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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—Music Appreciation Sunday
‡‡ October 20, 2024 ‡‡ 10:30 a.m. ‡‡

Prelude: *“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”* arr. K. Morris

Welcome Rev. Doug Hagler

Passing the Peace

Announcements Sarah Shulman

Minute for Mission Heifer Project/FPC Youth

Call to Worship (leader, people) Karin Goodman

Psalm 150

¹ Praise the Lord. Hallelujah!

**Praise God in his sanctuary;
praise him in his mighty heavens.**

² Praise him for his acts of power;
praise him for his surpassing greatness.

³ **Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet,
praise him with the harp and lyre,**

⁴ praise him with timbrel and dancing,
praise him with the strings and pipe,

⁵ **praise him with the clash of cymbals,
praise him with resounding cymbals.**

⁶ **Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.**

***Hymn #299:** “You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim” (*see page 13*)

(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.)

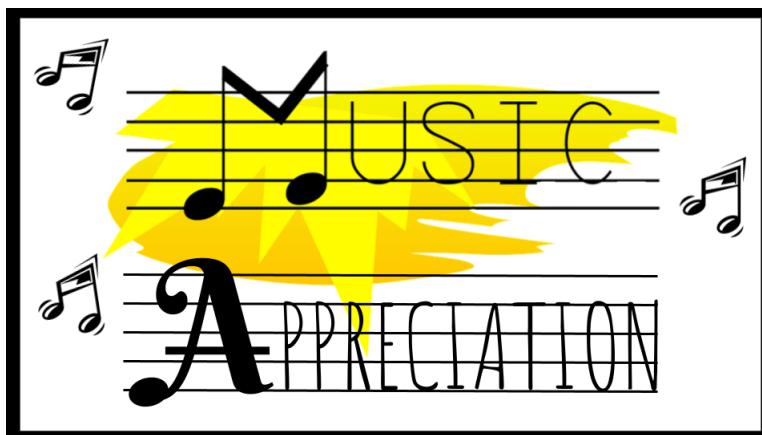
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

(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.)



We give thanks for FPC's Musicians!

Names listed once each, though many people are in more than one group.

Staff: Diane Legnini, Sarah Shulman, Jeff McLaughlin

Supply Musicians: Ken Brown, Cathy Walker

Volunteer Leaders: Barb Giebler, Rebecca Barkley,
Terri Camilari

Musicians (alphabetical order): Jewell Baker, Jacqui Busch, Abigail Carlino, Eva Carlino, Betty Casey, Sue Casey, Morgan Craven, Mark Daly, Gary Giebler, Karin Goodman, Cassie Gulden, Dahlia Gulden, Fenner Gulden, Linea Gulden, Doug Hagler, Pam Hagler, Poppy Hagler, Chuck Heidel, Carter Hobbins, James Hobbins, Elena Howe, Jenn Howe, Will Hubbard, Sadie Josel, Audrey Kleppinger, Jeffrey Kleppinger, Evan Lewis, Owen Lewis, Paulette Mark, Casey McIntyre, Connor McIntyre, Frank Mercurio, Grant Murphy, Pierce Murphy, Tim Murphy, Lew Osterhoudt, Paul Parrish, Noah Pilotti, Shane Pilotti, Beatrice Poljak, Steve Shier, Megan Smith, Sue Tyson, Doug Walker, Luke Walker, Barb White



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**Prayer for Illumination**

Karin Goodman

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: Hebrews 5:1-10**

Karin Goodman

<sup>1</sup>Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins.

<sup>2</sup>He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; <sup>3</sup>and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. <sup>4</sup>And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

<sup>5</sup>So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; <sup>6</sup>as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek."

<sup>7</sup>In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. <sup>8</sup>Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; <sup>9</sup>and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, <sup>10</sup>having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

**Reading: Mark 10:35-45**

Karin Goodman

<sup>35</sup>James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you."

<sup>36</sup>And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" <sup>37</sup>And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." <sup>38</sup>But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" <sup>39</sup>They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; <sup>40</sup>but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."

<sup>41</sup>When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John.

