

* Hymn # 783 "When We Are Tested"

Capo 2: (Dm) (Am) (Dm) (Am)
Em Bm Em Bm

1 When we are test - ed and wres - tle a - lone,
2 When in the des - ert we cry for re - lief,
3 When we are tempt - ed to bar - ter our souls,
4 When we have strug - gled and searched through the night,

(Em) (B7) (Em) (Dsus) (D)
F#m C#7 F#m Esus E

fam - ished for bread when the world of - fers stone,
plead - ing for paths marked by cer - tain be - lief,
trad - ing the truth for the power to con - trol,
sort - ing and sift - ing the wrong from the right,

(G) (D) (Em7) (F)
A E F#m7 G

nour - ish us, God, by your word and your way,
lift us to love you be - yond sign and test,
teach us to wor - ship and praise on - ly you,
Sav - ior, sur - round us with cir - cles of care,

(Am6) (C) (Dm) (Am) (E)
Bm6 D Em Bm F#

food that sus - tains us by night and by day.
trust - ing your pres - ence, our on - ly true rest.
seek - ing your will in the work that we do.
an - gels of heal - ing, of hope, and of prayer.

TEXT: Ruth Duck, 1996
MUSIC: Carlton K. Young, 1996
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(Please be seated.)

Prayer of Confession *Litany of Confession, Part 3*

Leader: From selfishness, self-indulgence, and self-pity;

People: O God, deliver us.

Leader: From token concern for the poor, the lonely or loveless;
from confusing faith with good feeling,
or love with wanting to be loved;

People: O God, deliver us. 2. *continued.....*

Leader: For anything in us that may hide your light,

People: O God, light of life, forgive us.

(Silent prayer and reflection)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: By grace we have been saved through faith, and this is not our own doing; it is the gift of God. When we repent, in the name of Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

People: Thanks be to God. 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 Message

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 *"Listen You Nations of the World"*

Prayer for Illumination

Ellen Williams

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.

Reading: Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7

^{2:15}The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it.¹⁶And the LORD God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden;¹⁷but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

^{3:1}Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?'"

3. *continued....*

²The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; ³but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.’”

⁴But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not die; ⁵for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

⁶So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. ⁷Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Reading: Matthew 4:1-11

¹Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished.

³The tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” ⁴But he answered, “It is written,

‘One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”

⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,

‘He will command his angels concerning you,’
and ‘On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’”

⁷Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

⁸Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; ⁹and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” ¹⁰Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’” ¹¹Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

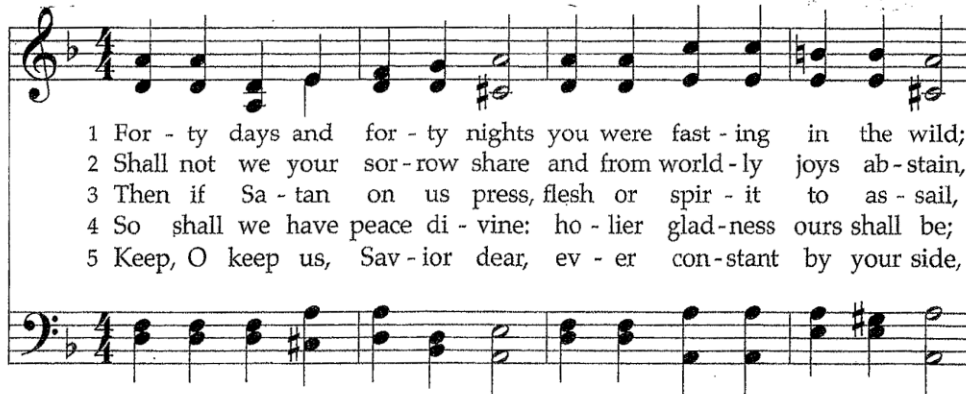
Leader: This is the word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Sermon

