

YOUR FPC: PHOENIXVILLE

Welcome to...

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The weekly e-newsletter from First Presbyterian Church

THIS WEEK'S PULSE

Wednesday, December 7

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

Ending at 8:00 p.m. [P2P MaxSold Online Auction](#)

Thursday, December 8

9:00 a.m. Public Health Management (Fellowship Hall)

9:00 a.m. People to People Clothing (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, December 9

9:00 a.m. No events scheduled.

Saturday, December 10

8:30 a.m. MaxSold Auction Pick-Up (Fellowship Hall)

SUNDAY, December 11 - Third Sunday of Advent

8:30 a.m. Bible Study - Zoom with Sue Casey

10:30 a.m. WORSHIP SERVICE with Rev. Doug Hagler in Fellowship Hall - *Onsite with childcare and online* - [FPC YouTube Channel](#)

10:45 a.m. Sunday School (Upstairs Classrooms)

11:45 a.m. Congregational Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

12:00 p.m. Deadline for returning Star Tree gifts

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

Monday, December 12

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

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

7:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting

Tuesday, December 13

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

5:30 p.m. Parish Life Meeting (in person) at Liberty Union (519 Kimberton Rd, Phoenixville).

[RSVP please.](#)

7:00 p.m. Personnel Committee Meeting

Wednesday, December 14

No events scheduled.

FEATURED EVENT



The image contains two side-by-side photographs. The left photo shows a green sign with the word 'Auction' in white, tilted against a blue sky. The right photo shows a white 3D figure pointing at a large red button with the word 'BID' on it.



People to People Online Auction
Click. Bid. SOLD!

PEOPLE TO PEOPLE ONLINE AUCTION WITH MAXSOLD

It's the last chance for online bids until 8:00 PM tonight Wednesday, December 7th. People to People's MaxSold Auction inventory includes Christmas items, autographed celebrity photographs, toys, beverage ware, clothing, carousels, vintage items, tools, baking items... something for everyone! Find FPC's listings by [clicking here](#). The pick-up date is this Saturday, December 10th, from 8:30 AM to 11:00 AM. Thank you for the support. All proceeds go to the People to People ministry to ensure food and clothing security in the local community.

THIS SUNDAY

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 11th

Play, Learn and Grow... Together in Faith at Sunday School

Sunday congregational MEETING
December 11th

PUB THEOLOGY

BIBLE STUDY: The Advent Study starts this Sunday, November 27th and will continue through January 8 (with time off on December 25 and January 1). Sessions will focus on Adam Hamilton's book *Prepare the Way for the Lord*. It's a study of John the Baptist and how his message helps us make ourselves and our world ready to receive Christ. The group meets by Zoom on Sunday mornings from 8:30 am to 9:30 am. Anyone interested in joining in should contact [Sue Casey](#).

ONSITE & LIVE-STREAM WORSHIP with Childcare: Join fellow congregants in-person or online this Sunday for the 10:30 AM service with Rev. Doug Hagler. If watching from home, visit our [YouTube Channel](#) for the livestream video and follow along with the bulletin found here - <https://fpcphoenixville.org/publications/bulletins/>

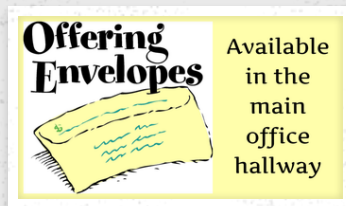
ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING: This Sunday, the third candle of our Advent Wreath will be lit. It is the Candle of Joy. May we reflect on the joy that comes through Jesus' arrival and through the salvation he has gifted us. Amen.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: During the worship service, Sunday School students and teachers will leave Fellowship Hall for Sunday School in the upstairs classrooms. If you have any questions about the program, please contact Jeff McLaughlin at fpcchildrenandyouth@gmail.com.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: A Congregational Meeting has been called for this Sunday, December 11th, at 11:45 a.m. (Following the worship service.) The purpose of this meeting is to present the nominees for the next class of Elders and Deacons, and to vote on this slate of officers.

PUB THEOLOGY: Join Pastor Doug 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! The Pub Theology gathering starts at 7:00 PM this Sunday, December 11th, at The Foodery, 325 Bridge St, Phoenixville.

NOTEABLES



Contribution envelopes for next year will be available on Sunday, **December 11th**. They will be on the table outside the church office. If there are any questions please contact the [church office](#) or fpctreasurer145@gmail.com.



Start Christmas shopping early with **scrip gift cards** from over 700 retailers! Orders are due on Tuesdays, **December 13th and 20th**. 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". As always, thank you for continuing to support this program! *The Stewardship Committee*



On behalf of the eight families we are gifting...thanks so much for your support of this year's **Star Tree**. All **unwrapped gifts & dinner items** must be dropped off in **Fellowship Hall** by this Sunday, **December 11th**. *With heartfelt appreciation, the MAC elves thank you!*

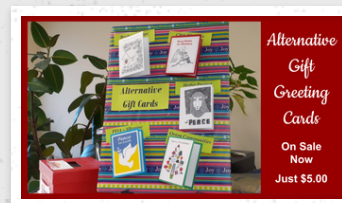


Prepare for Sunday's worship service by [clicking here](#) for the readings.