<sup>42</sup>So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. <sup>43</sup>But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, <sup>44</sup>and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. <sup>45</sup>For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

## Sermon

Rev. Doug Hagler

**\*Hymn #320:** “The Church of Christ in Every Age”

*(see page 14)*

*(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:** *Special Music Video*

arr. Gary Giebler

*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: Doug Walker

*(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 #818: "By Gracious Powers"

(see page 15)

\*Benediction

Rev. Doug Hagler

Postlude: "Jesus Paid It All"

Praise Team

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PRAYER REQUESTS:

Joys:

Concerns:

PRAYER CHAIN: Please send any prayer needs to the new email address, 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. 27th: Job 42:1-6, 10-17; Hebrews 7:23-28

Nov. 3rd: Ruth 1:1-18; Mark 12:28-34

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.

WOMEN'S CIRCLE—TODAY!: FPC's 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. See Jewell Baker for details.

QUEER CIRCLE—TONIGHT!: The Queer Circle will be meeting by Zoom tonight, **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—TOMORROW!: 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. 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*

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!

MEMORIAL SERVICE: On Friday, **October 25th** at 1:30 PM, there will be a funeral service for Fred Bowen at the Campbell-Ennis-Klotzbach Funeral Home, 610 Main Street, Phoenixville. Visitation time with the family will begin at 1:00 PM. Details of Fred's life can be found at <https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/name/frederick-bowen-obituary?id=56544197>.

BIBLE STUDY NEWS: On **October 27th**, new lessons for Bible Study will begin at 8:00 AM (special time). Topics for discussion will be based on *The Walk: Five Essential Practices of the Christian Life*. Learning from this guidebook will continue until Christmas (no meeting on 12/29). All are welcome! This would be a great time to give the adult Bible Study a try. If you have any questions or would like the new book, please contact Sue Casey at skcinpa@aol.com.

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.

CHRISTMAS CARDS for PRISON MINISTRY: Join the Church Growth Committee after the worship service on Sunday, **November 3rd**, for a Christmas Card Writing event in the parlor. We will write holiday cards to those incarcerated. Many thank you notes were received after last year's Christmas cards were sent. Incarcerated individuals were grateful for our thoughtfulness and for helping to make their holiday a bit cheerful. Let's do that again!

AUTUMN OCTOBERFEST LUNCHEON & PUMPKIN

DECORATING: Celebrate Autumn at FPC's Octoberfest event after the worship service on Sunday, **October 27th**. The Parish Life Committee will supply the main foods, some German and some just autumnal. There are 10 openings for attendees to bring their favorite Autumn dessert (8-servings) to share. All are welcome to join us with or without a dessert but please reply using the SignUp Genius link, <https://bit.ly/autumnoctoberfest24>, so we know how many people to plan for. Desserts are to be delivered to Fellowship Hall before the worship service on 10/27. The Sunday School kiddos will be decorating pumpkins at the same time making this a fun, intergenerational event. Contact Jewell Baker at jebaker38@gmail.com if you have any questions.

ANTIRACISM BOOK CLUB: Zoom with the Antiracism Book Club on Sunday, **October 27th**, at 7:00 PM. The group will be discussing *The Collected Poems of Langston Hughes* (Vintage Classics Edition). Join anytime with or without the book. Please contact Pastor Doug if you have any questions about this group.

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82965389092>

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

Meeting ID is 829 6538 9092

MATTHEW 25 IN SUNDAY SCHOOL: First Presbyterian Church of Phoenixville is a PCUSA Matthew 25 congregation. This year in Sunday School, we are focusing specifically on Matthew 25:35-40, where Jesus described ways for his followers to help people in need. The Sunday School children have illustrated this section of Matthew 25 and their creations can be found on the bulletin board located in the hallway behind the sanctuary. Check it out!

SPECIAL LITURGY: We will celebrate Old Time Religion, honor our saints, and share a communion meal on Sunday, November 3rd. Attendees are encouraged to wear their best vintage ensemble. Loved ones who have passed this year will be remembered. Names can be sent to Maggie at secretaryfpc145@gmail.com, or call the office at 610-933-8816. Please join us in prayer and remembrance!