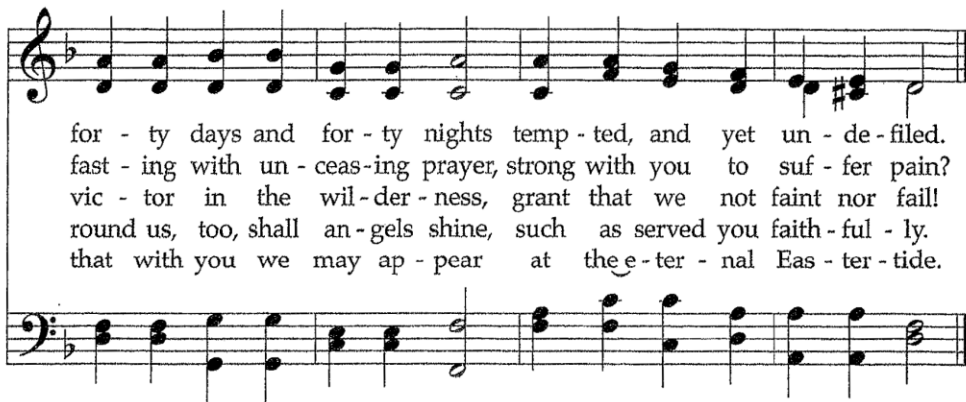
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* Hymn # 167

“Forty Days and Forty Nights”



1 For - ty days and for - ty nights you were fast - ing in the wild;
2 Shall not we your sor - row share and from world - ly joys ab - stain,
3 Then if Sa - tan on us press, flesh or spir - it to as - sail,
4 So shall we have peace di - vine; ho - lier glad - ness ours shall be;
5 Keep, O keep us, Sav - ior dear, ev - er con - stant by your side,



for - ty days and for - ty nights temp - ted, and yet un - de - filed.
fast - ing with un - ceas - ing prayer, strong with you to suf - fer pain?
vic - tor in the wil - der - ness, grant that we not faint nor fail!
round us, too, shall an - gels shine, such as served you faith - ful - ly.
that with you we may ap - pear at the e - ter - nal Eas - ter - tide.

TEXT: George Hunt Smytten, 1856, alt.
MUSIC: Attr. Martin Herbst, 1676

(Please be seated.)

Offering Prayer

Leader: The earth is the Lord's, and all that is in it,

People: the world, and those who live in it.

Leader: Freely you have received, freely give. Let us return to God the offerings of our life and the gifts of the earth.

Offertory

“Jesu Grant Me this, I Pray”

C.H. Kitson

* 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

Elder: Jeanie Osterhoudt

(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 # 775 "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me" (Page 7 of the bulletin)

* Benediction

Rev. Doug Hagler

Postlude

"What a Friend"

Praise Team

Sanctuary Flowers

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

Staff Vacations

Jeff McLaughlin, the children and youth coordinator, will be on vacation from Feb. 23rd through March 2nd.

A Year of Gratitude

You are invited to join Church Growth in a journey of gratitude. We will be reflecting on weekly prompts throughout the year, and building up a regular practice of gratitude in our lives. Journals are available on a first come, first served basis, and Pastor Doug will purchase more if there is a need. For March, our theme is "Gratitude Amidst Chaos."

Watch for reminders and examples in the BEAT and in our FPC Family Facebook group. Here are the prompts for each week ahead of time:

- March 5th: What is my positive affirmation each day this week?
- March 12th: Who will I help this week?
- March 19th: What is my prayer this week?
- March 26th: How do I give thanks for chaos?

* Hymn # 775 "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"

1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;
 2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;
 3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

I want Je - sus to walk with me;
 in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;
 when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,
 when my heart is al - most break - ing,
 when my head is bowed in sor - row,

Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

TEXT: African American spiritual
 MUSIC: African American spiritual; arr. Nolan Williams Jr., 2000
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Antiracism Book Club

The Antiracism Book Club will continue conversation about *Caste* by Isabel Wilkerson. Zoom with the group at 7:00 pm on Sunday, Feb. 26th. No book, no problem. There is a free audio version on YouTube. Check it out by visiting https://youtu.be/xgf85EZ_eIE.

Lenten Book Study

Join Bob & Chris Wittrock in reading and discussing Brian McLaren's book "**The Great Spiritual Migration, How the World's Largest Religion is Seeking A Better Way To Be Christian.**" The author explores three main topics: The Spiritual Migration (from a system of beliefs to a way of life); The Theological Migration (from a violent God of domination to a nonviolent God of liberation); and The Missional Migration (from organized religion to organizing religion).

