



# FPC Phoenixville

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<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCrmNs7JdvZnJpsNjs0Ds8vg>

**Morning Worship**  
‡ † **October 27, 2024** † ‡ **10:30 a.m.** † ‡

**Prelude:** “*Fugue in F*”

by John C. Dare  
Merry Ringers

**Welcome**

Rev. Doug Hagler

**Passing the Peace**

**Announcements**

Sarah Shulman

**Minute for Mission**

Stewardship & Star Tree

**Call to Worship** (leader, **people**)

Terri Camilari

*Psalm 139*

<sup>139:1</sup> O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

<sup>2</sup> You know when I sit down and when I rise up;  
you discern my thoughts from far away.

<sup>3</sup> **You search out my path and my lying down  
and are acquainted with all my ways.**

<sup>4</sup> Even before a word is on my tongue,  
O Lord, you know it completely.

<sup>5</sup> **You hem me in, behind and before,  
and lay your hand upon me.**

<sup>6</sup> Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;  
it is so high that I cannot attain it.

<sup>7</sup> **Where can I go from your spirit?  
Or where can I flee from your presence?**

<sup>8</sup> If I ascend to heaven, you are there;  
if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.

<sup>9</sup> **If I take the wings of the morning  
and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,  
<sup>10</sup> even there your hand shall lead me,  
and your right hand shall hold me fast.  
<sup>11</sup> If I say, “Surely the darkness shall cover me,  
and night wraps itself around me,”  
<sup>12</sup> even the darkness is not dark to you;  
the night is as bright as the day,  
for darkness is as light to you.**

**\*Hymn #807: “When We Must Bear Persistent Pain”** *(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.)*

## **Prayer for Illumination**

Terri Camilari

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 42:1-6, 10-17**

Terri Camilari

<sup>42:1</sup> Then Job answered the Lord:

<sup>2</sup> "I know that you can do all things

and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted.

<sup>3</sup> 'Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?'

Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand,  
things too wonderful for me that I did not know.

<sup>4</sup> 'Hear, and I will speak;

I will question you, and you declare to me.'

<sup>5</sup> I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear,  
but now my eye sees you;

<sup>6</sup> therefore I despise myself  
and repent in dust and ashes."

<sup>10</sup> And the Lord restored the fortunes of Job when he had prayed for his friends, and the Lord gave Job twice as much as he had before. <sup>11</sup> Then there came to him all his brothers and sisters and all who had known him before, and they ate bread with him in his house; they showed him sympathy and comforted him for all the evil that the Lord had brought upon him; and each of them gave him a piece of money and a gold ring.

<sup>12</sup> The Lord blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning, and he had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand donkeys. <sup>13</sup> He also had seven sons and three daughters. <sup>14</sup> He named the first Jemimah, the second Keziah, and the third Keren-happuch. <sup>15</sup> In all the land there were no women so

beautiful as Job's daughters, and their father gave them an inheritance along with their brothers. <sup>16</sup> After this Job lived one hundred and forty years and saw his children and his children's children, four generations. <sup>17</sup> And Job died, old and full of days.

**Reading: Hebrews 7:23-28**

Terri Camilari

<sup>23</sup> Furthermore, the former priests were many in number because they were prevented by death from continuing in office, <sup>24</sup> but he holds his priesthood permanently because he continues forever. <sup>25</sup> Consequently, he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

<sup>26</sup> For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. <sup>27</sup> Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. <sup>28</sup> For the law appoints as high priests humans, who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**Sermon**

Rev. Doug Hagler

**\*Hymn #445: "God, How Can We Forgive"**

*(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: "How Can I Keep from Singing"**

arr. P.D. Turlock

*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: Jewell Baker

*(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 #662: "Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies"**

*(see page 15)*

**\*Benediction**

Rev. Doug Hagler

**Postlude: "Great I Am"**

by Phillips Craig and Dean  
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](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:**

**Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>:** Ruth 1:1-18; Mark 12:28-34

**Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>:** Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44

**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.

## **AUTUMN OCTOBERFEST LUNCHEON & PUMPKIN**

**DECORATING —TODAY!:** Everyone is invited to stay after today's worship service and walk down to Fellowship Hall for food and fun with pumpkin decorating. Don't ghost us but come and have a goblin good time!

**ANTIRACISM BOOK CLUB—TONIGHT!:** Zoom with the Antiracism Book Club on Sunday, **October 27<sup>th</sup>**, 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

**FPC BINGO NIGHT:** You're invited to come and have fun playing BINGO in Fellowship Hall on Friday, **November 1<sup>st</sup>**, 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).

**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](mailto:secretaryfpc145@gmail.com), or call the office at 610-933-8816. Please join us in prayer and remembrance!

**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!

**SCRIP GIFT CARDS!:** The November dates for scrip orders are on Mondays, **the 4th and 18th**. 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*

**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!

**BIBLE STUDY NEWS:** New lessons for Bible Study started today. Topics for discussion are 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](mailto:skcinpa@aol.com).

