

# YOUR FPC: PHOENIXVILLE

**Welcome to...**

## The BEAT

**The weekly e-newsletter from First Presbyterian Church**

### **This Week's Pulse**

#### **Wednesday, December 20**

Mom's House Gift Distribution (Fellowship Hall)

#### **Thursday, December 21**

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, December 22**

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

1:00 p.m. Jeanne Blackburn's Memorial Service and Reception (Sanctuary/Fellowship Hall)

#### **Saturday, December 23**

No events scheduled.

#### **SUNDAY, December 24**

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

9:00 p.m. WORSHIP - Candlelight Communion Service with Rev Doug Hagler - Onsite\* and online - [FPC YouTube Channel](#)

*\* Children of all ages are welcome in both services, and our childcare staff and volunteers will be taking a Christmas break.*

**Monday, December 25**

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

No events scheduled. Office is closed.

**Tuesday, December 26**

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

**Wednesday, December 27**

No events scheduled.

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## **This Sunday**



### **FPC's Christmas Eve Schedule**

- **10:30 AM** Advent! Pageant! Christmas!
- **9:00 PM** Candlelight! Communion! Christmas!

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## **Notables**





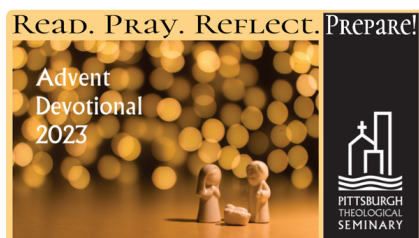
A **memorial service** will be held for **Jeanne Blackburn** on Friday, **December 22nd**, at **1:00 PM** in First Presbyterian Church. The service will be followed by a reception in Fellowship Hall. Special details of Jeanne's life can be found here - <https://www.gatchafuneral.com/obituaries/jeanne-blackburn>.



Want to support a great cause and give a unique card to a special person? **Alternative Gift Greeting Cards** let you do both. They make wonderful teacher gifts, stocking stuffers, and are perfect for the person who has everything. This year's choices are Heifer International, PACS, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, CWS Blankets, and Citizen Advocacy. The cards are **\$5.00 each** and can be purchased before and after church in the narthex, and in the church office during the week.



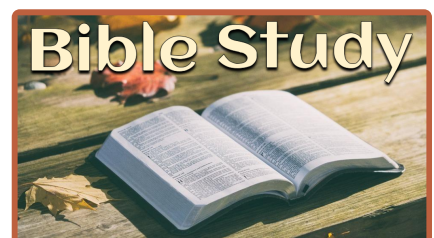
People to People has received the donation of 2 sets of **Christmas dinnerware dishes**. If you would like to borrow, buy or view the dishes for your holiday gathering(s), please contact Sandy Heidel ([csheidel@verizon.net](mailto:csheidel@verizon.net)). We would love them to be used rather than just stored at this time of year.



Make your Advent extra meaningful by following the devotional prepared by the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. To read the devotional online or to download a copy, please visit [PTS.edu/devotional](https://PTS.edu/devotional). Copies will be available in the church office.



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 will you live out the gift of Jesus?** 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*



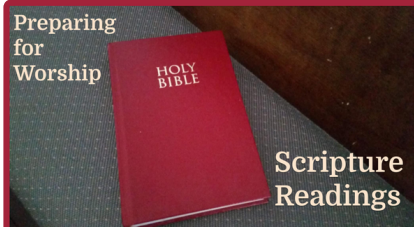
There are some scheduling changes to share regarding Adult Sunday School/Bible Study.  
**Dec. 24th & 31st** - no session  
**Jan. 7th** - sessions resume at 8:30 AM  
New learners are always welcome. If interested, please contact [Sue Casey](#).

### Clothing Donations



The **People to People** clothing sorters will be taking time to enjoy the holidays. Please **hold all donations** until Thursday, **January 11, 2024**. Thank you for all the 2023 donations!

### Preparing for Worship



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

**Psalms 96:1-13**

and

**Luke 2:1-14**

### Guest Preacher

Pastor Doug will be away for vacation two upcoming Sundays. The following ministers will be **leading worship and preaching** in Pastor Doug's absence.

**Dec. 31st:** Rev. Bob Larson

**Jan. 7th:** Rev. Don Lincoln

### PLEDGE FULFILLMENT



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 2024. 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 2023 pledge**. Thank you for all that you do and for your faithful support. - *The Stewardship Committee*

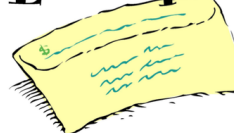


**serve.  
grow.  
give.  
receive.**

2024  
Pledge Campaign

**The 2024 Pledge Campaign -** The Stewardship Committee would like to thank everyone who has completed and returned their pledge card for 2024. If you have not yet turned in your pledge card, please know that **it is not too late!** We ask that you take a moment to reflect on your giving for the coming year. Your generous and faithful offerings help to support the ministry and the many good works of FPC. By completing your pledge card, you are helping the Finance Committee as they plan for 2024. Completed cards may be returned by mail, dropped off at the church office, or placed in the offering plate on Sunday morning. If you need a pledge card, please call the church office at 610-933-8816.

### Offering Envelopes



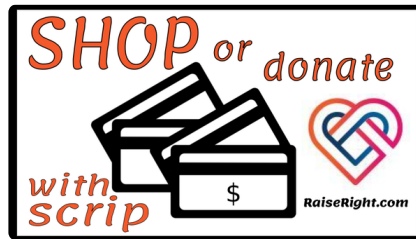
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**Offering envelopes** are ready for you to pick up. Please check the table in the narthex for your box. If your box is missing, please contact Maggie in the main office at 610-933-8816 or email, [fpcsecretary145@gmail.com](mailto:fpcsecretary145@gmail.com).





As we near year end, please see that **pledge** or other **contributions** to the church are received by Sunday, **December 31st**. Funds received after that date will be credited to your 2024 contribution statement. The Stewardship and Finance committees **thank you** for the continued support of FPC Phoenixville.



Thank you to everyone who supported the **Scrip Gift Card Program** in 2023. It's time to begin a New Year...**2024!** January dates for scrip orders are on Tuesdays - **the 2nd, 16th, and 30th**. To place an order, please call or text Lynne Williams at 610-415-1581 (home) or 610-955-4749 (cell) or send an email ([brettdrew@comcast.net](mailto:brettdrew@comcast.net)). Order forms will be completed for you. Checks are to be made payable to "First Presbyterian Church DR". A percentage of each card ordered is donated to the church. Have a Happy New Year!



Please send any prayer needs to the new **Prayer Chain** address, [fpcprayerchain2@gmail.com](mailto:fpcprayerchain2@gmail.com). Your request will be distributed to FPC's prayer angels. Their silent efforts will be put to work to lift you up. The same email address can be used for anyone wishing to join the prayer team.

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## Merry Ringers Rewind

Merry Ringers Bell Choir 12-10-2023



## Sunday's Snippets



## Sunday's Sermon

FPC Sermon 12-17-2023





# Happy Birthday

**Best Wishes to everyone celebrating a birthday in December!**

**Dec. 1:** Grace Kennedy

**Dec. 4:** Joe Beregi

**Dec. 4:** Nicholas Sinapius

**Dec. 7:** Sandy Lusch

**Dec. 8:** John Marosek

**Dec. 10:** Marian Bayus

**Dec. 10:** Linnea Gulden

**Dec. 11:** Kathy Bacon

**Dec. 13:** Chuck Heidel

**Dec. 16:** Jeff McLaughlin

**Dec. 20:** Lyra Morris

**Dec. 24:** George Cockerill



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