

Jesus



lives!



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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

‡ April 7, 2024 ‡ 10:30 a.m. ‡

Prelude: *“Because He Lives (Amen)”*

by Matt Maher
Praise Team

Welcome

Rev. Doug Hagler

Passing the Peace

Announcements

Sarah Shulman

Minute for Stewardship

Call to Worship (leader, people)

Terri Camilari

God of Hope,

We see your love

poured out for us

in all the world.

Make us more like you.

Teach us to live together

as one community

human and non-human,

creature and created

so that your love is known

among all the living.

How shall we live when lavished with love?

**“We are God’s children,
but it has not been revealed
what we are to become in the future.”**

Just as in our origins,
our future is tied to our planet.

**The Creator has given us partners for mutual flourishing.
Let us worship God, who makes all things new.**

* **Hymn #629: “Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee”** *(see page 14)*

(Please be seated.)

Prayer of Confession

The Spirit helps us in our weakness, interceding with sighs too deep for words. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of abundant life. In penitence and trust, let us reflect on what separates us from God and one another.

(Silent prayer and reflection)

Assurance of Pardon

Goodness is stronger than evil;
love is stronger than hate;
light is stronger than darkness;
life is stronger than death;
victory is ours through him who loves us. **Amen.**

-Bishop Desmond Tutu

* **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

Rev. Doug Hagler

Following the message, children may go to the upstairs classrooms, to the church nursery room, or they may stay with their family in worship.

One Great Hour of Sharing Dedication

Call to the Word: *“Break Thou the Bread of Life”*

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: 1 John 3:1-7

Terri Camilari

¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

⁴Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

Reading: Luke 24:36b-48

Terri Camilari

Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.”³⁷ They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost.³⁸ He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?”³⁹ Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.”⁴⁰ And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet.⁴¹ While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?”⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish,⁴³ and he took it and ate in their presence.⁴⁴ Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you — that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.”⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures,⁴⁶ and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day,⁴⁷ and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things.”

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Sermon

Rev. Doug Hagler

***Hymn #248:** “Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!”

(see page 15)

(Please be seated.)

Offering Prayer

In the spirit of the first believers,
we are called to share our goods in common
and contribute to the needs of the poor
with glad and generous hearts.

Offertory: “And Can It Be”

arr. B. Harlan

Please see the QR code card in your pew if you wish to give via credit card, PayPal, or ApplePay.

*** 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: Ken Brown

(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 #295: “Go to the World!”**

(see page 16)

*** Benediction**

Rev. Doug Hagler

Postlude



PRAYER REQUESTS:

Joys:

Concerns: Hank

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:

Apr. 21st: Acts 4:5-12; 1 John 3:16-24

Apr. 28th: Acts 8:26-40; 1 John 4:7-21

PUB THEOLOGY—TONIGHT!: Church members and friends will be joining Pastor Doug for Pub Theology tonight, the **14th**, at 7:00 PM at The Foodery (325 Bridge St, Phoenixville). Engage in discussions about theological topics and current events while enjoying some food and drinks. Listen, snack, chat, and hash tings out. It's fun and thought-provoking!

GRATITUDE JOURNAL: The journaling prompt for the **month of April** is “*How do you show kindness to nature?*” 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!

SCRIP GIFT CARDS: One April date remains for Scrip Orders—Monday the **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*

GATHERING OF BLADES: Get out your whetstones because the Day of Blades is coming! On the afternoon of **April 20th** the Men's Group is hosting an event of flying steel at Angry Jack's Axe Throwing Club here in Phoenixville. All are welcome, whether men or not, but today is the last day to let Pastor Doug know.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY: All are invited to Zoom for Bible Study at 8:30AM **Sunday mornings**. The current book is “*Luke: Jesus and the Outsiders, Outcasts, and Outlaws*”. A new topic will start on April 28 or May 5 with sessions likely going to the end of June. See Sue Casey for details.

BOOKS THROUGH BARS COORDINATOR: The Church Growth Committee is looking for a Books Through Bars Coordinator who will assist with finding volunteers for a monthly trip and assist with carpool arrangements. If you are interested or have any questions, contact Kristin at kristin.c.craven@gmail.com

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 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 FPC. 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*

MAC TREASURER: The MAC Committee is looking for a new treasurer. If you are called to serve, please email MissionsFPC@gmail.com.

POLLING PLACE: Tuesday, **April 23rd**, is the Municipal Election Primary. FPC's Fellowship Hall is a polling place. Polls are open on election day from 7:00 A.M. - 8:00 P.M. The last day to request a mail-in or absentee ballot is April 16, 2024. More voting information can be found at Vote.PA.Gov.

