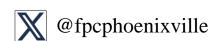


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This Sunday's worship service will be streamed live over the internet at 10:30 a.m. and will be available to the public. It will be broadcast on FPC's YouTube Channel - "FPC Phoenixville". The recorded version will be available for "anytime" viewing. https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCrmNs7JdvZNJpsNjs0Ds8vg

Morning Worship Transfiguration Sunday ♯ February 11, 2024 ‡ 10:30 a.m. ‡

Prelude: "Brewer's Trumpet" D.A. White

Welcome Rev. Doug Hagler

Passing the Peace

Announcements Sarah Shulman

Call to Worship (leader, people)

Terri Camilari

Psalm 50:1-6

- The mighty one, Adonai, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.
- Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.
- Our God comes and does not keep silence, before God is a devouring fire, and a mighty tempest all around.
- 4 God calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that the people may be judged:
- ⁵ "Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!"
- ⁶ The heavens declare God's righteousness, for God is judge.

* **Hymn #191:** "We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding" (see page 15)

(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 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

Terri Camilari

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: 2 Kings 2:1-12

Terri Camilari

Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ²Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. ³The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent."

⁴Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. ⁵The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent."

⁶Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. ⁷Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

⁹When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." ¹⁰He responded, "You have asked a hard

thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." ¹¹As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. ¹²Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

Reading: Mark 9:2-9

Terri Camilari

²Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁶He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" ⁸Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

⁹As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Sermon Rev. Doug Hagler

* **Hymn #190:** "Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory" (see page 16)

(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: "Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies" arr. H. Willan

* 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.

Elder: Jeff McLaughlin

* Prayer of Dedication

(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 #156: "Sing of God Made Manifest" (see page 17)

* **Benediction** Rev. Doug Hagler

Postlude: "Build Your Kingdom Here" Praise Team

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Joys:
- Concerns: The Grocki Family, Patrice Barnes, Stephanie Giebler

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. 14**th:Isaiah 58:1-12; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21 (Ash Wednesday)
- **Feb. 18**th:1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:9-15
- Feb. 25th: Romans 4:13-25; Mark 8:31-38

SOUPER BOWL 2024 - TODAY!: Food and monetary donations are being accepted today for the Souper Bowl of Caring. Proceeds support local hunger relief. Your generosity for this collection is "souper" helpful!

PUB THEOLOGY – TONIGHT!: Join Pastor Doug, fellow congregants, and community members at Pub Theology tonight. 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 at The Foodery, 325 Bridge St, Phoenixville.

ASH WEDNESDAY SOUP DINNER & WORSHIP SERVICE: This year we will be gathering 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 includes communion and the imposition of ashes. Join us for the meal at 6:00 PM and for worship starting at 7:00 PM. Soup cooks can volunteer using **SignUp Genius**. We also ask that attendees RSVP using SignUp Genius or call the main office at 610-933-8816. https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050F4AADA722A1FB6-ashwednesday

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: February dates for scrip orders are on **Mondays**, the **12th**, **and 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

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?"

GRANT WRITING UPDATE: The Grant Writing sub-committee of Church Growth will hold its next meeting on Friday, **February 16th**, at 10:00 AM in the main office. More team members are welcome to join. If you are interested in "Googling for Grants" and being a part of the grant writing process then please contact Kristin Craven at kristin.c.craven@gmail.com.

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.

GRATITUDE JOURNAL: You are invited to join Church Growth in a journey of gratitude. We will be reflecting on weekly prompts throughout the year and building up a regular practice of gratitude in our lives. In February, the theme is "Gratitude in Relationships." Watch for reminders and examples in The BEAT and on our Facebook page. Here is this week's prompt: *How do you show someone you love them?* 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!

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!

BOOKS THROUGH BARS: The next Books Through Bars volunteer trip is on Saturday, **February 17th**. Registration to volunteer is available via SignUp Genius -

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050F4AADA722A1FB6-47254630-books, 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.

MEN'S GROUP: 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: 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!

ST. MARY'S SHELTER MEALS – THANK YOU!: Thank you to all those who signed up and delivered dinner items for St. Mary's Shelter last week. Your efforts are appreciated!

ANNUAL MEETING WRAP-UP: FPC's Annual Meeting was well attended. Thank you to the Parish Life Committee for hosting lunch. Congratulations to our new slate of Nominating Committee At-Large members - Lew Osterhoudt, Sarah Pilotti, Bob Russell, and Becky Sinapius. FPC is a really special place to belong!

ANTHROPOLOGY & CRIMINAL JUSTICE: As part of its speaker series, Ursinus College will host Professor Harold Trulear of Howard University's School of Divinity. The event will be held in Bomberger Auditorium on Friday, February 16th, at 4:30 PM. His presentation is titled, "Theology of the Human: Theological Anthropology and Criminal Justice". He will discuss definitions of "the human" and "humanity" and how they relate to the question, "What does it mean to be created in the image of God?" Those interested in attending and continuing the conversation at a local restaurant afterward can contact Kristin Craven at kristin.c.craven@gmail.com.

PHOENIXVILLE WOMEN'S OUTREACH (PWO): Your input is requested! Each of the 4 rooms at PWO will be named after a notable woman of the world that will act as a torch-bearer for their participants who call The House home. Nominations for women (living or passed) who exemplify strength, courage, and perseverance are being accepted now through **February 14**th. Visit their website for more details and to enter a nominee - https://phxvillewomensoutreach.org/.

