



# 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.  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCrmNs7JdvZNJpsNjs0Ds8vg>

**Morning Worship**  
**The Fourth Sunday in Lent**  
‡ March 10, 2024 ‡ 10:30 a.m. ‡

**Prelude:** *"Clarion Call"*

by Michael W. Joy  
Merry Ringers Bell Choir

**Welcome**

Rev. Doug Hagler

**Passing the Peace**

**Announcements**

Sarah Shulman

**Call to Worship (leader, people)**

Terri Camilari

Blest are you, Lord Jesus who came to us a little child one of us,  
flesh and blood, to share in our humanity

**For God so loved the world**  
**That all might have eternal life.**

Blest are you, Lord Jesus who came to us as carpenter  
and yet in whose creative hands a world was fashioned

**For God so loved the world**  
**That all might have eternal life.**

Blest are you, Lord Jesus who came to us as teacher  
and opened eyes to truths that only the oppressed could understand

**For God so loved the world**  
**That all might have eternal life.**

Blest are you, Lord Jesus who came to us as healer  
and opened hearts to the reality of wholeness  
**For God so loved the world**  
**That all might have eternal life.**

Blest are you, Lord Jesus who came to us as servant  
and revealed to us the extent of his Father's love for humankind  
**For God so loved the world**  
**That all might have eternal life.**

\* **Hymn #346:** “For the Healing of the Nations” *(see page 17)*

*(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**

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: Numbers 21:4-9**

Terri Camilari

<sup>4</sup>From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. <sup>5</sup>The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." <sup>6</sup>Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. <sup>7</sup>The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. <sup>8</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." <sup>9</sup>So Moses made a

serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

**Reading: John 3:14-21**

Terri Camilari

<sup>14</sup>“And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup>“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

<sup>17</sup>“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. <sup>18</sup>Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. <sup>19</sup>And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. <sup>20</sup>For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. <sup>21</sup>But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**Sermon**

Rev. Doug Hagler

**\* Hymn #224:** “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” *(see page 18)*

*(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:** “*Wondrous Love*”

arr. Mark Hayes

**\* 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: Adam Smith

*(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 #792:** “There Is a Balm in Gilead”

*(see page 19)*

**\* Benediction**

Rev. Doug Hagler

**Postlude:** “*Thank You Lord*”

by Dennis Jernigan  
Praise Team

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**PRAYER REQUESTS:**

**Joys:**

**Concerns:** Family and friends of David (Randy Schrack's brother);  
Lynn Schmitt

**PRAYER CHAIN:** Please send any prayer needs to the new email address, [fpcprayerchain2@gmail.com](mailto: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. 17<sup>th</sup>:** Jeremiah 31:31-34; John 12:20-33

**Mar. 24<sup>th</sup> (Palm/Passion Sunday):**

- Mark 11:1-11
- Mark 14:1-2, 10-11, 17-25
- Mark 14:32-50; 15:1-4, 16-24; 33-47

**EASTER FLOWERS—TODAY!:** Last call! Easter flower orders are due **today**, March 10th. If interested, please use the bulletin insert to place an order. The form and payment can be left on the desk in the main office. Thank you.

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR—TODAY!:** The newly formed Children's Choir will have a rehearsal **today**, March 10th. FPC youthful singers, please report to the choir room after worship.

**LETTER-WRITING—TODAY!:** To Kids and Adults, there will be a Bread for the World Letter-Writing event **today**, March 10th, in the Parlor after the worship service. We will be advocating for the passage of the Farm Bill and reminding government leaders to support this legislation, which includes funding for SNAP (formerly Food Stamps), a new fresh fruits and vegetables initiative, and other nutrition-related programs. 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, some background information and a sample letter are in today's bulletin. Please plan to bring your letters to church next Sunday, the 17th, (or deliver them to the office beforehand), when we will bless and dedicate our Offering of Letters.

**PUB THEOLOGY—TONIGHT!:** The next Pub Theology gathering will be **tonight**, March 10th, at 7:00 PM at The Foodery (325 Bridge St, Phoenixville). Join Pastor Doug in a discussion of theological topics and current events over food and drinks. Listen, chat, and hash things out... it's fun and thought-provoking

**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](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*

**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](mailto: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!

**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!



**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 18 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!

**BOOKS THROUGH BARS:** The next Books Through Bars volunteer trip will be Saturday, **March 16th**. 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, **March 17th**. Join Pastor Doug and the Men's Group for a lunch outing!

