

YOUR FPC: PHOENIXVILLE

Welcome to...

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The weekly e-newsletter from First Presbyterian Church

THIS WEEK'S PULSE

Wednesday, November 1

Sue Smith's Last Day – Best Wishes for a Happy Retirement!

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

Thursday, November 2

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

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

10:00 a.m. People to People Food Ministry (Kitchen)

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Friday, November 3

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

Saturday, November 4

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

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY, November 5

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

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

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

12:30 p.m. Deacons' Meeting (Parlor)

Monday, November 6

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

2:00 p.m. MAC Committee Meeting

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

Tuesday, November 7

6:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. VOTING (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, November 8

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

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

FEATURED EVENTS



DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS

Sunday, November 5th

REMINDER: Daylight Saving Time ends at 2:00am on Sunday, November 5th. Fall back and take advantage of an extra hour of sleep! Visit [Wikipedia.org](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Daylight_saving_time) to read more about the history of saving daylight. - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Daylight_saving_time

ELECTION DAY

Tuesday, November 7th

FPC's Fellowship Hall will be a polling place for Municipal Elections to be held on Tuesday, November 7th, from 7:00 AM - 8:00 PM. More voting information can be found at Vote.PA.Gov.

THIS SUNDAY

Women of the NEW TESTAMENT

FPC Phoenixville

Worship in the SANCTUARY and on YouTube

Sunday, November 5th

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

WE REMEMBER Family & Friends All Saints' Sunday

Communion Come to the Table

ADULT BIBLE STUDY: The Bible Study, "*Women of the New Testament*," continues by Zoom this Sunday from 8:30-9:30 AM. We welcome all to our learning sessions! For more details and to request a book and the Zoom link, please contact [Sue Casey](#).

ALL SAINTS' COMMUNION WORSHIP SERVICE with Childcare: Join fellow congregants in-person or online this Sunday for the 10:30 AM All Saints' Communion service with Rev. Doug Hagler. The names of the saints (believers) from our congregation and extended family who have died during the past year will be noted in the bulletin. 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/>

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Learning takes place during the worship service. Students will process out of the sanctuary after the Children's Sermon to the upstairs classrooms. Sessions will conclude when the worship service ends. For more information and/or to express interest in volunteering, please contact Jeff McLaughlin at church or contact him at fpcchildrenandyouth@gmail.com. Thanks!

NOTABLES



The **November** issue of the **Perspective newsletter** is now available online. To read or download a copy, visit <https://fpcphoenixville.org/publications/newsletters/>.



Start Christmas shopping early with **scrip gift cards** from over 700 retailers! Orders are due on the following Tuesdays: **November 7th and 28th**. 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 **Saturday, November 11th**, from **8:00 AM-11:00 AM**, our **Fellowship Hall** will be transformed into a **Coat & Clothing Giveaway** event for people in need of warm winter attire. Help is needed to make this a success. Are you available:

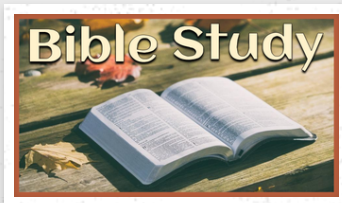
Thursday, 11/9, from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM to help set out coats & clothing

Friday, 11/10, from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM to display coats & clothing

Saturday, 11/11, from 8:00 AM-11:00 AM to assist people

Saturday, 11/11, from 11:00 AM-12:00 PM to pack remaining inventory

Please contact Sandy Heidel at csheidel@verizon.net or Bob Russell if you are able to help even for an hour to benefit our neighbors in the Phoenixville area. *Thank you, People to People*



There are some scheduling and content changes to share regarding **Adult Sunday School/Bible Study**.

Nov. 12th - no session

Nov. 19th - 8:00 AM start time with a new book

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

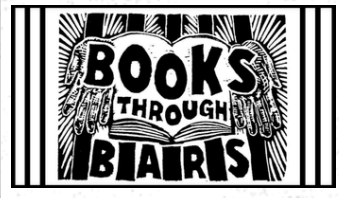
Adam Hamilton. New learners are always welcome. This is a short series and a great way to "get your feet wet." If interested, please contact [Sue Casey](#) for a book and the Zoom link.



