

# YOUR FPC: PHOENIXVILLE

**Welcome to...**

## The BEAT

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

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

#### **Wednesday, February 21**

11:30 a.m. Music Ministry (Sanctuary)  
12:30 p.m. Rock the Boat Rehearsal (Sanctuary)  
12:30 p.m. Church Growth Committee Meeting (Panera, Collegeville)  
2:00 p.m. Trumpet Rehearsal (Sanctuary)  
7:30 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal

#### **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 with Rev. Doug Hagler - onsite with childcare and online - [FPC YouTube Channel](#)

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)

### **Monday, February 26**

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

12:30 p.m. Safety Committee Meeting (Zoom)

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

7:00 p.m. Queer Circle (Zoom)

### **Tuesday, February 27**

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

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

### **Wednesday, February 28**

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

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

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

7:30 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal

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## FEATURED EVENT

### QUEER CIRCLE

The next Zoom gathering for the Queer Circle will be this 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.

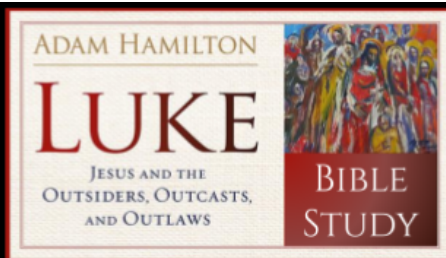
Meeting Link - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85778319381>

Click on the Zoom link or call 1-929-205-6099 | Meeting ID: 857 7831 9381



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## THIS SUNDAY



## SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT, FEBRUARY 25TH



**ADULT BIBLE STUDY:** The Adult Bible Study Group has started a review of the Gospel of Luke for Lent. The book being used to guide the study is *Luke: Jesus and the Outsiders, Outcasts, and Outlaws*, by Adam Hamilton. This Lenten series is by Zoom at 8:30 AM on Sunday mornings. It will run through Palm Sunday (no class on Easter). Please contact [Sue Casey](#) for more details.

**WORSHIP SERVICE with Childcare:** Join fellow congregants in-person or online this Sunday for the 10:30 AM service with Rev. Doug Hagler. If watching from home, visit our [YouTube Channel](#) for the livestream video and follow along with the bulletin found here - <https://fpcphoenixville.org/publications/bulletins/>

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Learning takes place during the worship service. Students will process out of the sanctuary after the Children's Sermon to the upstairs classrooms. Sessions will conclude when the worship service ends. For more information and/or to express interest in volunteering, please contact Jeff McLaughlin at church or email him at [fpcchildrenandyouth@gmail.com](mailto:fpcchildrenandyouth@gmail.com). Thanks!

**CONFIRMATION CLASS:** FPC's young disciples will have a Confirmation class this Sunday, February 25th, 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:** Zoom with the Antiracism Book Club when they meet this Sunday, February 25th. Discussion will focus on 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!

Meeting Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82965389092>

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



# NOTABLES



**SPECIAL OFFERINGS**  
ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Offerings will be received throughout Lent,  
with a special dedication on April 7th.  
Thank you!

**"One Great Hour of Sharing"** (OGHS) is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to help neighbors in need around the world. This offering provides relief to those affected by natural disasters, food scarcity, injustice, and oppression. **This Lent**, you are invited to give generously for these causes. Envelopes are in your offering boxes, in the narthex and church office. You may also send a check with **OGHS** noted as the memo. Offerings will be received throughout Lent with a special dedication on the Sunday after Easter, April 7th. Together we can once again help change the lives of many. Than you for your life changing offering!



**PANTRY**

**March**  
**FPC Food Drive**

During the month of **March**, FPC will be restocking the **Phoenixville Area Community Services** (PACS) pantry shelves. Nonperishable staples will be collected for those in Phoenixville facing difficult times. Visit the PACS website for a list of specific items needed - <https://www.pacsphx.org/donate-goods>. Plan now and consider using scrip cards to purchase your donations.

