

This Sunday's worship service will be streamed live over the internet at 10:30 a.m. and will be available to the public. It will be broadcast on FPC's YouTube Channel - "FPC Phoenixville". The recorded version will be available for "anytime" viewing.
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCrmNs7JdvZNIpsNjsODs8vg>

Morning Worship
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
‡ January 28, 2024 ‡ 10:30 a.m. ‡

Prelude: *"How Lovely Shines the Morning Light"*

D. Buxtehude

Welcome

Rev. Doug Hagler

Passing the Peace

Announcements

Sarah Shulman

Call to Worship (leader, people)

Sue Casey

Hildegard of Bingen (1098-1179)

Most strong God

who is able to fight against you?

**I want you to help me fight against
the flaming dragon of sin within me,
that eats away my very soul.**

I want to have the strongest sword in my hand,
**fashioned by you, with the sharpest blade
that will cut through the dragon's scales.**

And when I have slain the dragon within myself,
**I want to offer a safe refuge for all
who, like me, are frail and vulnerable.**

I will give them a sword to slay their own dragons,
so that together we may live in joy and peace.
Amen.

*** Hymn #174: “Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom”** (see page 13)

(Please be seated.)

Prayer of Confession (unison)

This is the covenant God made with us: that God would put the law within us, and write it upon our hearts, and would be our God, and we would be God’s people. God forgives the wrong we have done, and the good we leave undone. In penitence and faith, let us silently confess our sins to God.

(Silent prayer and reflection)

Assurance of Pardon (leader, people)

The one who calls us to this place
calls us to reconciliation through grace.
God will not deny a repentant heart or an open spirit.
Know that you are forgiven
and walk in the new way that is made known to you in God's love.
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 Sermon

Following the message, children may go to Fellowship Hall, 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

Sue Casey

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: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Sue Casey

¹⁵The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. ¹⁶This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: “If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die.” ¹⁷Then the LORD replied to me: “They are right in what they have said. ¹⁸I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. ¹⁹Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. ²⁰But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak — that prophet shall die.”

Reading: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Sue Casey

¹Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. ²Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; ³but anyone who loves God is known by him.

⁴Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “no idol in the world really exists,” and that “there is no God but one.” ⁵Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth — as in fact there are many gods and many lords — ⁶yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

⁷It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. ⁸“Food will not bring us close to God.” We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. ⁹But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. ¹⁰For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? ¹¹So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. ¹²But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. ¹³Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Sermon

Rev. Doug Hagler

*** Hymn #722:** “Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak” (see page 14)

(Please be seated.)

Offering Prayer

With what shall we come before the Holy One,
and bow ourselves before God on high?
God has shown us what is good.
Let us present ourselves to God
as those who have been delivered
from death to life.

Offertory: “*How Lovely Are the Messengers*”

F. Mendelssohn

*** 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: Jacqui Busch

(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 #450: "Be Thou My Vision"**

(see page 15)

*** Benediction**

Rev. Doug Hagler

Postlude: "Walk by Faith" by Jeremy Camp

Praise Team

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Prayer Requests

Joys:

Concerns: Jon Pierre, Linda, Family of Jim Ireland, Garry & wife, Judy, Emily M., Pat

PRAYER CHAIN: Please send any prayer needs to the new email address, 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.

Upcoming Scripture Readings

- Feb. 4th: Isaiah 40:21-31; Mark 1:29-39
- Feb. 11th: 2 Kings 2:1-12; Mark 9:2-9

CONFIRMATION CLASS-TODAY!: FPC's young disciples will have a Confirmation after worship today from 12:00 PM-2:00 PM. Please attend the full worship service and then meet in the third floor classroom for lunch and learning.

ANTIRACISM BOOK CLUB-TONIGHT!: Zoom with the Antiracism Book Club when they tonight at 7:00 PM. Discussion will focus on the book *We Remain: Race, Racism, and the Story of the American Indian* by Keith R. Burich. All are welcome to discover how much there is to learn!

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82965389092>

Visit the link or call 1-929-205-6099 | Meeting ID: 829 6538 9092

NOMINATIONS NEEDED: The Nominating Committee requests suggestions from the congregation of church members to serve as At-Large members of the 2024 Nominating Committee. Please submit names to be considered to Adam Smith at afsmithphoto@gmail.com or to the church office at secretaryfpc145@gmail.com.