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**This Week in the Life of the Church**

**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*

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**Monday, October 21**

*Scrip orders are due.*

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

12:30 p.m. Staff Meeting (Main Office & Zoom)

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

**Tuesday, October 22**

9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. PARN Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

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

7:00 p.m. Session Meeting (Zoom)

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

**Wednesday, October 23**

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 24**

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 25**

Fred Bowen’s Celebration of Life

Campbell-Ennis-Klotzbach Funeral Home

610 S Main Street, Phoenixville

- 1:00 p.m. Visitation with the family
- 1:30 p.m. Memorial Service

**Saturday, October 26**

No events scheduled.

**SUNDAY, October 27** (\*Childcare available)

8:00 a.m. (special time) 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. Autumn Octoberfest Luncheon & Pumpkin Decorating  
(Fellowship Hall)

7:00 p.m. Antiracism Book Club (Zoom)

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82965389092>

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## 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.

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### 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

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# Hymn #299: "You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim"



1 You ser - vants of God, your Mas - ter pro - claim,  
 2 As - cend - ed on high, al - might - y to save,  
 3 "Sal - va - tion to God, who sits on the throne!"  
 4 Then let us a - dore and give him his right:

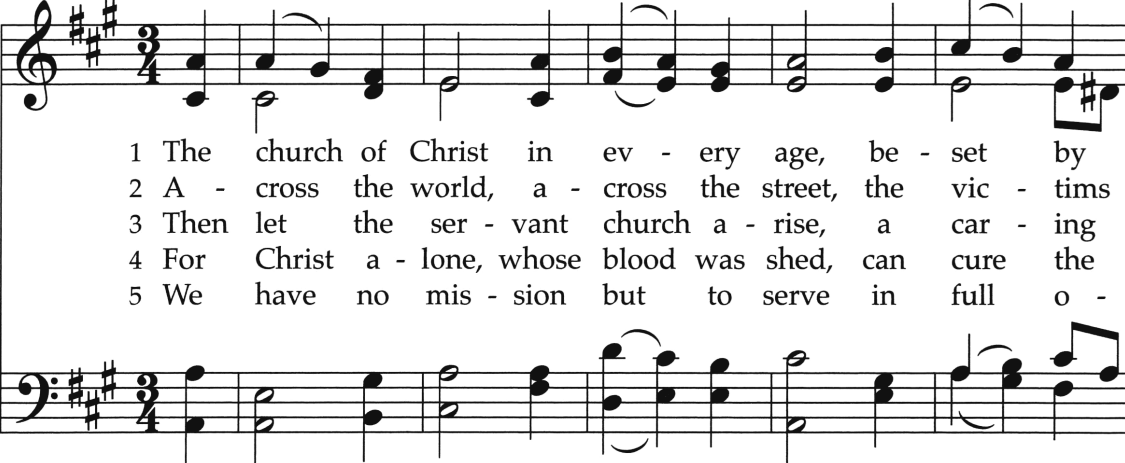
and pub - lish a - broad Christ's won - der - ful name.  
 he still re - mains nigh; his pres - ence we have.  
 Let all cry a - loud and hon - or the Son.  
 all glo - ry and power, all wis - dom and might,

The name all vic - to - rious of Je - sus ex - tol,  
 The great con - gre - ga - tion his tri - umph shall sing,  
 The prais - es of Je - sus the an - gels pro - claim,  
 all hon - or and bless - ing, with an - gels a - bove,

whose king - dom is glo - rious, who rules o - ver all.  
 as - crib - ing sal - va - tion to Je - sus our King.  
 fall down on their fac - es, and wor - ship the Lamb.  
 and thanks nev - er ceas - ing, and in - fi - nite love!

This hymn resembles many 18th-century drawings that show parallels between worship on earth and worship in heaven, especially as described in Revelation 7:9–11. This 18th-century tune has had many names; the one used here honors the dynasty of British monarchs, 1714–1901.

