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 | November 19, 2023 | 10:30 AM

Prelude "Prayer"

Merry Ringers By Engelbert Humperdinck Arranged by Sondra Tucker

Welcome Rev. Doug Hagler

Passing the Peace

Announcements Sarah Shulman

Call to Worship (leader; **unison**)

Sue Casey

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, May 2023

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, Rejoice!

God, we delight in your creation.

We thank you for soft breezes, crisp apples, and changing seasons that remind us of your presence and provision.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, Rejoice!

God, we delight in our connectedness.

We thank you for friends who check in,

for church family who lift one another up,

for neighbors who show up in the good and the challenging times.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, Rejoice!

God, we delight in your peace that dwells among us.

We give thanks for neighbors who offer help in times of trouble, gentleness in the midst of pain,

and acts of kindness during seasons of struggle.

Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving and rejoicing! Come! Let us worship God together.

* Hymn # 363 (see pg. 15) "Rejoice, the Lord Is King!"

(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: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

All: Amen.

* Gloria Patri (Children may come forward now for the children's message.)
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

(Please be seated.)

Children's Sermon

Following the message children may go to their Sunday School rooms, to the church nursery room or they may stay with their family in worship.

Call to the Word

"Thy Word is Living"

Choir

Prayer for Illumination

Sue Casey

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.

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, after Ehud died. ² So the LORD sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. ³ Then the Israelites cried out to the LORD for help, for he had nine hundred chariots of iron and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years.

⁴ At that time Deborah, a prophet, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. ⁵ She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim, and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. ⁶ She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali and said to him, "The LORD, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Position yourself at Mount Tabor, taking ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. ⁷ I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops, and I will give him into your hand.'"

Reading: Judges 5:1-3, 34-31

5:1 Then Deborah and Barak son of Abinoam sang on that day, saying:

² "When locks are long in Israel, when the people offer themselves willingly—bless the Lord!

- ³ "Hear, O kings; give ear, O princes; to the Lord I will sing, I will make melody to the Lord, the God of Israel.
- ²⁴ "Most blessed of women be Jael, the wife of Heber the Kenite, of tent-dwelling women most blessed.
- ²⁵ He asked water and she gave him milk, she brought him curds in a lordly bowl.
- She put her hand to the tent peg and her right hand to the workmen's mallet; she struck Sisera a blow, she crushed his head, she shattered and pierced his temple.
- He sank, he fell, he lay still at her feet; at her feet he sank, he fell; where he sank, there he fell dead.

- ²⁸ "Out of the window she peered, the mother of Sisera gazed^g through the lattice: 'Why is his chariot so long in coming? Why tarry the hoofbeats of his chariots?'
- ²⁹ Her wisest ladies make answer, indeed, she answers the question herself:
- ³⁰ 'Are they not finding and dividing the spoil?— A girl or two for every man; spoil of dyed stuffs for Sisera, spoil of dyed stuffs embroidered, two pieces of dyed work embroidered for my neck as spoil?'
- 31 "So perish all your enemies, O Lord! But may your friends be like the sun as it rises in its might." And the land had rest forty years.

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

Sermon Rev. Doug Hagler

* Hymn # 611 (see pg. 16) "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

(Please be seated.)

Call to Offering

Leader: With what shall we come before the Holy One, and bow ourselves before God on high? God has shown us what is good. Let us present ourselves to God as those who have been delivered from death to life.

Offertory

"Soon and Very Soon"

Pick-Up Choir By Andre Crouch

Elder: Roger Warwick

- * Doxology Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise God all creatures here below, Praise God above ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.
- * Prayer of Dedication (unison)

We give You thanks this day as we bring forth our pledges to support the many works of this church. These pledges represent our work; they represent our lives; they represent our dreams. The pledges that we make this morning are but tokens of the many gifts that have been given to each of us and are pledged in thanksgiving for all that we have received.

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We dedicate our pledges to You O God. Guide our Session as they prepare us financially for the coming year and use each of us to do Your work. Amen.

