

YOUR FPC: PHOENIXVILLE

Welcome to...

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The weekly e-newsletter from First Presbyterian Church

This Week's Pulse

Wednesday, March 20

11:30 a.m. Music Ministry (Sanctuary)
12:30 p.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 (Fellowship Hall)
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 set-up (Fellowship Hall)
12:30 p.m.-2:00 p.m. P2P Garage Sale clean-up (Fellowship Hall)

SUNDAY, March 24 (*Childcare available)

Palm/Passion Sunday

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

10:30 a.m. WORSHIP with communion - 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](#))

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

Monday, March 25

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

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

7:00 p.m. Queer Circle ([Zoom](#))

Tuesday, March 26

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

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

7:00 p.m. Session Meeting (Zoom)

Wednesday, March 27

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

FEATURED EVENTS



PEOPLE TO PEOPLE 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

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. Volunteer help and shoppers are much appreciated!

QUEER CIRCLE

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

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

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

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH & COMMUNITY HOLY WEEK SERVICES



Pastor Doug will be leading the FPC services and participating in the Community services.

FPC: PALM/PASSION COMMUNION WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, March 24th - 10:30 AM

FPC: MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION PRAYER SERVICE

Thursday, March 29th - 7:30 PM

PHX: GOOD FRIDAY PRAYER SERVICE

The 7 Last Words of Christ

Friday, March 29th - 12:00 PM

GraceCrossing Community Church

248 Church Street, Phoenixville

PHX: EASTER VIGIL WORSHIP SERVICE

Christ's Resurrection

Saturday, March 30th - 7:30 PM

St. John's Lutheran Church

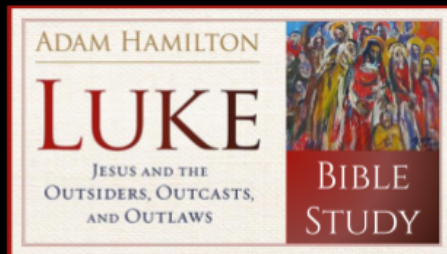
355 St. John's Circle, Phoenixville
(bring a lawn chair)

FPC: EASTER WORSHIP SERVICE & EGG HUNT

Easter Sunday - March 31st - 10:30 AM

The Egg Hunt will be held on the church lawn immediately follow the worship service.

THIS SUNDAY



MARCH 24TH PALM/PASSION SUNDAY



ADULT BIBLE STUDY: The Adult Bible Study Group continues their Lenten study of the Gospel of Luke being guided by the book, "*Luke: Jesus and the Outsiders, Outcasts, and Outlaws*", by Adam Hamilton. The group will Zoom at a 8:30 AM. Please contact [Sue Casey](#) for more details.

PALM/PASSION SUNDAY COMMUNION 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. Thanks!

HOLY COMMUNION: Come to give thanks and be nourished with the bread of life and the cup of salvation as we share in the feast of Holy Communion this Sunday, March 24th.

CONFIRMATION CLASS: FPC's young disciples will have a Confirmation class this Sunday, March 24th, 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, 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!

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

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NOTABLES



PANTRY

**March
FPC Food Drive**

FPC's food and money collection for **Phoenixville Area Community Services (PACS)** continues throughout the **month of March**. Help this non-profit become 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. Visit the PACS website for a list of specific items needed - <https://www.pacsphx.org/donate-goods>. Create a win-win for PACS and FPC by using scrip cards to purchase food donations. Thank you!



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.



The time for **Spring Fling Bingo** is at hand. Friday, **April 12**, at **6:00 PM** in **Fellowship Hall**. Come as yourselves or dress in your spring floral finest. Wear your favorite spring hat! We also welcome bunnies, baby animal costumes, or anything that makes you smile. It consists of 10 rounds, with both an adult and child prize for each round. Children/teens are welcome to bring a favorite joke to tell at intermission. Here's your chance to use the microphone! Keep it G-rated for good, godly fun!



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. Thank you for your life changing offering!



breadfortheworld
HAVE FAITH. END HUNGER.

Speaking Out
Against Hunger
and Poverty

Offering of Letters
Thank You!