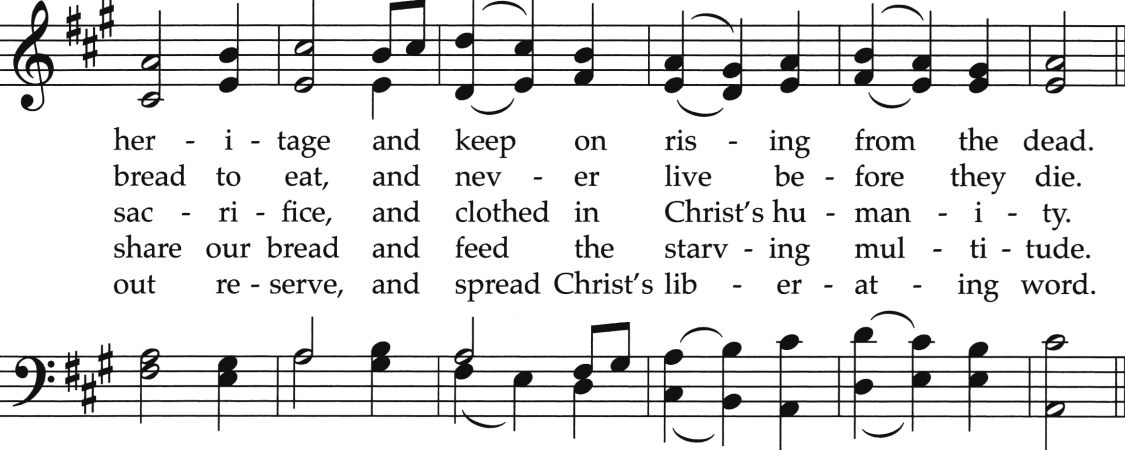
# Hymn #320: "The Church of Christ in Every Age"



1 The church of Christ in ev - ery age, be - set by  
 2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims  
 3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing  
 4 For Christ a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the  
 5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -



change but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its  
 of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for  
 church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's  
 fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to  
 be - dience to our Lord: to care for all, with -



her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.  
 bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.  
 sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.  
 share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.  
 out re - serve, and spread Christ's lib - er - at - ing word.

In this challenging text by a British Methodist minister, the odd-numbered stanzas develop the image of "the servant church," while the second surveys the many needs and the fourth describes the true source of strength for the task.

TEXT: Fred Pratt Green, 1969  
 MUSIC: William Knapp, 1738  
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 LM  
 (alternate harmonization, 665)

# Hymn #818: "By Gracious Powers"

1 By gra - cious powers so won - der - ful - ly shel - tered,  
 2 Yet is this heart by its old foe tor - ment - ed,  
 3 And when this cup you give is filled to brim - ming  
 4 Yet when a - gain in this same world you give us

and con - fi - dent - ly wait - ing, come what may,  
 still e - vil days bring bur - dens hard to bear;  
 with bit - ter suf - fering, hard to un - der - stand,  
 the joy we had, the bright - ness of your sun,

we know that God is with us night and morn - ing  
 O give our fright - ened souls the sure sal - va - tion  
 we take it thank - ful - ly and with - out trem - bling,  
 we shall re - mem - ber all the days we lived through,

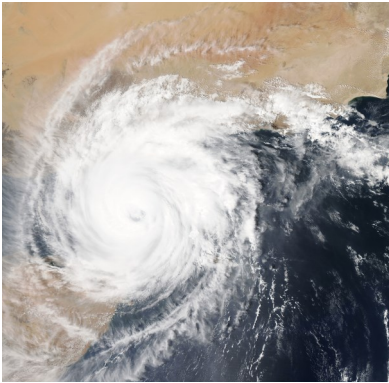
and nev - er fails to greet us each new day.  
 for which, O Lord, you taught us to pre - pare.  
 out of so good and so be - loved a hand.  
 and our whole life shall then be yours a - lone.

This text (made from the author's last poem) turns in the middle of stanza two, where broad affirmations yield to a prayer continuing through the rest of the hymn, a prayer that testifies to deep confidence. The minor tune helps to convey such tensions in the life of faith.





## 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 Sunday, October 26th.

### 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.



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