We will meet on Thursday evenings at 7PM via Zoom, beginning February 23 and ending March 30. **Please email Chris to sign up and get the Zoom link.** Cwittrock22@gmail.com

Prayer Requests

Joys:

Concerns: Alice; A Friend

Prayer Chain & Prayer Requests

To request prayers, you can fill out a card in the worship service, drop a note off in the church office or email Amy Myers and members will be lifting you up in prayer. fpcprayerchain1@gmail.com You may also call Sue Smith at [\(610\) 933-8816](tel:6109338816) and she will forward your requests on to Amy. Anyone interested in being a Prayer Warrior should email Amy.

Men's Group Book Discussion

Join the Men's Group on the 3rd Sunday of each month after church for lunch and discussion. Starting in 2023 they will be reading *The Fellowship of the Ring* by JRR Tolkien, followed by *Cry Like A Man* by Jason Wilson, founder of the Cave of Adullam in Detroit. Come see Pastor Doug if you have any questions, or would like for him to order you a book, and feel free to join the group any 3rd Sunday whether you are reading the books or not. Next meeting will be on Sunday, March 19th.

Raise Right Gift Cards

We will be placing orders for gift cards on **Wednesday, March 8** and **Wednesday, March 22**.

If you would like to place an order, please complete an order form and give to Lynne Williams. You may also call or text Lynne at 610-955-4749 (cell), or send an email to (brettdrew@comcast.net).

Orders and checks must be received by the day before the orders are placed (**March 7 & March 21**). Please make checks payable to “First Presbyterian Church DR”.

As always, **thank you** for continuing to support this program. All money raised goes directly to the church. **The Stewardship Committee**

Note: There are copies of the list of retailers and order forms on the table as you enter Fellowship Hall and in the office.

Earthquakes in Turkey & Syria

In early February 2023, a 7.8- magnitude earthquake hit in Syria and Turkey. Thousands are reported dead and injured, buildings have been reduced to rubble, and roads and bridges have been severely damaged, resulting in dangerous conditions for first responders. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance coordinates efforts to provide needed resources and support to affected communities. If you want to donate to this effort, make your check payable to First Presbyterian Church of Phoenixville, write Turkey & Syria on the memo line, and place your check in the offering plate or mail it to the church office. Please make your donations by *Sunday, March 19th*.

Sunday School Reminder

Our Sunday School lessons are designed for 50-60 minute sessions. Children generally leave church around 10:45 or 10:50 to walk upstairs. This means that the actual ending time for Sunday School is around 11:45. Please remain in Fellowship Hall or elsewhere after the worship service and wait until 11:45 to come to the Sunday School rooms. This will give our teachers time to wrap up their lessons before parents arrive. Thanks!

March Mission to Supply the PACS Pantry



The MAC Committee will collect donations for Phoenixville Area Community Services (PACS) during March. Throughout the month, there will be a container in the hallway before entering Fellowship Hall for nonperishable

food items, such as peanut butter, canned pasta, mac and cheese, jelly/jam, cooking oil, canned meat, pasta sauce, juice, juice mix, pancake mix, condiments, oatmeal (not instant), rice, snack foods, and baking mixes. Non-food items (not eligible for SNAP purchase) are also needed, such as deodorant, feminine products, pet food, dish and laundry soap, toothpaste, paper products, baby diapers (sizes 4, 5, 6), shampoo, and cleaning supplies. Donations can also be dropped off in the church office.

Contact Kristin Craven (MissionsFPC145@gmail.com) with questions.

One Great Hour of Sharing

As Christians we are called to love one another by sharing what we have with those in need. One way to answer this call is through our gifts to “**One Great Hour of Sharing**”. This is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to help our neighbors in need around the world.

A gift to this offering enables the church to share God’s love by providing relief to those affected by natural disasters, by providing food to the hungry, and by helping low-income communities overcome injustice and oppression.

During the season of **Lent**, we invite you to give generously to “**One Great Hour of Sharing**”. Envelopes are available in your offering envelope boxes, on the table as you enter Fellowship Hall, or you may send a check with **OGHS** noted in the memo line.

Offerings will be received throughout Lent, with a special dedication on the **Sunday after Easter, April 16**.

Together we can once again help change the lives of many.