(Please be seated.)
Joys and Concerns

The Lord's Prayer (unison)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

- * Hymn # 758 (see pg. 17) "Why Do Nations Rage Together"
- * Benediction

Postlude

"Shout to the Lord"

Praise Team By Darlene Zschech

Sanctuary Flowers

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

Upcoming Scripture Readings

Nov. 26th: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 and Matthew 25:31-46 Dec. 3rd: Various readings with the musical selections

2024 Pledge Campaign

Today is our "Stewardship Sunday". It is the day that we bring our completed 2024 pledge cards, place them in the offering plates, and dedicate the financial pledges that they represent. By completing your pledge card, you are helping the Finance Committee as they plan for the coming year. The Stewardship Committee thanks each of you for your faithful financial commitment. Thanks be to God.

TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

WOMEN'S CIRCLE: FPC's Women's Circle will meet in the Parlor after the worship service to learn from the Bible Study "Sacred Encounters". All ladies are welcome to review the Gospel of Luke and Acts of the Apostles. Discover the sharing of the Good News through sacred encounters with everyday people!

MEN'S GROUP: Men of FPC, join the Men's Group for a lunch outing and book discussion of "Cry Like A Man" by Jason Wilson. Meet in the main office after the worship service and then go to lunch. Book or no book, all men are welcome!

PUB THEOLOGY: At Pub Theology, everyone gets to experience some engaging conversation of current events and God in today's world. Be social. Be perplexed. Be a part of some fun fellowship! This gathering starts at 7:00 PM tonight, at The Foodery, 325 Bridge St, Phoenixville.

MEMORIAL SERVICE: We will be celebrating Mimi Hiestand's life here at FPC on Wednesday, November 22nd starting at 10:00am. The church will be open for people to gather and greet the family at 9:00am.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL/BIBLE STUDY: There are some scheduling and content changes to share regarding Adult Sunday School/Bible Study. 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 Sue Casey for a book and the Zoom link.

THANKSGIVING EVE COMMUNITY INTERFAITH WORSHIP SERVICE: First United Methodist Church (865 Main St, Phoenixville) will host a Thanksgiving Eve Community Interfaith Worship Service at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, November 22nd. It will be a great time to join with our Methodist friends again and give thanks for all we have.

THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY: The church office will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 23rd and Friday, Nov. 24th for the Thanksgiving holiday.

THANKSGIVING DONATION OPPORTUNITY: If you are looking to make Thanksgiving special for people in the area, consider donating to the pantry at Ann's Heart. This organization is providing FREE fully-prepared Thanksgiving meals from the HEART Kitchen. More information can be found by visiting the SignUpGenius link - https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904094BA5A72BA2FA7-45297321-gobbler#/. Your generosity will be appreciated!

STAR TREE & CHRISTMAS DINNERS: Yes Virginia, there is a Santa Claus...and it's us! This year we will help 6 local families have a Merry Christmas. Use this Star Tree Sign-Up Genius link to pick gifts and food items your able to donate -

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050F4AADA722A1FB6-star2. Please be sure to attach the number (letter-number) to your gift bag and return it (unwrapped) to the church on or before Sunday, December 3rd. Thanks from the MAC Committee elves!

ANTIRACISM BOOK CLUB: Zoom with the Antiracism Book Club when they meet again on Sunday, November 26th. Discussion will flow from the book *We Remain: Race, Racism, and the Story of the American Indian* by Keith R. Burich. Join us at 7:00 PM and discover how much there is to learn! Newcomers are welcome! Contact Pastor Doug if interested – Pastor145@comcast.net.

QUEER CIRCLE: The next Queer Circle gathering will be by Zoom at 7:00 PM on Monday, November 27th. On the agenda is discussion of the book "The Book of Queer Prophets: 24 Writers on Sexuality and Religion" edited by Ruth Hunt. There's an open invitation to everyone interested in learning more about gender, sexual orientation, Christian faith, and related issues. Talk to Pastor Doug, Jacqui Busch, or Sarah Shulman for more information.

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.

CHRISTMAS DECORATING: The Worship & Music Committee will be decorating the church for Advent/Christmas on Saturday, December 2nd, from 9:30 AM-12:00 noon. There will be decorations for all ages to be part of the event. SPECIAL note: We would like to display our big tree this year. Assembly takes several strong people to put it up. If you can help with the tree on December 2nd, please let Maggie know by Tuesday, November 28th - call 610-933-8816 or email secretaryfpc145@gmail.com.