Isaiah 35:1-10
and
Luke 1:46-55



Make your Advent extra meaningful by following the **devotional** prepared by the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. The theme is "**Rejoice**". To read the devotional online or to download a copy, please visit [PTS.edu/devotional](https://pts.edu/devotional), scroll to the ADVENT DEVOTIONALS 2022 section and click on DOWNLOAD. Copies will be available in the church office.



The MAC Committee is now selling **Alternative Gift Greeting Cards**. These cards are great for gift-giving with every **\$5.00** sale benefitting one of this year's selected organizations - Heifer Project, Church World Service Blankets, Bridge of Hope, Orion, and/or the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance for Ukraine. They can be purchased after church on Sundays and in the office during the week. Thank you!



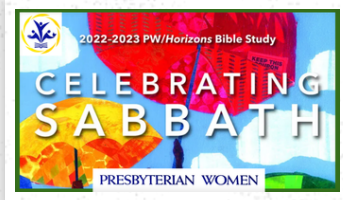
The **Men's Group** will meet on Sunday, **December 18th**, starting in the main office after worship and then going to lunch usually at Molly Maguire's Tavern. The group is reading *The Will to Change* by bell hooks. Men who are interested in reading it can either get their own copy, or ask Pastor Doug to order them one. Join the group for fun and learning!



Your Church Growth Committee has a plan for a simple church-wide practice in the coming year, based on something we do with the children each week in Sunday School. If you are like us, you have some **unused notebooks and journals** lying around, or on shelves, or in a closet. Maybe you bought them thinking, "I'll start journaling this year" but you haven't started yet. **Bring them to the church office** during December, because we need them, and keep an eye out for a **church-wide practice** we'll be introducing in **2023**.



This month's Offering of Letters will be in support of the 2023 Farm Bill. A major part of this bill is funding for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly known as Food Stamps). More information and a sample letter can be found in Sunday's bulletin. Hard copies are available in Fellowship Hall. As sampled, please write letters (the old-fashioned paper kind, stuffed in an envelope, no stamp necessary). Then, bring your letters to church for dedication during the worship service on December 18th. Contact Jeff McLaughlin at fpcchildrenandyouth@gmail.com with any questions. You can also find and download helpful information here: <https://tinyurl.com/2fsn3z42>.



The **Women's Circle** will meet on Sunday, **December 18th**, in the **Parlor after the worship service**. No studying necessary. It will be a gathering just for fun. More details to come in next week's issue and watch for an email.



Thank you to everyone who completed and returned their **pledge card** for **2023**. Your generous and faithful offerings support the ministries and the many of FPC's good works. If you have not yet turned in your pledge card, please know that it is not too late! Please take a moment to reflect on your giving for the coming year. Know that by completing your pledge card, you are helping the Finance Committee plan for 2023. Completed cards may be returned by mail (145 Main St, Phoenixville, PA 19460), dropped off at the church office, or placed in the offering plate on Sunday morning.



FPC's ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

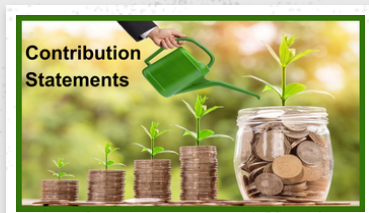
3rd Sunday of Advent – December 11th
 4th Sunday of Advent – December 18th

Christmas Eve – Saturday, December 24th

- **5:00 pm** Family Service with communion
- **9:00 pm** Candlelight Service at the First United Methodist Church (865 S. Main Street, Phoenixville)

Christmas Day

- **10:30 am** Worship Service



2022 Is Quickly Coming to An End!

This is the time of year that our Finance Committee works to balance everything and close the books for the year, as we look forward to 2023. **Sunday, January 1, 2023**, is the last day to have your pledge and offerings posted to your 2022 statement. Receipts received after that date will be posted to your 2023 statement.

Know that we appreciate your financial commitment to First Presbyterian Church throughout this past year. We ask that you please take a moment to reflect on your giving, and prayerfully consider fulfilling your **2022** pledge.

Thank you for all that you do, and for your faithful support.

The Finance and Stewardship Committees

FPC PHOTOS







Carols & Cocoa pictures are courtesy of Jewell Baker.
Thanks to the Parish Life Committee for hosting this festive event!

SUNDAY'S MUSIC SNIPPET

FPC Choir - The Fragrance of the Garden



Happy Birthday

Best Wishes to everyone celebrating a birthday in December!

Dec. 1: Grace Kennedy

Dec. 4: Joe Beregi,
Nicholas Sinapius

Dec. 7: Sandy Lusch

Dec. 8: John Marosek

Dec. 10: Marian Bayus;
Linnea Gulden

Dec. 11: Kathy Bacon

Dec. 13: Chuck Heidel

Dec. 16: Jeff McLaughlin

Dec. 20: Lyra Morris

Dec. 24: George Cockerill

Dec. 27: Aaron Skutch