MOTHER
ETERNAL	MURDER
FALSE	NEEDLE
FATHER	POOR
GIVE	STEAL
HONOR	TEACHER
INHERIT	TESTIMONY
LACK	WEALTH


Hymn #487: "These Treasured Children"



1 These treasured chil - dren pres - ent now are bound to
 2 Our an - cient sto - ry we shall tell, till these our
 3 We long to trust as chil - dren do and so en -
 4 Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, help us be a nur - tur -
 5 Then, ten - der God, each child em - brace; God give them



us by sa - cred vow: with love, we make a
 chil - dren know it well with - in their souls and
 trust our days to you; in their young lives we
 ing com - mu - ni - ty; em - pow - er us to
 bless - ings, grant them grace. Sur - prise them, God, with



heart - felt claim to wel - come them in Je - sus' name.
 minds and hearts, for this is where their jour - ney starts.
 clear - ly see a les - son in hu - mil - i - ty.
 re - a - lize God's king - dom through our chil - dren's eyes.
 won - ders still, and gent - ly guide them to your will.

This text emphasizes the covenantal dimensions of baptism, most obvious in the baptism of children (though also present in the baptism of adults), including the worshipping community's commitment to acquaint children with salvation history and to learn from their humble trust.

TEXT: Jacque B. Jones, 2009
 MUSIC: Trier ms. 15th cent.; adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1609
 Text © 2010 GIA Publications, Inc.

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR
 LM
 (alternate harmonization, 67)

Hymn #12: "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small.
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light.

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might:
 In all life thou liv - est, the true life of all.
 Thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight.

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice, like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove;
 We blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
 All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 then with - er and per - ish; but naught chang - eth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

The opening line of this hymn was inspired by the three divine attributes listed in 1 Timothy 1:17 (King James Version), and it continues by considering how God's life exceeds our own finite existence. The text is well set to a Welsh melody shaped by many three-note units.

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 - y a heart.
 glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.
 face I see, your rest, your joy, your glo - ry share.

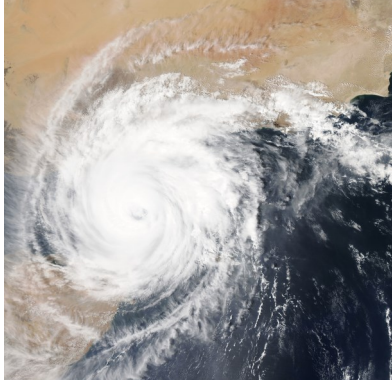
Two great truths inform this text: first, that the testimony of experience is powerful and persuasive; and second, that no one should venture to minister on one's own strength rather than God's. The tune reflects a 19th-century practice of adapting piano pieces as hymn tunes.

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

CANONBURY
 LM



HURRICANE HELENE & HURRICANE SEASON



The news of the widespread destruction Hurricane Helene caused weighs heavily on us. The damage left in the wake of this storm is among the worst the region has ever experienced. Thirteen presbyteries were directly affected, with over half of them having devastating damage in their communities. Entire neighborhoods have been wiped out, thousands of homes and buildings have been

severely damaged, and countless families are now without shelter. The storm has also left the natural environment in peril, with wildlife habitats destroyed and ecosystems disrupted. In addition to these challenges, many roads and infrastructure have been rendered impassable, severely hindering access to critical resources and delaying relief efforts to some of the hardest-hit areas.

As a community, we have a responsibility to support those in need. The First Presbyterian Church of Phoenixville, in partnership with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, is coordinating efforts to provide needed resources and support to affected communities. Your donation, no matter how small, can make a significant difference. If you want to contribute to this effort, make your check payable to First Presbyterian Church of Phoenixville, write Hurricane on the memo line, and place your check in the offering plate or mail it to the church office. Please make your donations by Sun, Oct 26.

GIVE

SHARE YOUR FINANCIAL BLESSINGS TO HELP DISASTER SURVIVORS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.



ACT

GET INVOLVED WITH DISASTER RECOVERY MINISTRY.



PRAY

OUR BEST RESPONSE IS PRAYER. SEEK GOD'S PRESENCE ON BEHALF OF DISASTER SURVIVORS.