**SHOP or donate**



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**March** dates for **Scrip Orders** are on **Mondays**, the **11th**, and **25th**. To place an order, please call or text Lynne Williams at 610-955- 4749 (cell), or send an email to [brettdrew@comcast.net](mailto: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



**Lenten Devotional**

If you would like some guidance for prayer and reflection during the upcoming Lenten season, then visit the [Pittsburgh Theological Seminary's website](https://www.pittsburghtheologicalseminary.org) to download a copy of the **2024 Lenten Devotional** or pick up a hard copy in the main office.

Take the

**SURVEY**

**MAC**

**POINT**  
**CLICK**  
**SUBMIT**

**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



**Easter Flowers**

**Easter flowers** are a nice way to honor someone dear, remember a loved one, or to simply give thanks. Hyacinth, tulip, and daffodil plants can be ordered through church **by March 10th** for **\$9.00 each**. Purchased flowers will decorate the sanctuary on

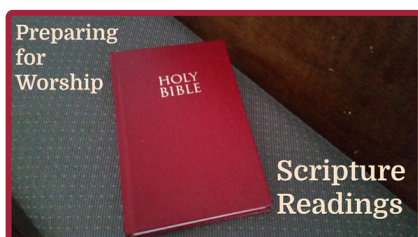
Audio links are also provided on the download page for your convenience.

complete this survey by Thursday, **February 29th** - <https://bit.ly/MAC2024Survey>. The MAC Committee values your input! Thank you!

Easter Sunday and be available to take home after the 10:30 AM worship service. Please use the order form in Sunday's bulletin or visit <https://bit.ly/easterflowers2024>.



**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?"

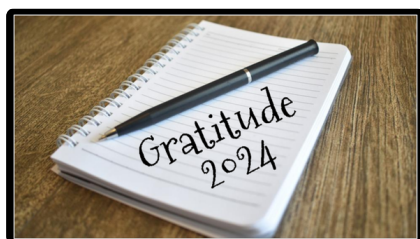


Prepare for Sunday's worship service by [clicking here](#) for the readings.

**Romans 4:13-25**  
and  
**Mark 8:31-38**



**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. This money will help support our church, Donegal Presbytery, Synod of the Trinity, and the Presbyterian Church USA.



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



At **4:00 PM** on Sunday, **February 25th, St. John's Lutheran Church** (355 St. John's Circle, Phoenixville) will hold a concert by **"Doppelflöte"** – a flute and organ program that is not just heard but experienced. Since 1998, Melissa Freilich, flute, and



Our prayer angels are ready to help and support you or loved ones. Please email **Prayer Chain** requests to [fpcprayerchain2@gmail.com](mailto:fpcprayerchain2@gmail.com). Offers to be a prayer angel can be emailed to the same address, or call the main office at 610-933-8816.

share during worship with a  
Minute for Gratitude!

Vincent M. Ryan, organ, have performed together in numerous communities in the Philadelphia region. In 2022, they made their international debut in both the Castle Church and Town Church of Wittenberg, Germany. Being teachers-at-heart, Melissa and Vince love to connect with their audience. Come hear different flutes played and witness the building of a real pipe organ to be played during the concert. There is no admission charge however a freewill offering will be received. For more information on the program, please visit [OrgelkidsUSA.org](http://OrgelkidsUSA.org).

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A **Coming Home Celebration** for **Vivian Sedlacek** will be held in the sanctuary this **Saturday morning, March 2nd**. The time is to be determined.

*"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am." - John 14:1-3*

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## FPC Snapshots





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## Sunday's Sermon

<https://youtu.be/DChxvwhEEd0>





# Happy Birthday

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

**Feb. 1:** Joan Hicks

**Feb. 2:** Ellen Carlino

**Feb. 3:** Barbara Kepler,  
Marilynn Morabito

**Feb. 8:** Barbara Small

**Feb. 9:** Rich Barkley,  
Alex Drummond

**Feb. 14:** Rebecca Barkley  
Jessica Murphy,  
Sarah Shulman

**Feb. 18:** Jodi Bergman,  
Cara Lewis

**Feb. 20:** Lucinda Parrish

**Feb. 22:** Sue Carbutt,  
Cheryl Messere

**Feb. 24:** Mona Sabia

**Feb. 25:** Hermann Ball

**Feb. 26:** Carolyn Stone

**Feb. 27:** Rob Drummond,  
Janet Ferguson



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