

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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Prelude: Prelude on "Rhosymedre" R. Vaughan Williams

Welcome Rev. Doug Hagler

Passing the Peace

Amen.

Announcements Sarah Shulman

Minute for Mission Stewardship Committee

Karin Goodman

Call to Worship (leader, people)

Thomas a Kempis (1380-1471)

Write your blessed name name, O Lord, upon my heart, there to remain so indelibly engraven, that no prosperity, no adversity, shall ever move me from your love.

Be to me a strong tower of defense, a comforter in tribulation, a deliverer in distress, a very present help in trouble, and a guide to heaven through the many temptations and dangers of this life.

* Hymn #692: "Spirit, Open My Heart"

(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

Karin Goodman

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: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Karin Goodman

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt — a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Reading: John 12:20-33

Karin Goodman

²⁰Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. ²¹They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." ²²Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

²⁷"Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say — 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." ²⁹The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." ³⁰Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. ³¹Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." ³³He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

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

Sermon Rev. Doug Hagler

* **Hymn** #771: "What Is the World Like" (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: "O That Bleeding Lamb" U. Smith Moore

* 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

(Please be seated.)

Litany of Dedication for Offering of Letters

"Speak out for the rights of all who are destitute. Defend the rights of the poor and needy." (Proverbs 31:8-9)

Elder: Karin Goodman

Leader: Lord Jesus, you became human to inspire us to walk in your light. Lead us on the path to your justice and righteousness, as we advocate for better nutrition and a better tomorrow.

People: Lord, in your mercy, receive our prayer.

Leader: Christ Jesus, you save the world from sin and liberate the oppressed. Forgive us for the unjust policies that prevent all people from living into your calling on their lives.

People: Christ, in your mercy, receive our prayer.

Leader: Lord Jesus, you are the Bread of Life. Empower us, by your grace, to be bread for the world as we participate in the urgency of your mission to end hunger and malnutrition.

People: Lord, in your mercy, receive our prayer.

Leader: Christ Jesus, you call us beyond ourselves to love others as our neighbor. Unite people of faith, people of good will, and all elected officials as one body committed to the common cause of global nutrition so that all your beloved children have the chance to not only survive, but also thrive

People: Christ, in your mercy, receive our prayer.

Leader: Lord Jesus, you sustain our advocacy with the power of the Holy Spirit. Inspire and equip Congress through our Offering of Letters with the political will to increase our nation's commitment and funding for global nutrition.

People: Lord, in your mercy, receive our prayer. Amen.

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 #767: "Together We Serve" (see page 19)

* **Benediction** Rev. Doug Hagler

Postlude: "Build My Life" by Pat Barrett
Praise Team

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. 24th (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

Mar. 31st (Easter Sunday): Acts 10:34-43; Mark 16:1-8

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.

MEN'S GROUP—TODAY!: All men of FPC and friends are invited to meet in the main office after worship today to join Pastor Doug and others for a lunch outing!

WOMEN'S CIRCLE—TODAY!: The learning continues this Sunday with the FPC's Women's Circle studying *Sacred Encounters*. Join women of the congregation in the Parlor at 12:00 PM and bring a friend! Questions about the program may be directed to Jewell Baker.

SCRIP GIFT CARDS: One March date remains for Scrip Orders - **Monday, the 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*

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 contact Sandy Heidel at <u>csheidel@verizon.net</u> if you can help, even for an hour. This is a great support for the People to People ministry of our church. Much appreciated!

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!

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!

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!

ANTIRACISM BOOK CLUB: Zoom with the Antiracism Book Club when they meet on Sunday, March 24th. 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! Remember that you can join the conversation whether you've done the reading or not.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE: There will be **no** Sunday School classes on Easter Sunday morning, **March 31st**. Children are welcome to participate in the regular worship service. We will have activity bags on hand to help keep the younger folks occupied.

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. Thank you for your life changing offering!

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.

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.

QUEER CIRCLE: The next Zoom gathering for the Queer Circle will be on Monday, **March 25th**, 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. Remember that you can join the conversation whether you've done the reading or not.

FPC'S 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

COMMUNITY HOLY WEEK SERVICES

All are welcome to these Phoenixville community services in which Pastor Doug will be participating.