Church Growth will host a **Holiday Card Writing** event on Sunday, **November 12th**, after the service in **Fellowship Hall**. We invite you to join us as we write holiday cards to those incarcerated at SCI Phoenix and Muncy. Light refreshments will be provided as well as holiday prompts if you feel like you're writing the same thing over and over. In addition, we are asking for donations of holiday cards with plain white envelopes, no decorations. If you have extra Christmas cards, we will take them. If you are purchasing cards to donate, we ask that you keep them holiday neutral as not everyone celebrates Christmas. Thank you.



At **Pub Theology**, 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** on Sunday, **November 19th**, at **The Foodery**, 325 Bridge St, Phoenixville.



The next **Books Through Bars** volunteer trip is on Saturday, **November 18th**. Registration to volunteer is available via SignUp Genius - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050F4AADA722A1FB6-books2> or call Maggie O'Malley in the main office (610-933-8816) for assistance with 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.



FPC's **Women's Circle** will meet on Sunday, November 19th, to learn from the Bible Study *Sacred Encounters*. Join the group to review the Gospel of Luke and Acts of the Apostles. Discover the sharing of the Good News through sacred encounters with everyday people. Please contact Jewell if you have any questions about the group. The gathering will be in the **Parlor at 12:00 PM**. Bring a snack/lunch and bring a friend!



Men of FPC, join the **Men's Group** on Sunday, **November 19th**, for a lunch outing and book discussion of *Cry Like A Man* by Jason Wilson, founder of the Cave of Adullam in Detroit. Meet in the main office **after the worship service** and then go to lunch. Contact Pastor Doug if you have any questions about the group. Book or no book, all are welcome!



Stewardship begins with gratitude to God for everything we have received from Him. We express our thanksgiving and gratitude by giving back to God a portion of His gifts. As we begin the **2024 Pledge Campaign**, the Stewardship Committee asks that you prayerfully consider your financial commitment to our church. Your generous and faithful offerings help to support the many ministries of First Presbyterian Church. Your pledge helps the Finance Committee as they plan for the coming year. Please place your completed pledge card in the offering plate on Dedication Sunday, **November 19th**. You may also return it by mail in the pre-addressed envelope that you receive with the card. Thank you for sharing your many gifts, and for your continued financial support.
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Join in our decorating tradition by purchasing a \$10.25 **poinsettia** to enhance our worship experience during the Christmas season. Flowers can be dedicated to remembering a loved one, honor a person, express appreciation, or to beautify our Sanctuary. The plants will be available to take home and enjoy after Christmas! Simply drop off or send the [order form](#) and payment to the church office by November 19th. Thank you for your generosity.



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.



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

Joshua 3:7-17
and
Psalms 107:1-7, 33-37



GRATITUDE JOURNALING:

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 do you appreciate a loved one who has passed?** 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*



You may remember that we are recruiting for our next **Bridge of Hope** cohort to work together to keep a family from experiencing homelessness. So far we have three people who have expressed interest, and ideally we would like to have at least three more. If you have questions, or are interested, talk to [Pastor Doug](#), and if you want to know more about what Bridge of Hope has been like over the past two years, you can talk to Chris and Bob Wittrock or Jeff McLaughlin.

SUNDAY'S SNIPPETS

Merry Ringers Bell Choir 10-29-2023









SUNDAY'S SERMON



Happy Birthday

Best Wishes to everyone celebrating a birthday in November!

Nov. 1: Paul Parrish;
John Zern
Nov. 4: Dot McIntyre;
Elena Howe
Nov. 5: Barb Giebler
Nov. 12: Megan Smith
Nov. 13: Cassy Gulden

Nov. 14: Noah Pilotti
Nov. 16: Amy Roussey
Nov. 17: Helen Harrop
Nov. 20: Randy Schrack
Nov. 21: Doug Hagler
Nov. 22: Ellen Williams
Nov. 29: Doris Langevin