ANNUAL MEETING: Join fellow congregants for the Annual Meeting after the worship service (11:45 AM) in Fellowship Hall next Sunday, February 4th. Come to accept the 2024 Nominating Committee, to receive the 2023 Annual Report, and to approve the Pastor's Terms of Call. Note: Since the meeting will be held in person, you must attend the meeting in person in order to vote.



SCRIP GIFT CARDS: One January date for scrip orders remains - Tuesday, the 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. Your support is appreciated!

ST. MARY'S SHELTER MEALS: During the week of February 5th, we will provide dinner for the residents of St. Mary's Franciscan Shelter. To sign up for all or part of a meal (for approximately 15 people) on that day, respond to the SignUp Genius that you received via email or follow this link to sign up: <https://bit.ly/StMary224>. Detailed instructions are included with the online sign-up. If you have any questions or want to sign up, contact Kristin at MissionsFPC145@gmail.com. For more information about St. Mary's Franciscan Shelter, visit <https://stmarysfs.org/>.

2024 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 \$38 per member. Please use the blue envelope in your box of envelopes or pick up an envelope in the narthex. This money will help support our church, Donegal Presbytery, Synod of the Trinity, and the Presbyterian Church USA.

UPCOMING BIBLE STUDY: The Adult Bible Study Group will be looking at the Gospel of Luke for Lent. We will be basing our study on the book *Luke: Jesus and the Outsiders, Outcasts, and Outlaws*, by Adam Hamilton. Among the chapters are "Lifting Up the Lowly," "Parables from the Underside," and "On the Journey to Jerusalem." The study will include a plan for reading the whole of Luke during Lent. Our Lenten series will begin just a tad before Lent, on February 11th; it will run through Palm Sunday (no class on Easter). We continue to meet by Zoom at 8:30 AM Sunday mornings. Please contact Sue Casey for more details.

PUB THEOLOGY: 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, February 11th, at The Foodery, 325 Bridge St, Phoenixville

SOUPER BOWL 2024: This year's Souper Bowl of Caring event will take place at First Presbyterian Church on Sunday, February 11th. We will collect canned goods and cash donations to support local hunger relief. So, set aside your canned goods to drop off at church on the 11th. You can also drop off donations during the week in the church office.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR: The creation of a Children's Choir at FPC is in the works. Interest and availability are needed. The goal would be to have the choir sing on Easter Sunday! Rehearsals dates being considered are twice a month for one of the following times slots - Sundays after worship, Monday evenings, or Tuesday evenings. If you'd like to submit your choice of rehearsal times online, please use the Rehearsal Options form at <https://forms.gle/UZTjZBhFAQjW4Hwd6>. If you'd like to share your preference in person, then please see Pastor Doug. Responding this week would be appreciated so practice times can be set and published. This is an exciting opportunity for our young members!

QUEER CIRCLE MEETING & SURVEY: The survey for FPC's Queer Circle is still open. Thank you for your responses already received! If you haven't already done so, please help the group know whether it is time to move forward with more LGBTQ advocacy or whether the focus should be on learning and answering questions as a community. The survey is anonymous and can be completed quickly. Click on this link - <https://bit.ly/queercirclesurvey>, or scan the QR code in the Queer Circle graphic. The survey will end on January 31st, so take a moment to fill it out and share your opinion. Your input is appreciated!

LEADERSHIP RETREAT: The Elders and Deacons will meet in Fellowship Hall for a Leadership Retreat on Saturday, February 10th, from 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM (or earlier if all topics are covered before 5:00 PM.). May these leaders follow Christ's example when implementing their duties with open minds, caring hearts, and great wisdom.

ASH WEDNESDAY: This year we will gather for Ash Wednesday worship on February 14th in Fellowship Hall. As we have in the past, we will share a simple meal and worship service that will include communion and the imposition of ashes. Come for the meal starting at 6:00 PM or join us later for worship at 7:00 PM.

