



FPC Phoenixville

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<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCrmNs7JdvZNIpsNjs0Ds8vg>

Morning Worship
The First Sunday in Lent
‡ February 18, 2024 ‡ 10:30 a.m. ‡

Prelude: *“Wondrous Love”* arr. M. Hayes

Welcome Rev. Doug Hagler

Passing the Peace

Announcements Rev. Doug Hagler

Call to Worship Ellen Williams

Beloved people of God:
every year at this time
we celebrate our redemption
through the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.
We begin this holy season
by acknowledging our need for repentance,
and for the mercy and forgiveness
proclaimed in the gospel.
I invite you, therefore,
to observe a holy Lent
by self-examination and penitence,
by prayer and fasting,
by works of love,
and by meditating on God’s word.

* **Hymn #370:** *“This Is My Father’s World”* (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.
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 Sermon

Following the message, children may go to the upstairs classrooms, to the church nursery room, or they may stay with their family in worship.

Call to the Word: *"Lord, We Hear Your Word with Gladness"*

Prayer for Illumination

Ellen Williams

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: 1 Peter 3:18-22

Ellen Williams

¹⁸For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. ²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you — not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Reading: Matthew 4

Ellen Williams

4 Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. ²He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward 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 glory, ⁹and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” ¹⁰Then Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

‘Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.’ ”

¹¹ Then 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

Rev. Doug Hagler

* **Hymn #167:** “Forty Days and Forty Nights”

(see page 14)

(Please be seated.)

Offering Prayer (leader, **people**)

The earth is the Lord’s, and all that is in it,

the world, and those who live in it.

Freely you have received, freely give.

**Let us return to God the offerings of our life
and the gifts of the earth.**

Offertory: “*Be Thou My Vision*”

arr. B. Chicory

* **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: Jewell Baker

(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

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PRAYER REQUESTS:

- **Joys:**
- **Concerns:**

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. 25th:** Romans 4:13-25; Mark 8:31-38
- **Mar. 3rd:** 1 Corinthians 1:18-25; John 2:13-22

MEN'S GROUP – TODAY!: All men of FPC and friends are invited to meet in the main office after worship on Sunday, **February 18th**. Join Pastor Doug and the crew for a lunch outing!

WOMEN'S CIRCLE – TODAY!: FPC's Women's Circle will meet at 12 noon in the parlor on Sunday, **February 18th**. This gathering will include a brief video presentation and discussion relating to the study of Sacred Encounters - The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts. Bring a snack or lunch. Bring your thoughts to share. All ladies are welcome to join in this fellowship and study session!

PUB THEOLOGY – TONIGHT!: Not wanting to compete with last week's Super Bowl, Pub Theology was moved to tonight, **February 18th**. Join Pastor Doug, fellow congregants, and community members to discuss 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 at The Foodery, 325 Bridge St, Phoenixville.

ANTIRACISM BOOK CLUB: Zoom with the Antiracism Book Club when they meet again on Sunday, **February 25th**. Discussion will flow from the book *We Remain: Race, Racism, and the Story of the American Indian* by Keith R. Burich. Join the group at 7:00 PM and discover how much there is to learn! Newcomers are welcome!

QUEER CIRCLE: The next Zoom gathering for the Queer Circle will be this upcoming Monday, **February 26th**, at 7:00 pm. Conversations will continue about *The Book of Queer Prophets: 24 Writers on Sexuality and Religion*. Zoom with the group anytime to learn more about genders, sexual orientation, Christian faith, and related issues.

GRATITUDE JOURNAL: February's theme for journaling is "Gratitude in Relationships." This week's prompt: *How are you thankful for family?* 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 during worship with a Minute for Gratitude!

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY: The Adult Bible Study Group will be looking at the Gospel of Luke for Lent. The study will be based 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 run through Palm Sunday (no class on Easter). The group meets by Zoom at 8:30 AM **Sunday mornings**. Please contact Sue Casey for more details.

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL: Would you like some guidance for prayer and reflection during the upcoming Lenten season? Then consider using the Lenten Devotional by the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. To download a copy, visit the seminary's website at https://www.pts.edu/devotional_1. A few hard copies are available in the main office. Audio links are also provided on the download page for your convenience.

SCRIP GIFT CARDS: One February date remains for scrip orders - **Monday, the 26th**. 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". Use the cards and the church gets a percentage. Thank you! The Stewardship Committee

EASTER FLOWERS: Easter flowers are a nice way to honor someone dear, remember a loved one, or to simply give thanks. Hyacinths, tulips, and daffodil plants can be ordered through church by **March 10th** for \$9.00 each. The order form can be found in today's bulletin or online at <https://bit.ly/easterflowers2024>. Purchased flowers will decorate the sanctuary on Easter Sunday and be available to take home after the 10:30 AM worship service.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS: What is God like? During the month of January, the Sunday School kids explored the question, "What is God like?" Check out some of their ideas on the bulletin board in the hallway behind the sanctuary. And while you're there, record some of your own ideas in answer to the question, "What is God like?"

