

YOUR FPC: PHOENIXVILLE

Welcome to...

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The weekly e-newsletter from First Presbyterian Church

This Week's Pulse

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 (Sanctuary)

Maundy Thursday, March 28

- 9:00 a.m. People to People Clothing Ministry (Fellowship Hall)
- 10:00 a.m. People to People Food Ministry (Kitchen)
- 7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Communion Prayer Service (Sanctuary)

Good Friday, March 29

- 12:00 p.m. Good Friday Community Prayer Service (GraceCrossing Community Church, 238 Church St, Phoenixville)

Holy Saturday, March 30

- 7:30 p.m. Easter Vigil Community Prayer Service (St. John's Lutheran Church, 255 St. John's Circle, Phoenixville - bring a lawn chair)

EASTER SUNDAY, March 31 (**Childcare available*)

- 10:30 a.m. WORSHIP with Rev. Doug Hagler - onsite with childcare and online - [FPC YouTube Channel](#)

Following the worship service: Easter Egg Hunt (church lawn)

Monday, April 1

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

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

Tuesday, April 2

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

Wednesday, April 3

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 (Choir Room)

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH & COMMUNITY HOLY WEEK SERVICES



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

FPC: MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION PRAYER SERVICE

Thursday, March 29th - 7:30 PM

PHX: GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

The 7 Last Words of Jesus

Friday, March 29th - 12:00 PM

GraceCrossing Community Church

248 Church Street, Phoenixville

PHX: EASTER VIGIL COMMUNITY 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 31, 2024



EASTER SUNDAY 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](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...) for the livestream video and follow along with the bulletin found here - <https://fpcphoenixville.org/publications/bulletins/>

CHILDREN'S CHOIR: FPC's newly formed Children's Choir will be adding their talent to the Easter service. Come and enjoy their debut as group singers.

HALLELUJAH CHORUS: Members of the congregation are invited to sing the Hallelujah Chorus for the Postlude this Sunday as part of FPC's Easter tradition. Those who are interested in singing in this "pick-up" fashion are to come to the front during the last verse of the closing hymn. Music will be provided.

EASTER EGG HUNT: Stay after the service for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt on the church lawn. The eggs will be stuffed with pre-packaged candy without nuts. There may be some chocolate candies in the mix. Bring your basket and your hunting skills!

NOTABLES



PANTRY

March FPC Food Drive

March is nearing an end and so is the collection of **food and funding** for **PACS**. Please remember the last day to drop off your donated goods is **this Sunday, the 31st**. Food donation boxes are positioned throughout the church.

Monetary donations can be dropped off in the church office. Visit the PACS website for a list of specific items needed - <https://www.pacsphx.org/donate-goods>. Thank you!



There will be **no Sunday School** classes this **Easter Sunday, 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 - A Friendly Reminder

During the weeks throughout **Lent**, we have invited you to give generously to **"One Great Hour of Sharing" (OGHS)**. Know that it is not too late to contribute. **Envelopes** are available in your offering envelope boxes, in the pew racks and on the table in the narthex. You may also send a check to the church office with **OGHS** noted in the memo. This is once again good opportunity



Pastor Doug will be taking a vacation after Easter. The service on Sunday, **April 7th**, will be led by a guest preacher, the **Rev. Charlie Gross**. He is a retired pastor from the Donegal Presbytery whose last ministry call was at West Grove Presbyterian Church. He also served on the Presbytery staff and recorded the podcast, [*"Encouraging Words."*](#) After 2.5 years of recordings during the pandemic, he authored a book with a similar title, [*"The Big*](#)



April dates for **Scrip Orders** are on **Mondays**, the **8th** and **22nd**. 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

for you to clear out your **collection of coins!** Join our Sunday School children and fill up a **"fish box"** with coins. Boxes are available on the table in the narthex, by the envelopes. Offerings will be received, 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.**

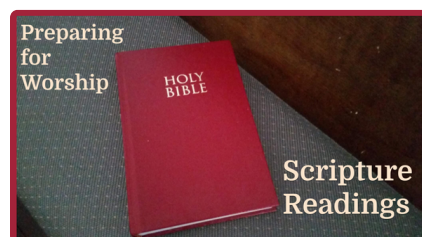
[Book of Christian Encouragement.](#) We look forward to welcoming him on the 7th.



The **Nominating Committee** requests **names** from 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.**



Remember there is still time to utilize the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary's **Lenten Devotional**. It's a great reference for prayers and reflection in this holiest of weeks. To access the content, please visit the seminary's website at <https://www.pts.edu/devotional> [1](#). Audio links are also available on the webpage for your convenience.

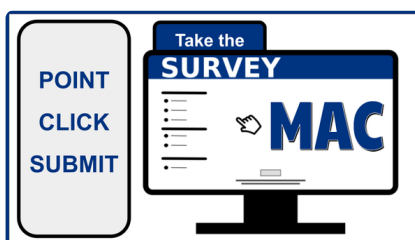


Prepare for Sunday's worship service by [clicking here](#) for the readings.

Acts 10:34-43
and
Mark 16:1-8



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



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



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

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 at either **1:00 PM** or **2:00 PM** - 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. Listen, chat, and hash things out...it's fun and thought-provoking!

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

prompt or something you are grateful for, please let us know, and we can let you share during worship with a Minute for Gratitude!



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 worshipping together in the sanctuary, which we were able to do in time for last Easter. We appreciate all who have already donated and pledged. To date, \$75,988 has been pledged, of which \$68,220 has been received. This is approximately **43%** of our goal of \$160,000. 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. You may find pledge cards and envelopes in the narthex and the church office. We thank you for your continued support and commitment to our church.
The Stewardship Committee

IN THE COMMUNITY



The **Khair Community Outreach Committee** invites you to an open house event their Mosque on **April 6th at 2 PM**. In a time where it seems misinformation and intolerance are at its highest, they are opening their doors to foster understanding and unity. There will be different stations set up for people to learn about various

aspects of their faith and worship. A Q&A session along with light refreshments will be at the conclusion of the event. Click the following link to register so space and food can be well-planned: <http://bit.ly/ramadanopenhouse>.

SUNDAY'S SNIPPETS

FPC Praise Team-Were You There







Sunday Funday for FPC's Confirmation Class!

SUNDAY'S CHILDREN'S SERMON

<https://youtu.be/V2ipq4LQ-AI>



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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