Thanks to all who **wrote letters** to elected representatives, urging them to support the Farm Bill, which includes programs to help poor and hungry families. This was the 21st time our congregation participated in **Bread for the World's Offering of Letters**. Last Sunday, during the worship service, we dedicated 50 letters (!), to be forwarded to Representatives Houlahan and Dean and to Senators Casey and Fetterman. Chrissy Houlahan's letters will be hand delivered to her local office in West Chester and the rest will be mailed to Washington, DC. Thanks again for all within our congregation who joined hundreds of churches, campuses, and small groups across the country in advocating for an end to hunger. For more information about Bread for the World, please visit www.bread.org. A special thank you from the organization's CEO can be viewed here - <https://vimeo.com/811044288/e6f948bdf5>.

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with *scrip*
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RaiseRight.com

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

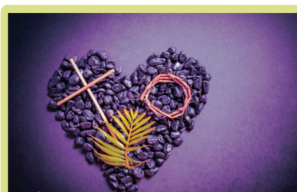


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**ELDERS
& DEACONS**

Nominate
Now!

The **Nominating Committee** requests **names** from the



Lenten Devotional



PITTSBURGH
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SEMINARY

The Pittsburgh Theological Seminary's **Lenten Devotional**

Preparing
for
Worship

HOLY
BIBLE

Scripture
Readings

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

congregation to be considered for the next class of **Session members (Elders)** and **Board of Deacons**. Some guidelines for making selections can be found on the nominating form. [Click here](#) for online access or see the details in Sunday's bulletin. Please submit nominees' names to Karin Goodman or to the church office by Sunday, **April 21st**.



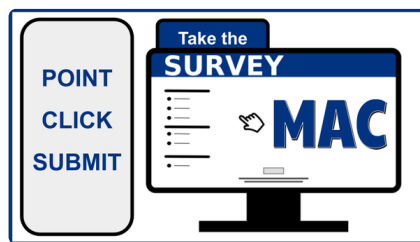
On **April 20th**, the Men's Group will experience a **Gathering of Blades**. You are invited to join all at Angry Jack's Axe Throwing Club in Phoenixville. This event started as a Men's Group gathering, but anyone is welcome. Let Pastor Doug know by Friday, April 12th, so that he can make a reservation. The plan is to throw axes sometime between lunch and dinner - specific time TBA.

PUB THEOLOGY



The next **Pub Theology** night will be on Sunday, **April 14th**, 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.

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.



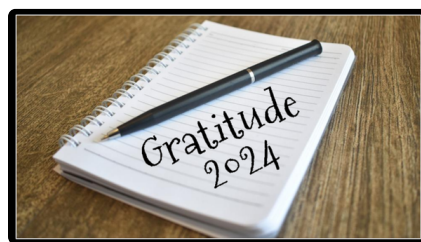
MAC is looking to expand service opportunities offered to the church and congregation. Please take this **short survey** to let MAC know what your priorities are in serving, your general availability, and type of service you would like to do. Please complete this survey by Sunday, **March 31st** - <https://bit.ly/MAC2024Survey>. The MAC Committee values your input! Thank you!



Our prayer angels are ready to help and support you or loved ones. Please email **Prayer Chain** requests to fpcprayerchain2@gmail.com. Offers to be a prayer angel can be emailed to the same

readings.

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



The **gratitude 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!



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

Listen, chat, and hash things out...it's fun and thought-provoking!

address, or call the main office at 610-933-8816.

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SNIPPETS



The making of St. Brigid's Cross...ask a Sunday Schooler about the story associated with this specially shaped cross.



SUNDAY'S SERMON

<https://youtu.be/vMVt-nnnUo8>



Happy Birthday

Best Wishes to everyone celebrating a birthday in March!

March 1: Jeanie Osterhoudt

March 2: Joshua Carlino,
Olivia Drummond

March 4: Adam Deveney,
Pam Hagler

March 7: Ayden Mandrusiak

March 11: Sandy Heidel

March 14: Chris Roussey

March 15: Holly Kennedy,
Sandra Parrish

March 16: Fenner Gulden

March 17: Nancy Cockerill,
Mark Morabito

March 18: Lew Osterhoudt

March 20: Amelia Mincavage,
Luke Walker

March 26: Alexander Pehlman,
Adam Smith

March 30: Michael Morabito

March 31: Amy Ellis



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