**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!

**CHURCH SAFETY TASK GROUP:** Here are some of the things FPC's Church Safety Task Group has been working on over the last few months:

- Hosting a police walk-through with recommendation
- Leader, greeter, and usher safety guide
- Additional locks on interior doors
- Posting emergency and evacuation plans
- Wifi walkie-talkies for communication between the Narthex and Nursery
- Plans for a church fire drill (TBA)
- New door policies for Sunday morning and church events

If you have questions, ideas or concerns, please contact [Pastor Doug](#) to let him know, and we'll keep you updated on the progress we make.

**LOVE THY NEIGHBOR VIGIL:** The Love Thy Neighbor organization will be hosting a vigil on FPC's front steps at 6:00 PM on Wednesday, **November 6th**. The themes of the vigil will be diversity, democracy, and humanity, and it will include opening and closing prayers along with some guest speakers from the community. If you would like to know more about Love Thy Neighbor, you can talk to Pastor Doug or check out their website at: <https://www.lovethyneighborchesco.org/>.

**CHANGE CLOCKS REMINDER:** Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, **November 3rd**, at 2:00 AM. Remember to turn clocks back before bedtime on Saturday, the 2nd. Enjoy the extra hour of sleep!

**POLLING PLACE:** On Election Day, Tuesday, **November 5th**, FPC's Fellowship Hall will be a polling place. Voting will be from 7:00 AM - 8:00 PM.

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

### **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>

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

*Meeting ID is 829 6538 9092*

### **Monday, October 28**

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

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

### **Tuesday, October 29**

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

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

### **Wednesday, October 30**

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 31**

#### **Halloween**

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, November 1**

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

6:00 p.m. Doors open for BINGO (Fellowship Hall)

**Saturday, November 2**

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

**SUNDAY, November 3 (\*Childcare available)**

**All Saints and Old Time Religion Sunday**

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

10:30 a.m. \*COMMUNION 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. Christmas Card Writing/Prison Ministry (Parlor)

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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



*Let Us Pray*

O God,

WE REJOICE

in the freedom of your forgiveness.

WE REJOICE

in the tenderness of

your gathering us into what is right.

WE REJOICE

in the new life you make possible

every moment of every day.

AMEN!

# Hymn #807: "When We Must Bear Persistent Pain"

1 When we must bear per - sis - tent pain and suf - fer  
2 Sup - port us as we learn new ways to care for  
3 We thank you for the bet - ter days when we may  
4 In ease or pain, in life and death, to you our

with no cure in sight, come, Ho - ly Pres - ence,  
bod - ies new - ly frail. Help us en - dure, and  
smile to greet the sun, to do your work with  
frag - ile lives be - long, and so we trust you

breathe your peace with gifts of warmth and heal - ing light.  
live and love. Hear our com - plaint when pa - tience fails.  
clear - ing mind, and bless your name when day is done.  
in all things. You are our hope, our health, our song.

Reflecting the author's own experience of debilitating migraine headaches, this sung prayer speaks for many people whose lives involve constant pain, often without hope of lasting relief. This text is effectively set to a shape note tune using only five tones of the scale.

TEXT: Ruth Duck, 2004  
MUSIC: Walker's *Southern Harmony*, 1835; harm. David N. Johnson, 1968  
Text © 2005 GIA Publications, Inc.  
Music © 1968 Augsburg Fortress

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# Hymn #445: "God, How Can We Forgive"

1 God, how can we for - give when bonds of love are torn?  
 2 When we have missed the mark, and tears of an - guish flow,  
 3 Who dares to throw the stone to damn an - oth - er's sin,

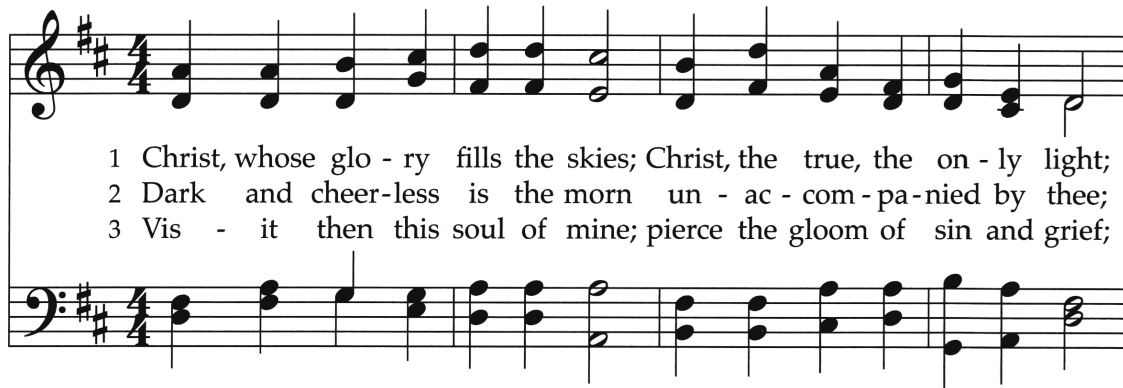
How can we rise and start a - new, our trust re - born?  
 how can you still re - lease our guilt, the debt we owe?  
 when you, while know - ing all our past, for - give a - gain?