Good Friday - The 7 Last Words of Christ

March 29th at 12:00 PM

GraceCrossing Community Church

248 Church Street, Phoenixville

Easter Vigil - Christ's Resurrection

March 30th at 7:30 PM

St. John's Lutheran Church

355 St. John's Circle, Phoenixville

(bring a lawn chair)

This Week in the Life of the Church

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)

Monday, March 18

- 9:00 a.m. People to People Clothing Ministry (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:30 p.m. Zumba Class (Fellowship Hall)
- 7:00 p.m. Stewardship Committee Meeting (Zoom)

Tuesday, March 19

- 5:30 p.m. Parish Life Committee Meeting (Parlor)
- 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, March 20

- 11:30 a.m. Music Ministry (Sanctuary)
- 12:30 a.m. Rock the Boat Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 12:30 p.m. P2P Garage Sale table set-up (Fellowship Hall)
- 2:00 p.m. Trumpet Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. P2P Garage Sale clothing set-up (Fellowship Hall)
- 7:30 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Thursday, March 21

- 9:00 a.m. Women, Infants & Children (Old Library)
- 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. P2P Garage Sale set-up (Fellowship Hall)
- 10:00 a.m. People to People Food Ministry (Kitchen)
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Friday, March 22

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. P2P Garage Sale set-up (Fellowship Hall)

Saturday, March 23

- 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. P2P Garage Sale (Fellowship Hall)
- 12:30 p.m.-2:00 p.m. P2P Garage Sale clean-up (Fellowship Hall)

PALM/PASSION SUNDAY, March 24

(*Childcare available)

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. 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.

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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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HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

An Irish Blessing written by St. Patrick

May your days be many and your troubles be few.

May all God's blessings descend upon you.

May peace be within you, may your heart be strong.

May you find what you're seeking wherever you roam.

May the strength of God pilot us,

may the wisdom of God instruct us.

May the hand of God protect us,

may the word of God direct us.

May thy Salvation, O Lord,

be always ours this day and for evermore. Amen.

PACS HOT LIST:

(AS OF 2/19/2024)

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

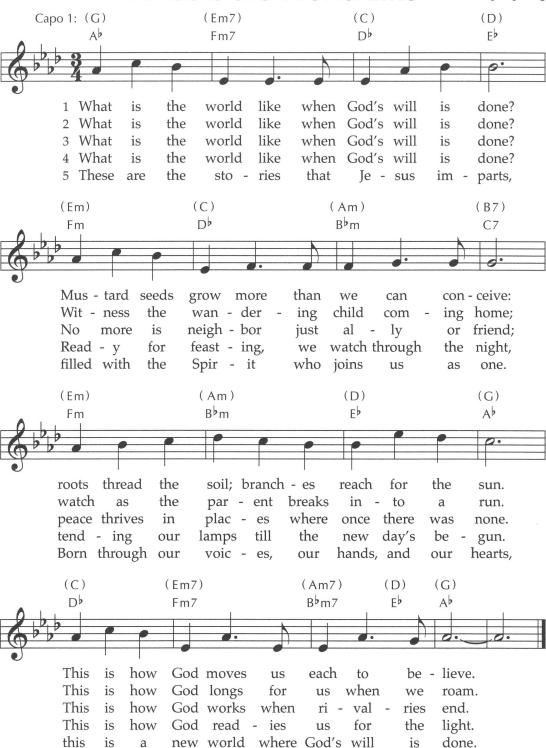
	<u>Food</u>	Baby Items
	Olive Oil	Diapers (size 4, 5, & 6)
	Condiments (ex., ketchup, mayonnaise)	Baby wash
	Shelf-stable non-dairy milk (ex., almond, oat, soy)	Baby lotion
	Sugar (2 lb. bag)	
	Flour (2 lb. bag)	Cleaning products:
	Salad Dressing	Paper towels
	Canned pasta (ex., Chef Boyardee, Spaghetti-O's)	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	
	Canned Salmon	4
	Juice Boxes	



The pace and diversity of modern life often hinder us from remaining vulnerable to our emotions and to the humanness of other people. This prayerful text to be open to such joys and pains draws on Ezekiel 11:19 and 36:26 in stanza one and echoes Jeremiah 31:33 in stanza two.

What Is the World Like

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Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This text and tune were written to conclude a hymn festival at the 2009 Annual Conference of The Hymn Society in the United States and Canada. Four parables framed both the festival and the hymn: the Mustard Seed, the Prodigal Son, the Good Samaritan, and the Ten Bridesmaids.



1 To - geth - er serve, nit - ed we u by love, seek 2 We to be - come a bea - con of hope, wel - come 3 We the scarred, the wealth - y, the poor, 4 To - geth - er, by wit - ness grace, work, we and



- vit - ing God's world to in the glo - ri ous feast. lamp for the heart and light for the feet. a bus - y, the lone - ly, the all who need and care. re - mem - ber - ing Je - sus, whom we grow strong. in



We work and through sor - row we pray and joy, We learn, year by year, to let love shine through We of - fer home those who to will come, a To - geth - er Spir - it we serve in and truth,



ex - tend - ing God's love the to last and the least. Christ in un - til we see each per - son we meet. our hands quick to help, our hearts read - y to dare. re - mem - ber - ing the strength of love is our song.

(Bm7)

Dm7

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY!