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.

MAC SURVEY: MAC is looking to expand service opportunities offered to the church and congregation. Please take this short survey to let MAC know what your priorities are in serving, your general availability, and type of service you would like to do. Please complete this survey by Thursday, **February 29th** - <https://bit.ly/MAC2024Survey>. The MAC Committee values your input! Thank you!

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This Week in the Life of the Church

Sunday, February 18 (*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. Men's Group (Main Office, then out to lunch)

12:00 p.m. Women's Circle (Parlor)

7:00 p.m. Pub Theology (The Foodery, 325 Bridge St, Phoenixville)

Monday, February 19

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

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

Tuesday, February 20

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

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

7:30 p.m. Property Committee Meeting (Main Office)

Wednesday, February 21

11:30 a.m. Music Ministry (Sanctuary)

12:30 a.m. Rock the Boat Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

12:30 a.m. Church Growth Committee Meeting (Panera, Collegeville)

2:00 p.m. Trumpet Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

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

Thursday, February 22

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

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

3:00 p.m. M. Campbell Organ Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

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

Friday, February 23

No events scheduled.

Saturday, February 24

No events scheduled.

Sunday, February 25 (**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. Confirmation Class (3rd Floor Classroom)

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

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 the sanctuary 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 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.

Word Search based on Matthew 4:1-11 – Jesus Is Tempted

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 I O S Y T I C Y L O H A A G N
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ALL THE KINGDOMS	JUMP OFF
ANGELS	LED BY THE SPIRIT
DEVIL LEFT	MOUTH OF GOD
DON'T TEST GOD	STONES TO BREAD
FORTY DAYS	TEMPTED BY DEVIL
HOLY CITY	WILDERNESS
IT IS WRITTEN	WORSHIP GOD
JESUS	

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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

Elders on Session

Jewell Baker

Ken Brown

Jacqui Busch

George Cockerill

Karin Goodman

Cassy Gulden

Jill Kleppinger

Jeff McLaughlin

Eileen Naughton

Jeanie Osterhoudt

Adam Smith

Doug Walker

Deacons

Rebecca Barkley

Kristin Craven

Jen Johnson

Gail Landazuri

Paulette Mark

Amy Mincavage

Lucinda Parrish

Mona Sabia

Gail Schnaedter

Lynne Williams

Bob Wittrock

This Is My Father's World 370

1 This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis - tening ears all
 2 This is my Fa-ther's world. O, let me ne'er for - get that

na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.
 though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul - er yet.

This is my Fa-ther's world; I rest me in the thought of
 This is my Fa-ther's world. The bat - tle is not done: Je -

rocks and trees, of skies and seas, his hand the won - ders wrought.
 sus who died shall be sat - is - fied, and earth and heaven be one.

When pastor of a Presbyterian church in Lockport, New York, the author of this text referred to his morning walks as "going out to see my Father's world." The tune created for these words is based on an English melody the composer learned from his mother when he was a boy.

TEXT: Maltbie D. Babcock, 1901
 MUSIC: Franklin L. Sheppard, 1915; harm. Edward Shippen Barnes, 1926, alt.

TERRA BEATA
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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

AUS DER TIEFE RUFE ICH
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A LENTEN PRAYER

*Holy One, whom alone we worship and serve,
your Word and Spirit sustain us in the wilderness.
Keep us faithful in times of struggle and testing
so that we may enter into your glorious realm
with Jesus Christ our Savior.*

*Matthew 4:1-11
PresbyterianMission.org*

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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.

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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EASTER FLOWERS



Now is the time to start thinking about decorating our Sanctuary for Easter - and everyone has a chance to share in it! The Worship and Music Committee encourages everyone to consider ordering a plant or plants to beautify the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday.

Easter flowers may be given in memory of a loved one, to honor a person, or to express appreciation for someone who has played a special part in your life or in the life of the church. Orders are also being accepted from those who just want to make our worship space beautiful for Easter and then take the plant home to enjoy!

The cost for each plant is \$9.00.

Please drop off or send the order form and payment to the Church office **by Sunday, March 10th**. Thank you for your participation! We look forward to seeing a beautiful display in the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday!

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Number of hyacinths (3 blooms) ordered (\$9.00 each) _____

Number of daffodils (6" pot) ordered (\$9.00 each) _____

Number of tulips (5 & 6 blooms) ordered (\$9.00 each) _____

TOTAL COST: _____

**All flowers need to be picked up after the
Easter service on Sunday, March 31st.**

Acknowledgement for bulletin:

Given by: _____

In memory of: _____

In honor of: _____

In appreciation for: _____