

Lent



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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.

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Morning Worship The Third Sunday in Lent ☐ March 3, 2024 ☐ 10:30 a.m. ☐

Prelude: "Cornerstone" by Hillsong Worship

Praise Team

Welcome Rev. Doug Hagler

Passing the Peace

Announcements Sarah Shulman

Call to Worship (unison)

Jacqui Busch

From the Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in Jesus Christ,
Fully human, fully God.
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor
and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed
and blessing the children,
healing the sick
and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts,
forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

* **Hymn #225:** "Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle" (see page 20)

(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

Jacqui Busch

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 Corinthians 1:18-25

Jacqui Busch

¹⁸For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written,

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Reading: John 2:13-22

Jacqui Busch

¹³The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. ¹⁵Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of

here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" ¹⁷His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." ¹⁸The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" ¹⁹Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." ²⁰The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" ²¹But he was speaking of the temple of his body. ²²After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

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

Sermon Rev. Doug Hagler

* **Hymn #5:** "God the Sculptor of the Mountains" (see page 21)

(Please be seated.)

Communion: Invitation to the Lord's Table

This is the joyful feast of the people of God! People will come from north and from south and from east and from west to sit at the table in the kingdom of God.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And also with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Catherine of Siena (1347-1380)

Power of the eternal Parent,
help me.
Wisdom of the Son,
enlighten the eye of my understanding.
Tender mercy of the Holy Spirit,
unite my heart to yourself.
Eternal God,
restore health to the sick
and life to the dead.
Give us a voice, your own voice,
to cry out to you for mercy for the world.
You, light, give us light.
You, wisdom, give us wisdom.
You, supreme strength, strengthen us.

You, eternal Parent, are the table that offers us food the Lamb, your only-begotten Son. He is the most exquisite of foods for us, both in his teaching, which nourishes us in your will, and in the sacrament that we receive in holy communion, which feeds and strengthens us. And the Holy Spirit indeed waits on us, and serves us charity for our neighbors.

Words of Institution

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: "Give Me Jesus" arr. L. Fleming

* 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: Cassy Gulden

(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 #157: "I Danced in the Morning" (see pages 22 & 23)

* **Benediction** Rev. Doug Hagler

Postlude: "Simple Gifts" arr. S. Pethel

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:

Mar. 10th: Numbers 21:4-9; John 3:14-21

Mar. 17th: Jeremiah 31:31-34; John 12:20-33

MAXSOLD AUCTION: People to People have a MaxSold auction up and running now through Wednesday, March 6th. Pick up will be on Saturday, March 9th, from 10:45 AM - 12:45. PM. Check out all the items from Phillies gear, jewelry, keyboard, toys, glassware and much, much more! Place bids now at https://bit.ly/P2PFebMarAuction or scan the QR code. Thank you for your support to raise funds for the People to People ministry.

EASTER FLOWERS: Reminder—Easter flower orders are due by **March 10th.** Please use the order form on the back page or access it online at https://bit.ly/easterflowers2024.

GRATITUDE JOURNAL: The journaling prompt for the **month of March** is, "How do you show kindness to yourself?" 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!

GARAGE SALE: Saturday, **March 23rd**, will be the next Garage Sale for People to People. Help is always needed prior to and the day of the sale. Help is needed:

Wed 3/20 at 12:30 to set up tables

Wed 3/20 at 5 - 7 PM to bring out items

Thurs 3/21 from 9 AM - 12 to arrange clothing & items

Fri 3/22 from 9 AM - 12 to finish set up

Sat 3/23 from 7:45 AM - 1 PM for sale

Sat 3/23 from 12:30 -2 PM for clean up

Please bring in donations no later than Thursday, March 14th, so they can be sorted and the set up can begin the next week. Please contact Sandy Heidel at csheidel@verizon.net if you can help, even for an hour. This is a great support for the People to People ministry of our church. Much appreciated!

SCRIP GIFT CARDS: 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. 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*

EASING FOOD INSECURITY: During the **month of March**, FPC will be collecting food and money for the Phoenixville Area Community Services (PACS). Their mission is to be the lead resource for food insecurity in our community. Food donation boxes are positioned throughout the church. Monetary donations can be dropped off in the church office or during a Sunday service. See page 17 or visit the PACS website for a list of specific items needed - https://www.pacsphx.org/donate-goods. Consider using scrip cards to purchase your donations and create a win-win for PACS and FPC!

LETTER WRITING: To Kids and Adults, there will be a Bread for the World Letter-Writing event on Sunday, March 10th, to advocate for the passage of the Farm Bill. Since Congress failed to reauthorize the Farm Bill in 2023, we will be reminding government leaders of our support of this legislation, which includes funding for SNAP (formerly Food Stamps), a new fresh fruits and vegetables initiative, and other nutrition-related programs. Please plan on staying after the worship service on the 10th. Adults and older children will write letters, and our youngest advocates can draw and color pictures to be included with the mailings. If you wish to write letters on your own, see pages 19 and 20 for some background information and a sample letter. Please plan to bring your letters to church on Sunday, March 17 (or deliver them to the office beforehand), when we will bless and dedicate our Offering of Letters.