Thank you for your life changing offering.

Ukuleles Galore

On Sunday, March 5, Rebecca Barkley will visit our Sunday School classes to introduce children to the ukulele and begin to teach some simple songs. Each child will have a ukulele to use during the Sunday School session. This is going to be fun!

Brief Survey: Coming Opportunities at FPC

Please take a moment to fill out a brief survey to let us know whether you are interested in some upcoming opportunities at FPC: New Members Class, helping with inter-generational events, and cultivating patience in a small monthly group. [Here's the link to the Google Form](#). -Pastor Doug

Pub Theology

The next Pub Theology will meet on Sunday, March 12th at 7:00 PM at The Foodery, (325 Bridge St, Phoenixville). Join Pastor Doug in a discussion of theological topics and current events over food and drinks. Listen, chat, and hash things out...it's fun and thought-provoking!

What is Per Capita Apportionment?

Per Capita apportionment monies will help provide the means to strengthen the connections of the Presbyterian Church USA, to build lasting relationships, and to help all Presbyterians share God's love through mission and ministry. Our church apportionment is \$37 per member. Please use the blue envelope in your box of envelopes or if you use direct deposit envelopes will be available for you to use. This money will help support our church, Donegal Presbytery, Synod of the Trinity, and the Presbyterian Church USA. Stewardship Committee

Cards for the Military

There is a basket in fellowship hall for your cards, letters, and notes for individuals serving in the military. Jen Johnson will be delivering these notes to her nephew Peter Johnson and his Navy squadron. Contact Jen (physedjj@verizon.net) for more information.

Upcoming Scripture Reading

March 5th: Genesis 12:1-4a; Romans 4:1-5; 13-17

March 12th: Exodus 17:1-7; John 4:5-42

Books Through Bars

The next Books Through Bars volunteer trip will be on Saturday, March 18th. Registration to volunteer is available via Sign-Up Genius. <https://www.cignupgenius.com/go/8050F4AADA722A1FB6-books>, or call Sue Smith in the church office (610-933-8816) to sign up. Please indicate if you are willing to share with driving. Volunteers will meet in the church parking lot at 10:30 am and return by 2:30 pm. Thanks in advance for your help with this meaningful ministry.

Presbytery Women's Circle

The women's study, *Celebrating Sabbath*, will resume on Sunday, March 19th at 12:00 noon in the parlor. Bring a snack or your lunch. Enjoy a brief video session followed by discussion and prayer. Join in this fun learning experience.

2023 Calendars Needed

Chris Wittrock is collecting 2023 calendars to give to Books Through Bars, as incarcerated people frequently request them. Bring in any extra 2023 calendars you have to the church office and Chris will collect them.

March Birthday Celebrations

March 1: Jeanie Osterhoudt
March 2: Joshua Carlino, Olivia Drummond
March 4: Adam Deveney, Pam Hagler
March 7: Ayden Mandrusiak
March 11: Sandy Heidel
March 14: Chris Roussey
March 15: Holly Kennedy, Sandra Parrish
March 16: Fenner Gulden
March 17: Nancy Cockerill, Mark Morabito
March 18: Lew Osterhoudt
March 20: Amelia Mincavage, Luke Walker
March 26: Alexander Pehlman, Adam Smith
March 30: Michael Morabito
March 31: Amy Ellis



This Week in the Life of the Church

Sunday, February 26th (*Childcare available.)

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

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

10:45 a.m. *Sunday School (start in church then to Sunday School rooms)

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

Monday, February 27^h

9:00 a.m. People to People clothing+ (fellowship hall)

6:30 p.m. Zumba class (fellowship hall)

Tuesday, February 28th

6:30 p.m. Zumba class (fellowship hall)

Wednesday, March 1st

7:30 p.m. Handbell Choir rehearsal (choir room)

Thursday, March 2nd

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)

7:00 p.m. Lenten Book Study via Zoom with the Wittrocks

Friday, March 3rd

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

Saturday, March 4th

9:30 a.m. Zumba class (fellowship hall)

Sunday, March 5th *Communion* (*Childcare available.)

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

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

10:45 a.m. *Sunday School (start in church then to Sunday School rooms)

12:00 n. Deacons meeting (parlor)

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 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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