When hu - man lov - ing fails and ev - ery hope is gone,  
 The o - cean depth of grace sur - pass - es all our needs.  
 No more we play the judge, for by your grace we live.

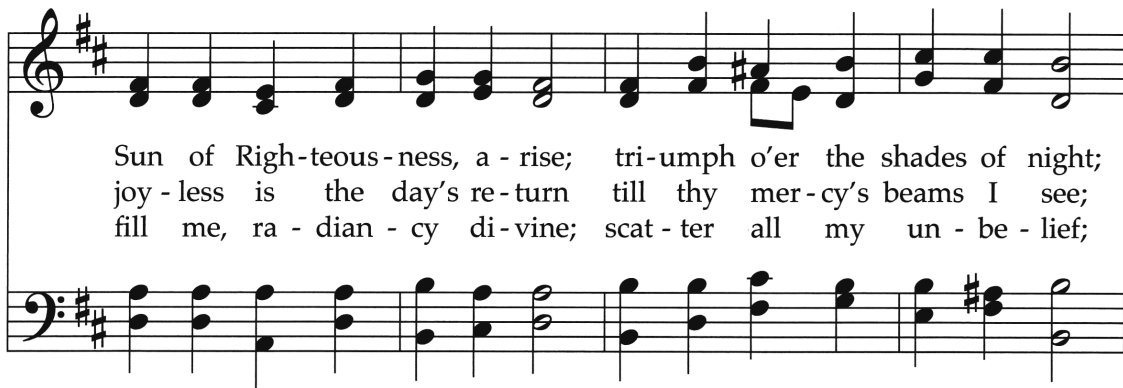
your love gives strength be - yond our own to face the dawn.  
 A priest who shares our hu - man pain, Christ in - ter - cedes.  
 As you, O God, for - give our sin, may we for - give.

This text reflects both the struggle to deal with a deep personal hurt and a keen awareness of biblical language and content. The opening line of stanza two, for example, draws on the root meaning of the Greek word for sin, and the beginning of stanza three alludes to John 8:3-8.

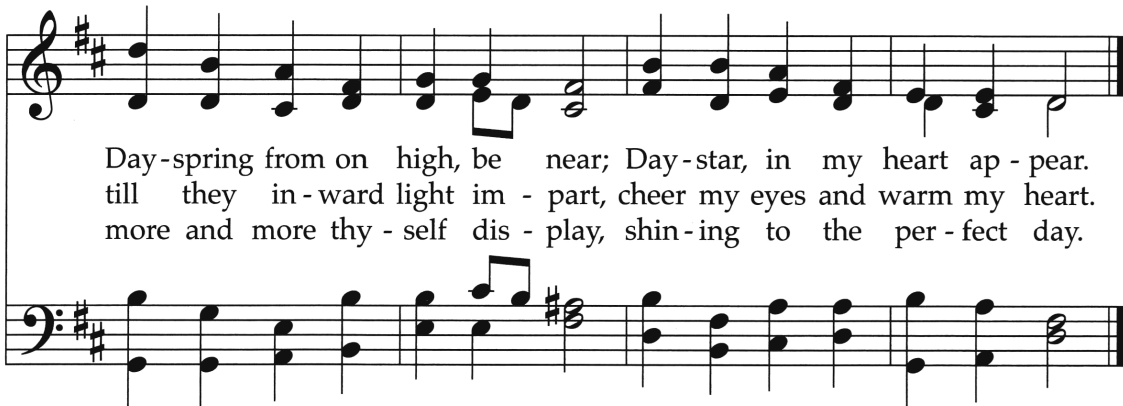
# Hymn #662: "Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies"



1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies; Christ, the true, the on - ly light;  
2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn un - ac - com - pa-nied by thee;  
3 Vis - it then this soul of mine; pierce the gloom of sin and grief;



Sun of Right-teous-ness, a - rise; tri-umph o'er the shades of night;  
joy - less is the day's re - turn till thy mer - cy's beams I see;  
fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine; scat - ter all my un - be - lief;



Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap - pear.  
till they in - ward light im - part, cheer my eyes and warm my heart.  
more and more thy - self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.

This well-crafted morning hymn opens by celebrating daylight as an image of Christ, the true Light, then ponders life without light, and culminates in a prayer for inward light. The tune's name honors its German roots: Ratisbon is the former English name for Regensburg.

TEXT: Charles Wesley, 1740

MUSIC: German folk melody; adapt. Johann Werner, 1815; harm. William Henry Havergal, 1847


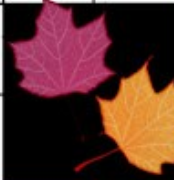
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