

YOUR FPC: PHOENIXVILLE

Welcome to...

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The weekly e-newsletter from First Presbyterian Church

THIS WEEK'S PULSE

Wednesday, December 21

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

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

Thursday, December 22

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 (First United Methodist Church, 865 Main St, Phoenixville)

Friday, December 23

No events scheduled.

Saturday, December 24

5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Family Service with Communion

9:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at First United Methodist Church (865 Main St, Phoenixville)

No childcare will be available at either service.

SUNDAY, December 25 - MERRY CHRISTMAS!

10:30 a.m. WORSHIP SERVICE with Rev. Doug Hagler in Fellowship Hall - *Onsite and online -*

[FPC YouTube Channel](#)

No childcare will be available.

Monday, December 26

Church office is closed.

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

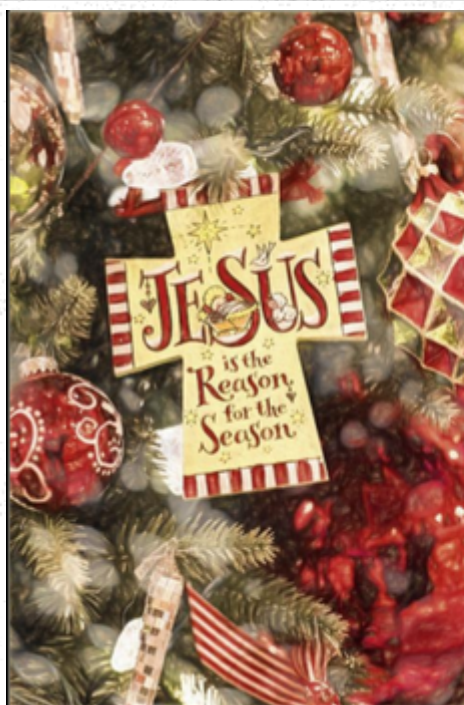
Tuesday, December 27

Church office is closed.

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

Wednesday, December 28

No events scheduled.



Christmas at First Presbyterian Church

CHRISTMAS EVE - Saturday, December 24, 2022

5:00 p.m. Family Service with Communion in Fellowship Hall and [online](#)

9:00 p.m. Candlelight Service at First United Methodist Church (865 Main St, Phoenixville)

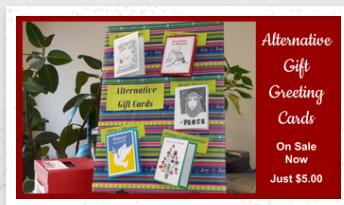
CHRISTMAS DAY - Sunday, December 25, 2022

10:30 a.m. Worship Service in Fellowship Hall and [online](#)

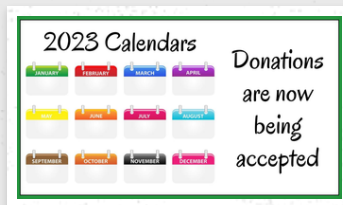
[Click here](#) for access to the bulletins.

Childcare will not be available for these services.

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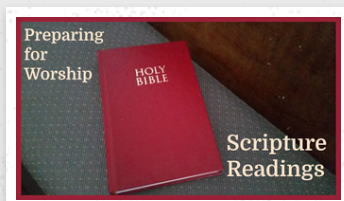
The MAC Committee is now selling **Alternative Gift Greeting Cards**. These cards are great for gift-giving with every **\$5.00** sale benefitting one of this year's selected organizations - Heifer Project, Church World Service Blankets, Bridge of Hope, Orion, and/or the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance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



Calendars are a frequent request from the recipients of **Books Through Bars** prison ministry. A collection has started. Please bring any **2023 calendars** to the **church office**. Chris Wittrock will collect them throughout January.



Perhaps you would like to participate in the Sunday worship service next year? We are in need of **ushers** for the first Sunday of each month and we are also looking for **liturgists** to assist Pastor Doug with the call to worship and scripture readings. Please contact Sue Smith in the church office if you would like to participate - secretaryfpc145@gmail.com, 610-933-8816.



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

CHRISTMAS EVE

Isaiah 9:1-7

and

Luke 2:1-20

CHRISTMAS DAY

Hebrews 1:1-12

and

John 1:1-14

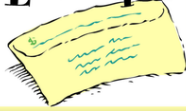


There's still time to utilize the **devotional** prepared by the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. The theme is **"Rejoice"**. To read the devotional online or to download a copy, please visit PTS.edu/devotional, scroll to the ADVENT DEVOTIONALS 2022 section and click on DOWNLOAD. Entries are available through Christmas Day.



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.

Offering Envelopes



Available
in the
main
office
hallway

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.

serve.
grow.
Stewardship
give.
receive.

Pledge Cards
are now being
accepted.

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.



People to People ministry members extend a thank you for your generous **donations** of household items and clothing. If you have additional items to donate, **please hold** them until **January 16, 2023**. The sorting team would like a break for the holidays between Christmas and New Year's (12/26 – 1/2, 2023).



The next **Coat & Clothing Giveaway** is Saturday, **January 14th**. Sorting and organizing will be done on Thursday, January 5th and Monday, January 9th. Extra helping hands would be appreciated for any of the following dates and times:

- Table set-up Wed, Jan 11 starting at 12:30 PM
- Set out coats & clothing Thurs, Jan 12 from 9 – 12noon
- And possibly Friday, Jan. 13 from 9 – 12noon
- Help at the Giveaway Jan. 14 from 9 – 12noon

Questions? Please contact [Sandy Heidel](mailto:csheidel@verizon.net) (csheidel@verizon.net). Thank you for understanding and lending a helping hand when you can.



To **request prayers**, you can fill out a card in the worship service, drop a note off in the church office or email fpcprayerchain1@gmail.com and members will be lifting you up in prayer. You may also call Sue Smith at 610-933-8816 and she will forward your requests on to the **Prayer Chain** organizer. New prayer angels are always welcome to be a part of this special ministry. Use the [email](#) to join.

FPC PHOTOS



SUNDAY'S STORY

FPC Reflection 12-18-2022



SUNDAY'S MUSIC SNIPPET

FPC Praise Team 12-18-2022



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