This Week in the Life of the Church

Sunday, February 11 (*Childcare available)

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING SUNDAY

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. Worship & Music Committee Meeting (Parlor)

Monday, February 12

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

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

7:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting (Zoom)

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

Tuesday, February 13

5:30 p.m. Parish Life Meeting (Luciano's Pizzeria, 112 W Ridge Pk, Royersford)

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

7:00 p.m. Personnel Committee Meeting (Zoom)

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

Wednesday, February 14

ASH WEDNESDAY

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

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

6:00 p.m. Soup Supper (Fellowship Hall)

7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Worship Service with communion and the imposition of ashes

(Childcare will not be available. Children are welcome to worship with their family.)

Thursday, February 15

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)

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

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

7:00 p.m. Christian Ed Committee Meeting (Zoom)

Friday, February 16

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

10:00 a.m. Grant Writing Sub-Committee Meeting (Main Office & Zoom)

11:00 a.m. Church Growth Committee Meeting (Main Office & Zoom)

Saturday, February 17

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

10:30 a.m. Books Through Bars (meet in the church parking lot)

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)

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 fellowship hall 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.

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Tuesdays: 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM Wednesdays: 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

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Fridays: by appointment

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Ken Brown

Jacqui Busch

George Cockerill

Karin Goodman

Cassy Gulden

Jill Kleppinger

Jeff McLaughlin

Eileen Naughton

Jeanie Osterhoudt

Adam Smith

Doug Walker

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Rebecca Barkley

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Jen Johnson

Gail Landazuri

Paulette Mark

Amy Mincavage

Lucinda Parrish

Mona Sabia

Gail Schnaedter

Lynne Williams

Bob Wittrock

We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding

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- 1 We have come at Christ's own bid ding to this high and 2 Light breaks through our clouds and shad-ows; splen-dor bathes the
- 3 Strength-ened by this glimpse of glo ry, fear ful lest our



ho ly place, where we wait with hope and long - ing flesh - joined Word; E - li - jah mar - vel Mo - ses and de - cline, we like Pe - ter find it tempt-ing



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Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

Through this Transfiguration hymn runs an implicit comparison between the attitudes and assumptions of the three disciples on that mountain and the expectations of present-day Christians as they gather for worship. This event is reported in Matthew $17:1-9/Mark\ 9:2-9/Luke\ 9:28-36$.

190 Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory



The first two stanzas of this 20th-century Transfiguration hymn guide singers through a contemplation of the disciples' experience of that event. The final stanza becomes a corporate prayer for enlightenment and for a renewed sense of commitment to doing God's will.

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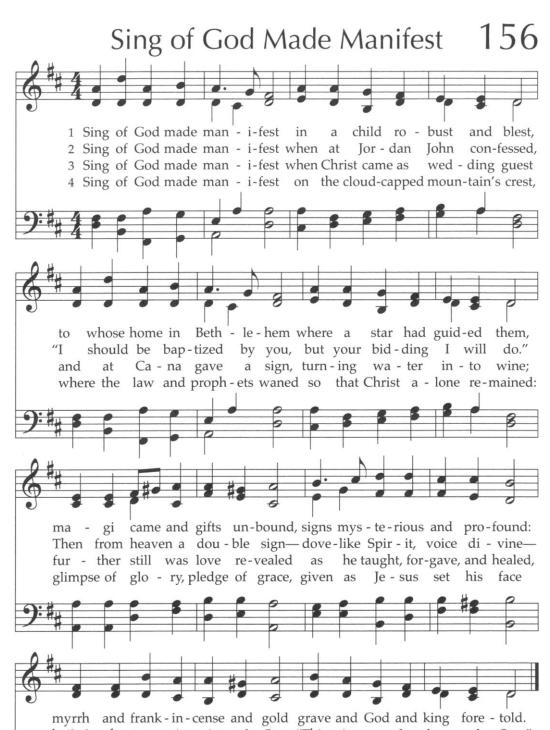
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hailed the true A-noint-ed One: "This is my be-lov-ed Son." bring - ing light and life to all who would lis-ten to God's call. towards the wait-ing cross and grave, sign of hope that God would save.



"Epiphany" means "manifestation" or "showing forth," and this text cites key disclosures of Jesus as Messiah: the coming of the Magi, his baptism by John the Baptist, the wedding at Cana. All are summed up in the Transfiguration, recalled on the Last Sunday after the Epiphany.

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 <u>order form and payment</u> 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)
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In appreciation for: _	

EASTER FLOWERS AND THEIR MEANINGS

Easter symbolizes a time of rebirth. It commemorates Jesus' rebirth and it's a celebration of spring, the rebirth of nature.

Hyacinths are a lovely spring perennial plant symbolizing a fresh start and hope. Each flower color has a unique fragrance, and the scents are used extensively in perfumes.

Daffodils are often linked to new beginnings since they are one of the first flowers to bloom at the end of winter. They symbolize creativity, energy, resilience, forgiveness and vitality.

Tulips are the world's third most popular flower. In addition to love, they represent abundance, prosperity, indulgence, charity and supporting the less fortunate.