SPECIAL ADVENT COMMUNION SERVICE: On Sunday, December 3rd, the FPC Choir will be presenting "The Desert Shall Rejoice", an Advent communion service based on the Book of Isaiah and original poetry composed by our own Jacqui Busch. The readings and original poetry will be framed with anthems and antiphons sung by our choir, congregational hymns, and Advent candle lighting. Please mark your calendars and be sure to join us at the 10:30 AM worship service for this special introduction to the Advent season.

PROPERTY CLEAN-UP DAY: Need some exercise? Help us clean up the church grounds. For a good workout, join fellow volunteers from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM on Saturday, December 9th. Rake, sweep, trim, and 8. continued

beautify our property. Bring gloves, rakes, leaf blowers, tarps, and anything else that would make it easier to get leaves into a pickup truck. Many hands would be appreciated and more fun!

GOOD WORKS LUNCH PACKING: On December 9th, parents and children are invited to gather in Fellowship Hall/the kitchen to prepare and pack lunches along with our Sunday School teachers. The meals will be delivered to Good Works crews working in our area. Packing will start at 8:00 AM and deliveries will be made at 10:00 AM. Donating items on Friday, the 8th, is another way to participate. Sign up by using this link - https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090444ADAD2CA5FF2-46019838-good. To learn more about Good Works, visit GoodWorksInc.org.

CAROLING & COCOA: Save the date! The Parish Life Committee will host our annual Caroling & Cocoa gathering on Sunday, December 10th. Please plan to join us for singing led by Rebecca Barkley, hot cocoa, and maybe some yummy goodies too. Stay tuned for more details.

PRAYER CHAIN: The Prayer Chain ministry is in need of a new organizer. This position offers a special way to stay connected with FPC congregants without having to be onsite. For more details about how to lead our Prayer Angels, please contact the main office at secretaryfpc145@gmail.com or 610-933-8816.

Prayer Requests

Joys:

Concerns: Helen Harrop, Doug & Cathy Walker's neice, Lea McIntosh

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 are you thankful for the courage to love?** 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*

COAT & CLOTHING GIVEAWAY: Thank you to everyone who made the Coat and Clothing Giveaway a success last Saturday! At least 70 of our community neighbors were able to find a winter coat and warm clothing for themselves and family. Many of the remaining coats were donated to Orion's 'Warmth for All' so even more people will benefit. Your actions and service reflects Jesus' love to our neighbors.

From the People to People Ministry

ADVENT SCHEDULE:

1st Sunday – Dec. 3rd 2nd Sunday – Dec. 10th 3rd Sunday – Dec. 17th 4th Sunday – Dec. 24th 10:30am Advent! Pageant! Christmas!

9:00 pm Candlelight! Communion! Christmas!

This Week in the Life of the Church

Sunday, November 19 (*Childcare available.)

8:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study – Zoom

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

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

12:00 p.m. Men's Group (meet in the Main Office then out to lunch)

12:00 p.m. Women's Circle (Parlor)

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

Monday, November 20

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

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

Tuesday, November 21

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

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

Wednesday, November 22

9:00 a.m. Visitors' Greeting with Mimi Hiestand's Family (Sanctuary)

10:00 a.m. Mimi Hiestand's Memorial Service (Sanctuary)

7:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve Community Interfaith Worship Service (First United Methodist Church, 865 Main St, Phoenixville)

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Thursday, November 23

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

The office is closed.

Friday, November 24

The office is closed.

Saturday, November 25

No events scheduled.

Sunday, November 26 (*Childcare available.)

CHRIST THE KING / REIGN OF CHRIST SUNDAY

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

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

10:45 a.m. *Sunday School classes

7:00 p.m. Antiracism Book Club - Zoom

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 class-room. 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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NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee requests names from the congregation to form the Nominating Committee **Members At Large**, to serve during the calendar year 2024 until the 2025 Congregational meeting.