**WOMEN'S CIRCLE:** The next gathering for FPC's Women's Circle will be on Sunday, **March 17th**, at 12:00 PM in the Parlor. 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!

**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](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.

**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!

**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 (see today's insert). 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](mailto:kristin.c.craven@gmail.com).

**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](mailto: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 this 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](mailto: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](mailto:smfs@stmarysfs.org). To learn more about their mission, please visit <https://stmarysfs.org/>.

## **HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE:**

### **Palm/Passion Sunday—Communion Worship Service**

March 24th at 10:30 am

### **Maundy Thursday—Prayer Service**

March 28th at 7:30 pm

### **Easter Sunday—Worship Service & Egg Hunt**

March 31st at 10:30 am

### **Egg Hunt - Church Lawn after the service**

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## **This Week in the Life of the Church**

### **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. Bread for the World Letter-Writing Event (Parlor)

12:00 p.m. Worship & Music Committee Meeting (Library)

12:00 p.m. Children's Choir (Choir Room)

### **Monday, March 11**

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

12:30 p.m. Staff Meeting (Zoom)

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

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

## **Tuesday, March 12**

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

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

7:00 p.m. Personnel Committee Meeting

## **Wednesday, March 13**

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 14**

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

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

2:00 p.m. MAC Committee Meeting (Zoom)

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

7:00 p.m. Compassionate Friends (Parlor)

## **Friday, March 15**

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, March 16**

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

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

## **Sunday, March 17** (*\*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. Children's Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

12:00 p.m. Men's Group (meet in the Main Office)

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 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.

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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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# PACS HOT LIST:

(AS OF 2/19/2024)

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

## Food

- ☐ Olive Oil
- ☐ Condiments (ex., ketchup, mayonnaise)
- ☐ Shelf-stable non-dairy milk (ex., almond, oat, soy)
- ☐ Sugar (2 lb. bag)
- ☐ Flour (2 lb. bag)
- ☐ Salad Dressing
- ☐ Canned pasta (ex., Chef Boyardee, Spaghetti-O's)
- ☐ Jelly (grape & strawberry)
- Spices (salt & pepper sets, garlic powder, Adobo, basil, onion powder, oregano, cumin, parsley, black pepper, paprika, chili powder, mustard powder & garlic salt)
- ☐ Pancake Syrup
- ☐ Bottled Water
- ☐ Grits
- ☐ Masa
- ☐ Granola Bars
- ☐ Baking mixes (ex., brownies, cake, muffins) and icing
- ☐ Spam
- ☐ Snacks (ex., potato chips, tortilla chips, goldfish, peanut crackers, cheese crackers, cookies, poptarts, mini muffins, trail mix, & popcorn)
- ☐ Canned fruit (ex., pears, peaches, & oranges)
- ☐ Canned tuna
- ☐ Canned Salmon
- ☐ Juice Boxes

## Baby Items

- ☐ Diapers (size 4, 5, & 6)
- ☐ Baby wash
- ☐ Baby lotion

## Cleaning products:

- ☐ Paper towels
- ☐ Tissues
- ☐ Hand soap
- ☐ Cleaning supplies
- ☐ Bleach (64 oz)
- ☐ Laundry detergent (less than 1.5 gallons)

## Toiletries:

- ☐ Shampoo
- ☐ Deodorant (men & women's)
- ☐ Toothpaste
- Body wash (men & women's)

## Pet items:

- ☐ Cat Litter





## 346 For the Healing of the Nations

1 For the heal - ing of the na - tions, Lord, we pray with  
 2 Lead us for - ward in - to free - dom; from de - spair your  
 3 All that kills a - bun - dant liv - ing, let it from the  
 4 You, Cre - a - tor God, have writ - ten your great name on