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL: The Pittsburgh Theological Seminary's Lenten Devotional offers guidance for prayers and reflection this season. 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 available on the webpage for your convenience.

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. Thank you for your life changing offering!

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN: Last May, we kicked off a Capital Campaign with the purpose of funding repairs to the sanctuary and roof. These repairs were necessary for us to safely return to worship together in the

sanctuary. We appreciate all who have already donated and pledged. To date, more than 40% of our goal of \$160,000 has been donated. Every contribution helps secure the financial security and the future of First Presbyterian Church. If you have not yet pledged to this campaign, we ask that you prayerfully consider doing so in the coming weeks and months. It is not too late. This effort will continue through the month of May. Pledge cards and envelopes are located in the narthex and the church office. We thank you for your continued support and commitment to our church. The Stewardship Committee

PEN-PAL OPPORTUNITY: After receiving responses from our holiday card-writing campaign to incarcerated individuals, we would like to start a pen-pal group. If you are interested in or would like more information on being a Pen Pal, please contact Kristin Craven at kristin.c.craven@gmail.com.

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 Sunday, March 31st - https://bit.ly/MAC2024Survey. The MAC Committee values your input! Thank you!

TEXTILE RECYLING: Now through April 30th, Schuylkill Township is running a recycling program for jeans and socks. The Township is partnering with TerraCycle through their GoldToe Socks Recycling Program and Zappos for Good collaboration with Cotton's Blue Jeans Go Green program. Our People to People clothing sorters have started bagging some items already. Please check your clothing drawers and closets for jeans and socks to bring to church to donate. Your used items can be any color and, in any condition so long as they are clean. Barbie Kepler will deliver the donations to the Schuylkill Township drop-off location. Please let her know if you have any questions about this recycling effort by emailing bkepler@aol.com.

SPEAKER SERIES: As part of its speaker series, Ursinus College will host Professor Jeffrey Kopstein, Director of the Center for Jewish Studies at the University of California, Irvine. The event will be held in Pfahler Auditorium on Tuesday, March 12th, at 7:00 PM. In his research, Professor Kopstein focuses on interethnic violence, voting patterns of minorities, antisemitism, and anti-liberal tendencies in civil society, especially those relating to European and Russian Jewish history. If you are interested in attending and continuing the conversation at a local restaurant afterward, please contact Kristin Craven at kristin.c.craven@gmail.com.

JOB OPPORTUNITY: St Mary's Franciscan Shelter for homeless families is seeking a live-in house manager to oversee the shelter's operation Monday–Friday from 9:30 PM – 9:00 AM (includes sleep time, room and board, and a stipend). Holiday and additional hours might also be available. If you want to serve families facing homelessness and are willing to engage in the shelter's life, please contact Elsa Haile at 610-933-3097 or check Indeed.com. A complete job description is available upon request by emailing smfs@stmarysfs.org. To learn more about their mission, please visit https://stmarysfs.org/.

This Week in the Life of the Church

Sunday, March 3 (*Childcare available)

MaxSold Auction—https://bit.ly/P2PFebMarAuction

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

10:30 a.m. *WORSHIP with communion – 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 (Zoom)

Monday, March 4

MaxSold Auction—https://bit.ly/P2PFebMarAuction

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

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

Tuesday, March 5

MaxSold Auction—https://bit.ly/P2PFebMarAuction

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

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

Wednesday, March 6

MaxSold Auction—https://bit.ly/P2PFebMarAuction

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

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

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

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

Thursday, March 7

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, March 8

No events scheduled.

Saturday, March 9

10:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m. Auction Pick-Up (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, March 10 (*Childcare available)

Orders for Easter Flowers are due.

8:00 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 (Library)

12:00 p.m. Letter-Writing Event (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 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.

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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PACS HOT LIST:

(AS OF 2/19/2024)

PLEASE NO GLASS CONTAINERS OR OPENED/EXPIRED FOODS. THANK YOU!

<u>Food</u>	<u>Baby Items</u>
Olive Oil	Diapers (size 4, 5, & 6)
Condiments (ex., ketchup, mayonnaise)	Baby wash
Shelf-stable non-dairy milk (ex., almond, oat, soy)	Baby lotion
Sugar (2 lb. bag)	
Flour (2 lb. bag)	Cleaning products:
Salad Dressing	Paper towels
Canned pasta (ex., Chef Boyardee, Spaghetti-O's)	Tissues
Jelly (grape & strawberry)	Hand soap
Spices (salt & pepper sets, garlic powder, Adobo,	Cleaning supplies
basil, onion powder, oregano, cumin, parsley, black pepper, paprika, chili powder, mustard powder &	Bleach (64 oz)
garlic salt	Laundry detergent (less than 1.5 gallons)
Pancake Syrup	
Bottled Water	<u>Toiletries:</u>
Grits	Shampoo
Masa	Deodorant (men & women's)
Granola Bars	Toothpaste
Baking mixes (ex., brownies, cake, muffins) and icing	Body wash (men & women's)
Spam	
Snacks (ex., potato chips, tortilla chips, goldfish,	Pet items:
peanut crackers, cheese crackers, cookies, poptarts, mini muffins, trail mix, & popcorn)	Cat Litter
Canned fruit (ex., pears, peaches, & oranges)	
Canned tuna	2 1 2 0
Canned Salmon	4
Juice Boxes	



