

# YOUR FPC: PHOENIXVILLE

Welcome to...

# The BEAT

The weekly e-newsletter from First Presbyterian Church

## THIS WEEK'S PULSE

### Wednesday, December 14

No events scheduled.

### Thursday, December 15

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

### Friday, December 16

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

### Saturday, December 17

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

### SUNDAY, December 18 - Fourth 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)

12:00 p.m. Men's Group (Meet in the Main Office)

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

### Monday, December 19

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

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

### Tuesday, December 20

3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Mom's House Christmas Party (Fellowship Hall)

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

7:30 p.m. Session Meeting

### Wednesday, December 21

8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Mom's House (Fellowship Hall)

12:30 p.m. Church Growth Meeting (Panera, 51 Town Center Dr, Colleagueville)

## THIS SUNDAY

**Advent BIBLE STUDY**

**FPC Phoenixville YouTube**

**Advent Candle Lighting**

**bread for the world** Speaking Out Against Hunger and Poverty

**Offering of Letters**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**December 18<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Men's Group**

**CELEBRATING SABBATH**  
PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

**BIBLE STUDY:** The Advent Study is in session through January 8 (with time off on December 25 and January 1). Discussions focus on Adam Hamilton's book *Prepare the Way for the Lord*. Learn about 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 in Fellowship Hall 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 fourth candle of our Advent Wreath will be lit. It is the Candle of Love. May we always be thankful for God's generous love. Let us remember to share that same gracious love to everyone. Amen.

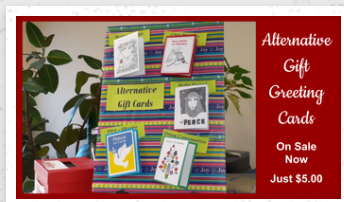
**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** During the worship service, Sunday School students and teachers will leave Fellowship Hall for Sunday School in the upstairs classrooms. If you have any questions about the program, please contact Jeff McLaughlin at [fpcchildrenandyouth@gmail.com](mailto:fpcchildrenandyouth@gmail.com).

**OFFERING of LETTERS:** Please remember to bring your letters in support of the 2023 Farm Bill to church for dedication during the worship service this Sunday, December 18th. [Click here](#) for a sample letter noted in last Sunday's bulletin. More helpful information can be found here: <https://tinyurl.com/2fsn3z42>. Contact Jeff McLaughlin at [fpcchildrenandyouth@gmail.com](mailto:fpcchildrenandyouth@gmail.com) with any questions.

**MEN'S GROUP:** Calling all men to meet in the main office after worship this Sunday. Plan then to go to lunch probably at Molly Maguire's. The group is reading *The Will to Change* by bell hooks. Join the group for fun and learning!

**WOMEN'S CIRCLE:** The Women's Circle will meet this Sunday, December 18th, in the Parlor after the worship service. No studying necessary. It will be a gathering just for fun. Join us!

## NOTEABLES



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!



Get some Christmas shopping done with **scrip gift cards** from over 700 retailers! The last of the December orders are due on Tuesdays, **the 20th**. 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". As always, thank you for continuing to support this program! *The Stewardship Committee*



### FPC'S ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

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



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

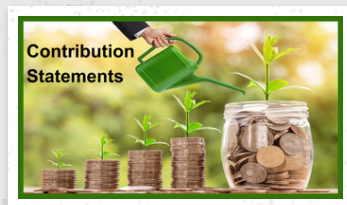
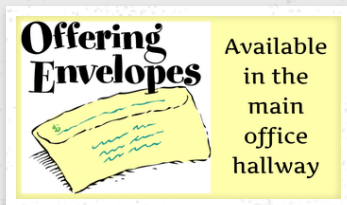
**Romans 1:1-7**  
and  
**Matthew 1:18-25**



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.



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**.



**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](mailto:fpctreasurer145@gmail.com).

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.

Thank you for your financial commitment to First Presbyterian Church throughout this past year. As 2022 is quickly coming to a close, please note that **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.

---

## FPC PHOTOS



## SUNDAY'S SERMON

FPC Sermon 12-11-2022



## SUNDAY'S MUSIC SNIPPET

Merry Ringers Bell Choir 12-12-2022



# 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