The Nominating Committee is composed of two Elders appointed by Session, one of which must be currently serving on Session; one Deacon representative appointed by the board, and **four at-large members of the congregation.** The congregation votes on these four nominations. It is this new Nominating Committee that will find the next slate of officers.

Please submit names to the church office no later than Sunday, Dec. 3rd.

Thank you from the 2023 Nominating Committee:

Adam Smith, Moderator
Karin Goodman, 2nd Elder
Deacon: Ellen Williams
Members at Large: Sue Casey, Lew Osterhoudt,
Bob Russell, Becky Sinapius

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Now is the time to start thinking about decorating our church for Christmas --- and everyone has a chance to share in it. The Worship and Music Committee would like to encourage everyone to think about ordering a red poinsettia that will be used to beautify the Sanctuary for worship during the Christmas season.

Phone #:
Number of plants ordered: @ \$10.25 each.
Total cost: \$
(Make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church of Phoenixville
I will pick up my poinsettia:
□ after the 10:30 am service on December 24 th .
□ after the 9:00 pm service on Christmas Eve.
Acknowledgement for bulletin: (please print)
Given by:
[in memory of] [in honor of]
[in appreciation for]

Rev. Douglas Hagler, Pastor145@comcast.net; 415-300-7912 (cell)

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Sarah Shulman, Praise Team Leader

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Ken Brown Kevin Carrabine Kathryn Grocki Roger Warwick

Jewell Baker (Clerk)
George Cockerill

Jeff McLaughlin

Adam Smith
Karin Goodman
Cassy Gulden
Jill Kleppinger
Jeanie Osterhoudt

Deacons

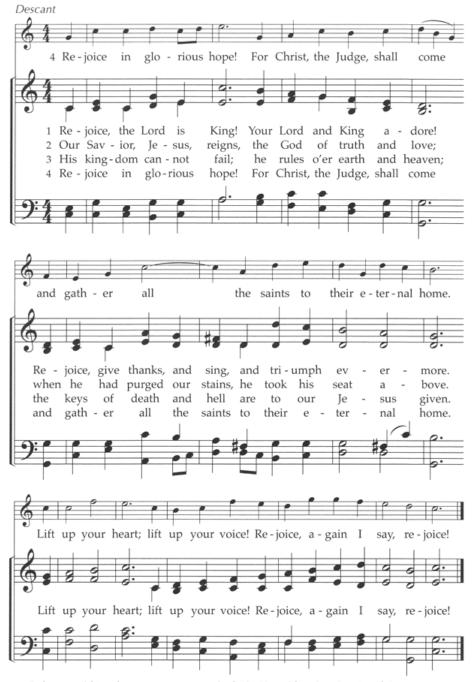
Jen Johnson
Kathy Thais
Gail Schnaedter
Ellen Williams
Kristin Craven
Gail Landazuri
Mona Sabia
(Chairperson)
Paulette Mark
Lucinda Parrish

Lynne Williams

HYMNS

Hymn # 363

"Rejoice, the Lord Is King"



Each stanza of this enthronement text prepares for the final line of the refrain, based on Philippians 4:4. "Lord" is here a title of Christ rather than a reference to the undivided Trinity. The late 18th-century tune (first used with Psalm 148) captures the mood well.

TEXT: Charles Wesley, 1746, alt.
MUSIC: John Darwall, 1770; desc. Sydney Hugo Nicholson, 20th cent.
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DARWALL'S 148TH

Hymn # 611

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"



This well-known melody was created to provide a choral setting for J. C. F. von Schiller's poem, "An die Freude" (To Joy), as the final movement of the composer's *Ninth Symphony*. The author, a prominent Presbyterian pastor and author, wrote the words with this tune in mind.

TEXT: Henry van Dyke, 1907, alt. MUSIC: Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824; adapt. Edward Hodges, 1842, alt. HYMN TO JOY 8.7.8.7.D

Hymn # 758

"Why Do Nations Rage Together"



In this concise paraphrase of Psalm 2, the first stanza describes a political struggle from a human perspective, while the second stanza describes how the matter is resolved through God's power. The frequent three-note figures in this Welsh tune help to convey a sense of turmoil.

EBENEZER