Sample Letter to Congress: Farm Bill

[Your Name] [Your Address] [City, State ZIP] [Date]

Representative	_ Senator	
U.S. House of Representatives	U.S. Senate	
Washington, DC 20515	Washington, DC 20510	
Dear Representative	, Dear Senator	,

The Farm Bill is our nation's most important national food system legislation. It is critical to the work of ending hunger at home and abroad. Indeed, the farm bill impacts each one of us.

As Congress works to renew our food and farm programs through the Farm Bill, I urge you to support legislation that builds healthy, equitable, and sustainable food systems.

Specifically, I ask you to:

- Protect SNAP from funding cuts and further restrictions.
- Increase funding for fresh produce within SNAP benefits through the Gus Schumacher Nutrition Incentive Program (GusNIP).
- Reauthorize the Food for Peace global nutrition program at no less than its current level of \$2.5 billion annually and allow additional flexibility to provide the most effective form of assistance in each local context.

[Add a personal experience related to hunger (on behalf of an acquaintance or yourself) or a sentence or two about why the Farm Bill is important to you as a person of faith.]

Sincerely,

[Your Signature]

Congressional and Senate Representatives

Representatives

These are the Representatives for most of us in the First Presbyterian Church community. You can check here to confirm your Congressional district and Representative:

https://ziplook.house.gov/htbin/findrep house?ZIP=19460

4th – Madeleine Dean 6th – Chrissy Houlahan U. S. House of Representatives U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515 Washington, DC 20515

Senators

All Pennsylvanians are represented by the following two Senators.

Senator Bob Casey Senator John Fetterman

U. S. Senate U.S. Senate

Washington, DC 20510 Washington, DC 20510

Handwritten letters are the most effective, but you can also send emails to Congress by going here: https://go.bread.org/page/62469/action/1



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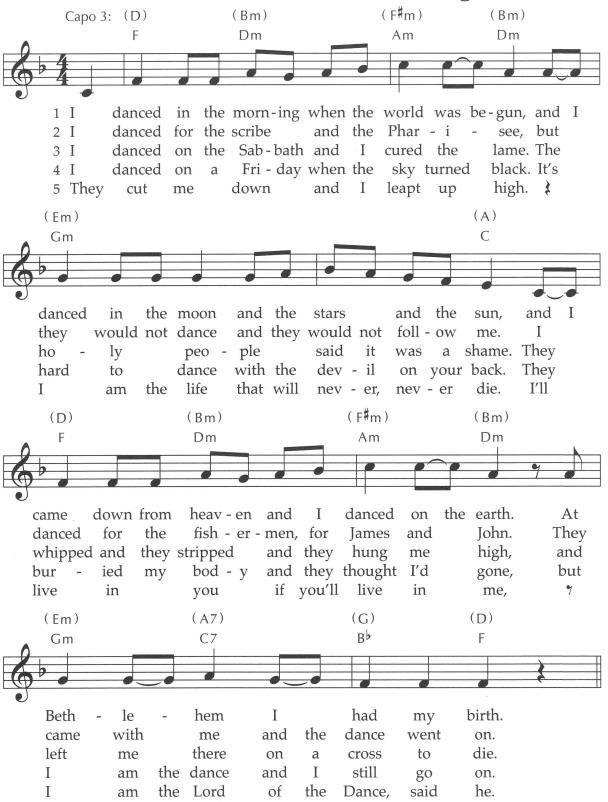


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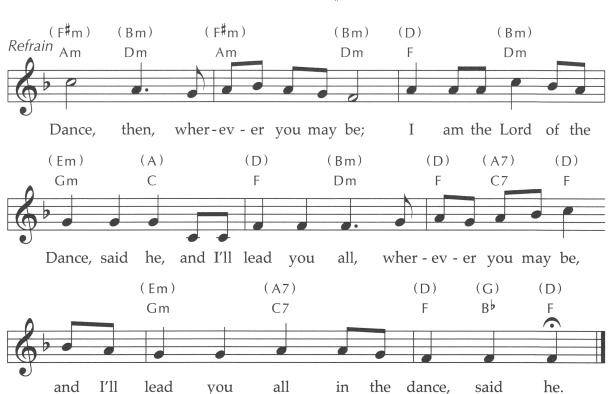
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In This World – Lenten Prayer

Based on John 2:13-22

Lord God, in this world where goodness and evil continue to clash with each other, instill in us, and in all your people, discernment to see what is right, faith to believe what is right, and courage to do what is right. Keep us aware of the subtlety of sin, and preserve us, body, mind and soul, through the power of your Holy Spirit. AMEN.

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 bloom	as) ordered (\$9.00 each)
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Number of tulips (5 & 6 bloom	ns) ordered (\$9.00 each)
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