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This Week in the Life of the Church

Sunday, January 28 (**Childcare available*)

8:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study with Sue Casey (Zoom)

10:30 a.m. *WORSHIP – Rev. Doug Hagler, in-person and on YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/@fpcphoenixville7042>

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

12:00 p.m. Deacons' Meeting

12:00 p.m. Confirmation Class (3rd Floor Classroom)

7:00 p.m. Antiracism Book Club (Zoom)

Monday, January 29

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

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

7:00 p.m. Praise Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Tuesday, January 30

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

Wednesday, January 31

11:30 a.m. Rock the Boat Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

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

Thursday, February 1

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, February 2

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

Saturday, February 3

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

Sunday, February 4 (*Childcare available)

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING SUNDAY

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10:30 a.m. *WORSHIP – Rev. Doug Hagler, in-person and on YouTube

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

11:45 p.m. Annual Congregational Meeting

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GENERAL INFORMATION

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 for their classrooms after 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 class-room. 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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OFFICE HOURS

Mondays: 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Tuesdays: 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Wednesdays: 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Thursdays: 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Fridays: by appointment

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Cassy Gulden

Jill Kleppinger

Jeanie Osterhoudt

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Gail Landazuri

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Lucinda Parrish

Mona Sabia (Chairperson)

Gail Schnaedter

Ellen Williams

Lynne Williams

Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom 174

1 Come and seek the ways of Wis-dom, she who danced when
 2 Lis - ten to the voice of Wis-dom, cry - ing in the
 3 Sis - ter Wis - dom, come, as - sist us; nur - ture all who

earth was new. Fol - low close - ly what she teach - es,
 mar - ket - place. Hear the Word made flesh a - mong us,
 seek re - birth. Spir - it - guide and close com - pan - ion,

for her words are right and true. Wis - dom clears the
 full of glo - ry, truth, and grace. When the word takes
 bring to light our sa - cred worth. Free us to be -

path to jus - tice, show - ing us what love must do.
 root and rip - ens, peace and righ - teous - ness em - brace.
 come your peo - ple, ho - ly friends of God and earth.

Drawing on numerous scriptural images of Wisdom (Greek: *Sophia*), especially in Proverbs, this text offers an alternative perspective on Trinitarian theology. The Wisdom tradition has played a role in Christian mysticism for centuries, as witnessed by the Hagia Sophia in Istanbul.

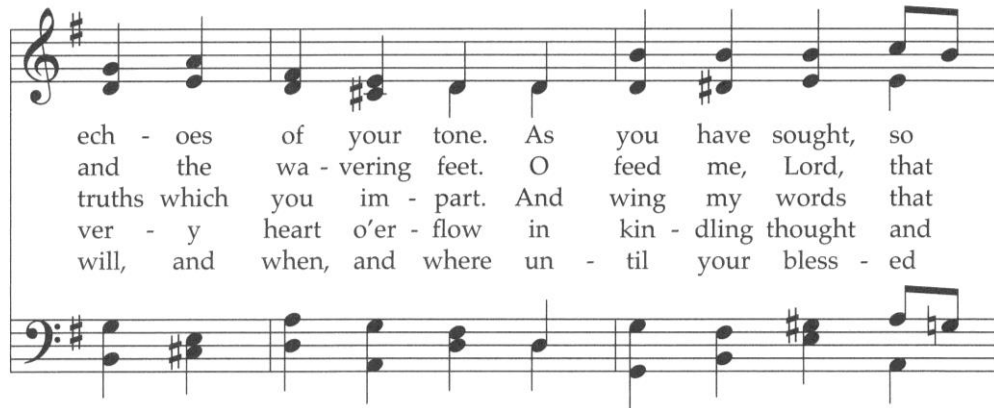
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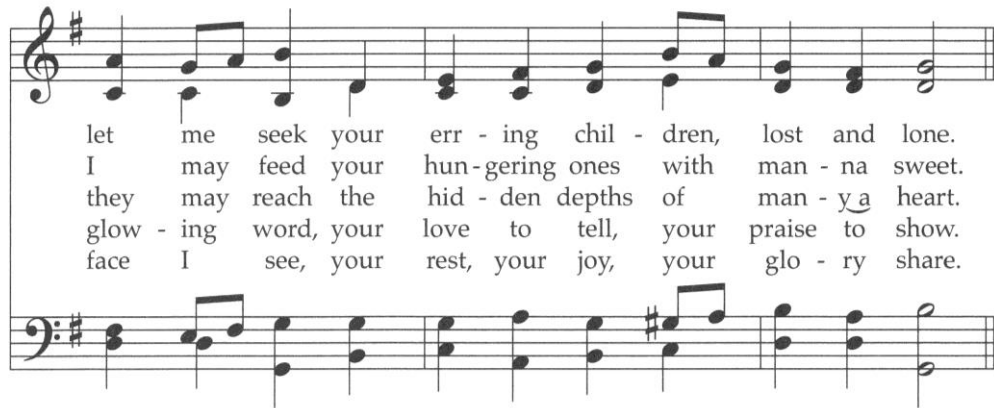
722 Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak



1 Lord, speak to me that I may speak in liv - ing
 2 O lead me, Lord, that I may lead the wan - dering
 3 O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the pre - cious
 4 O fill me with your full - ness, Lord, un - til my
 5 O use me, Lord, use e - ven me, just as you



ech - oes of your tone. As you have sought, so
 and the wa - vering feet. O feed me, Lord, that
 truths which you im - part. And wing my words that
 ver - y heart o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and
 will, and when, and where un - til your bless - ed



let me seek your err - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.
 I may feed your hun - gery ones with man - na sweet.
 they may reach the hid - den depths of man - y a heart.
 glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.
 face I see, your rest, your joy, your glo - ry share.

Two great truths inform this text: first, that the testimony of experience is powerful and persuasive; and second, that no one should venture to minister on one's own strength rather than God's. The tune reflects a 19th-century practice of adapting piano pieces as hymn tunes.

TEXT: Frances Ridley Havergal, 1872, alt.
 MUSIC: Robert Schumann, 1839, alt.

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Be Thou My Vision

Capo 1: (D) E^b (G) A^b (D/F#) E^b/G (A7) B^b7 (D) E^b



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;
 4 High King of Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

(A) B^b (D) E^b (G) A^b (A) B^b



naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

(G) A^b (D) E^b (F#m7) Gm7 (G) A^b (A) B^b



thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower;
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

(Bm) Cm (D/F#) E^b/G (G) A^b (D) E^b



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heaven - ward, O Power of my power.
 High King of Heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

These stanzas are selected from a 20th-century English poetic version of an Irish monastic prayer dating to the 10th century or before. They are set to an Irish folk melody that has proved popular and easily sung despite its lack of repetition and its wide range.

TEXT: Irish poem; trans. Mary E. Byrne, 1905; vers. Eleanor Hull, 1912, alt.
 MUSIC: Irish ballad; harm. David Evans, 1927
 Music Harm. © 1927 Oxford University Press

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WHAT IS PER CAPITA GIVING?

Shared Proportional Giving (Per Capita) is how Presbyterians mutually share the costs of ministry:

- It is how Presbyterians are trained to become better ruling elders and Ministers of Word and Sacrament.
- It is how Presbyterians participate in the life of the wider church by serving on committees, on commissions, and the biennial General Assembly.
- It is how Presbyterians discern God's call to service and to preserve our heritage.
- It is how the Synod & General Assembly fund innovative initiatives within our Presbytery.

Here in Donegal Presbytery, our Shared Proportional (Per Capita) Budget provides a number of vital aids to our congregation's ministries. It includes supporting the work of our Executive Presbyter, Erin Cox-Holmes as she (and others) partner with sessions, pray with leaders, and support pastors in times of growth and crisis. It includes the work of our Stated Clerk, Michael Wilson, as he provides congregations with support for process and for figuring out what to do (which can often be confusing in times of transition). It includes the work of our Connecting Our Ministries Commission (COM) – which supports pastors and sessions. In times of tumultuous change, building connections and creating conversations is vital.

Your participation funds the backbone operations of the Presbytery: the rent, the heat, the lights, the communication systems. It provides for our Executive Administrative Assistant, Christine Wells, and our Bookkeepers. This infrastructure is what makes ministry possible.

Our vision as a Presbytery is to be a place where Jesus Christ is lifted high and where we pray and support one another. Your participation in this part of our Presbytery's ministry provides the often unseen and crucial support for our congregations and ministries to flourish.

Thank you! It is a joy to partner in ministry and mission.