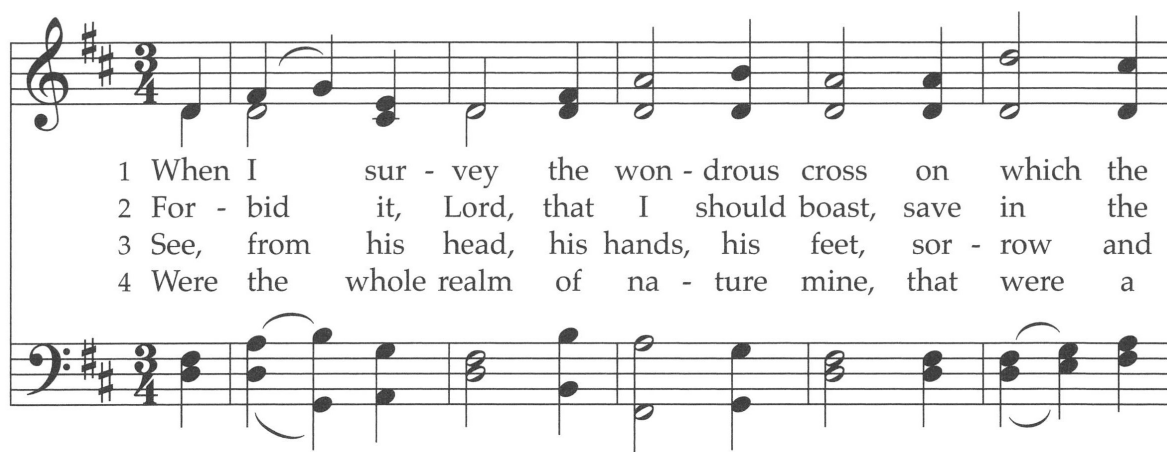
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 hu - man - kind; for our grow - ing in your like - ness,

of the things that earth af - fords; to a life of  
 all may come and go in peace. Show us how through  
 dog - mas that ob - scure your plan. In our com - mon  
 bring the life of Christ to mind, that by our re -

love in ac - tion help us rise and pledge our word.  
 care and good - ness fear will die and hope in - crease.  
 quest for jus - tice may we hal - low life's brief span.  
 sponse and ser - vice earth its des - ti - ny may find.

The first line of this text quotes the declared purpose of the leaves of the tree of life growing beside the river of life in the heavenly Jerusalem (Revelation 22:2). The hymn continues by identifying some of the many ways we are called to share with God in this healing work.

# 224 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the  
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the  
3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and  
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a



Prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I  
death of Christ my God; all the vain things that  
love flow min - gled down; did e'er such love and  
pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,



count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.  
sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?  
so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

TEXT: Isaac Watts, 1707  
MUSIC: *Second Supplement to Psalms in Miniature*, 1783; harm. Edward Miller, 1790

ROCKINGHAM  
LM  
(alternate tune: HAMBURG, 223)

# There Is a Balm in Gilead 792

*Refrain*

There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed whole;

*Fine*

there is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul.

1 Some-times I feel dis-cour-aged, and think my work's in vain, but  
 2 Don't ev - er feel dis-cour-aged, for Je-sus is your friend, and  
 3 If you can-not preach like Pe - ter, if you can-not pray like Paul, you can

*to Refrain*

then the Ho-ly Spir - it re-vives my soul a - gain. There is a  
 if you lack for knowl-edge, he'll not re-fuse to lend. There is a  
 tell the love of Je - sus and say, "He died for all." There is a

This African American spiritual offers a long-delayed answer to the prophet Jeremiah's question, "Is there no balm in Gilead?" (Jeremiah 8:22). No earthly remedy can compare with the healing that comes from a sense of God's presence; nothing else can heal "the sin-sick soul."

TEXT: African American spiritual  
 MUSIC: African American spiritual; arr. Melva Wilson Costen, 1989, alt.  
 Music Arr. © 1990 Melva Wilson Costen

BALM IN GILEAD  
 7.6.7.6 with refrain

# 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 31<sup>st</sup>.**

## Acknowledgement for bulletin:

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

In appreciation for: \_\_\_\_\_



## 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]

*See the next page for more details.*

## 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](https://ziplook.house.gov/htbin/findrep_house?ZIP=19460)

4th – Madeleine Dean                      6<sup>th</sup> – 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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## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

**Mar. 1:** Jeanie Osterhoudt  
**Mar. 2:** Joshua Carlino,  
 Olivia Drummond  
**Mar. 4:** Adam Deveney, Pam Hagler  
**Mar. 7:** Ayden Mandrusiak  
**Mar. 11:** Sandy Heidel  
**Mar. 14:** Chris Roussey  
**Mar. 15:** Holly Kennedy,  
 Sandra Parrish

**Mar. 16:** Fenner Gulden  
**Mar. 17:** Nancy Cockerill,  
 Mark Morabito  
**Mar. 18:** Lew Osterhoudt  
**Mar. 20:** Amelia Mincavage,  
 Luke Walker  
**Mar. 26:** Alexander Pehlman,  
 Adam Smith  
**Mar. 30:** Michael Morabito