

YOUR FPC: PHOENIXVILLE

Welcome to...

The BEAT

The weekly e-newsletter from First Presbyterian Church

This Week's Pulse

Wednesday, December 27

No events scheduled.

Thursday, December 28

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

Friday, December 29

No events scheduled.

Saturday, December 30

No events scheduled.

SUNDAY, December 31

10:30 a.m. WORSHIP with Rev. Bob Larson - onsite with childcare and online - [FPC YouTube Channel](#)

10:45 a.m. Sunday School (Parlor)

Monday, January 1

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

No events scheduled. Office is closed.

Tuesday, January 2

2:00 p.m. MAC Committee Meeting - Zoom
6:30 p.m. Zumba Class (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, January 3

No events scheduled.

This Sunday



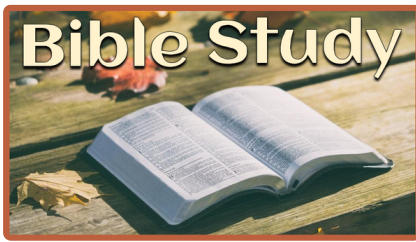
The **Rev. Bob Larson** will be our guest celebrant this Sunday, December 31st. Here is a brief biography -

The Reverend Robert E. Larson, Jr. (better known as Bob) is an honorably retired member of Donegal Presbytery living in Lancaster. He and his wife of 58 years, Dorothy E. Larson, (better known as Dotty) have four adult children and seven grand-children, five of whom have completed their university studies. Bob is a graduate of Wheaton College, IL, B.A., Princeton Theological Seminary, M.Div., Gettysburg Seminary, S.T.M., and Lancaster Seminary, D. Min. He also studied at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland, and Harvard Divinity School.

Having been ordained by the Presbytery of Carlisle in 1965, Bob has been serving Christ as a pastor, Bible teacher, and executive director for 59 years. His specialty for 15 of those years was as an Interim Pastor during which time he served seven different congregations in Connecticut, Indiana, and Pennsylvania.

Dotty is a Registered Nurse, R.N., having graduated from the Presbyterian School of Nursing in Philadelphia. From 2003 to 2013 Bob and Dotty lived in Philadelphia where they provided homestays for 66 international students who came to Penn and Drexel from 13 different countries to learn English. Together, the Larsons have traveled the world visiting Europe, the Middle East, Africa, Asia, Australia/New Zealand, Central America, and soon, South America.

Notables



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

Dec. 31st - no session

Jan. 7th - sessions resume at 8:30 AM

New learners are always welcome. If interested, please contact [Sue Casey](#).



Available
in the
Narthex

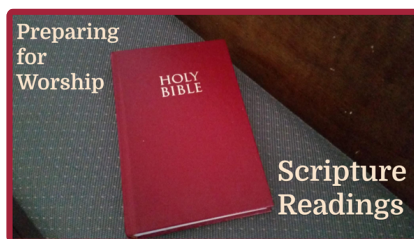
Offering envelopes are ready for you to pick up. Please check the the table in the narthex for your box. If your box is missing, please contact Maggie in the main office at 610-933-8816 or email, fpcsecretary145@gmail.com.



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.



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!



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

Galatians 4:4-7
and
Luke 2:21-40



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



At **Pub Theology**, experience some engaging conversation of current events and God in today's world. Be social. Be



Thank you to everyone who supported the **Scrip Gift Card Program** in 2023. It's time to begin a New Year, 2024!



Thanks so much to everyone who participated in this year's Star Tree. With your help eleven children received new

perplexed. Be a part of some fun fellowship! This gathering starts at **7:00 PM** on Sunday, January 14th, at The Foodery, 325 Bridge St, Phoenixville.

January dates for scrip orders are on Tuesdays - **the 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).

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!

PJ's, an outfit, hat and gloves and a toy. Each of the six families also received a throw blanket and a tub full of goodies and groceries for Christmas dinner and some extra love. Thank you!

The Christmas Pageant

FPC Christmas Pageant 12-24-2023



**The Children &
Youth of FPC
present
The Christmas
Pageant**

Silent Night by Candlelight

FPC Silent Night by Candlelight 12-24-2023





Sunday's Snippets







Sunday's Sermon

FPC Sermon 12-24-2023



Happy Birthday

Best Wishes to everyone celebrating a birthday in January!

Jan 4th: Dick Lusch,
Chris Wittrock
Jan. 8th: Sharon Wagner
Jan. 10th: A. J. Blackburn,
Megan Gray
Jan. 11th: Sharyn Funderwhite
Jan. 14th: Evan Lewis,
Joan Wallace

Jan. 16th: Abigail Dove
Jan. 17th: Mark Daly
Jan. 20th: Kristen Mark
Jan. 23rd: Bill Tonkin
Jan. 26th: Timothy Murphy
Jan. 27th: Brian Kennedy
Jan. 29th: Shane Pilotti
Jan. 31st: Jill Kleppinger



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