MEN'S GROUP: All men of FPC and friends are invited to meet in the main office after worship on Sunday, **April 21st**. Then, join Pastor Doug for a lunch outing. Enjoy hearty food and lively chats!

WOMEN'S CIRCLE: FPC's Women's Circle will meet at 12 noon in the Parlor on Sunday, **April 21st**. 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!

QUEER CIRCLE: The next Zoom gathering for the Queer Circle will be on Monday, **April 22nd**, 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.

MOTHER'S DAY CARDS: Mother's Day is Sunday, **May 12th**. Remember your mother or that special woman in your life with an alternative card to benefit Mom's House. Mom's House provides childcare for single parents enabling them to complete their education and a better future for their family. Cards are available on Sundays in the Narthex or in the office during the week. Thank you for your support of this caring organization. *Your MAC Committee*

This Week in the Life of the Church

SUNDAY, April 14 (**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. Worship & Music Committee Meeting (Parlor)

7:00 p.m. Pub Theology (The Foodery, 325 Bridge St)

Monday, April 15

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)

Tuesday, April 16

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

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

7:00 p.m. Property Committee Meeting

Wednesday, April 17

9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Valley Forge Student Volunteers Property Cleanup
(Church Grounds, Parlor)

10:00 a.m. MAC Committee Meeting (Zoom)

11:00 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)



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Thursday, April 18

- 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. Christian Education Committee Meeting (Zoom)
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Friday, April 19

- 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, April 20

- 9:30 a.m. Zumba Class (Fellowship Hall)
- 1:00 p.m. or 2:00 p.m. Axe Throwing Outing (Angry Jack’s, 420 Bridge St)

SUNDAY, April 21 (**Childcare available*)

Nominations for Elders & Deacons are due.

- 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 (Choir Room)
- 12:00 p.m. Men’s Group (meet in the main office)
- 12:00 p.m. Women’s Circle (Parlor)



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

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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LET US PRAY

Lord of Dawn and Darkness, how grateful we are for your loving mercies. You saw our fear and doubt, our suspicion, our mistrust, and you banished them from our lives, replacing them with hope, peace, love, and joy. You called us to be your witnesses, to all the world, unafraid of what others might think or say about us. We have been invited out of our darkened hideaways, into the light of your world as emissaries of hope and justice, peace and compassion. Be with us, as we participate in ministries of healing and hope through this church, in our community, region, nation, and world. Give us courage and strength to be your disciples in all the circumstances of our lives; for we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

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Hymn #629: "Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee"

1 Je - sus, the ver - y thought of thee
 2 Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame,
 3 O hope of ev - ery con - trite heart,
 4 But what to those who find? Ah, this
 5 Je - sus, our on - ly joy be thou,

with sweet - ness fills my breast. But sweet - er far thy
 nor can the mind re - call a sweet - er sound than
 O joy of all the meek, to those who fall, how
 nor tongue nor pen can show. The love of Je - sus,
 as thou our prize wilt be. Je - sus, be thou our

face to see, and in thy pres - ence rest.
 thy blest name, O Sav - ior of us all.
 kind thou art! How good to those who seek!
 what it is none but his loved ones know.
 glo - ry now, and through e - ter - ni - ty.

TEXT: Latin hymn, 12th cent.; trans. Edward Caswall, 1849, alt.
 MUSIC: John Bacchus Dykes, 1866, alt.

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Hymn #248: "Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"

1 Christ is ris - en! Shout Ho - san - na! Cel - e - brate this day of days!
 2 Christ is ris - en! Raise your spir - its from the cav - erns of de - spair.
 3 Christ is ris - en! Earth and heav - en nev - er - more shall be the same.

Christ is ris - en! Hush in won - der: all cre - a - tion is a - mazed.
 Walk with glad - ness in the morn - ing. See what love can do and dare.
 Break the bread of new cre - a - tion where the world is still in pain.

In the des - ert all - sur - round - ing, see, a spread - ing tree has grown.
 Drink the wine of res - ur - rec - tion, not a ser - vant, but a friend.
 Tell its grim, de - mon - ic cho - rus: "Christ is ris - en! Get you gone!"

Heal - ing leaves of grace a - bound - ing bring a taste of love un - known.
 Je - sus is our strong com - pan - ion. Joy and peace shall nev - er end.
 God the First and Last is with us. Sing Ho - san - na ev - ery - one!

In commenting on this late 20th-century text, the author has stressed his intention to affirm the social implications of an Easter faith: "Christian peace and justice action finds its wellspring, not in moral zeal or guilty conscience, but in the resurrection."

Hymn #295: "Go to the World"

1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.
 2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - ery place.
 3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;
 4 Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,

Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,
 Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.
 the nights of tears give way to joy - ous day.
 for I am with you till the age shall end,

bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.
 Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.
 As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.
 when all the hosts of glo - ry cry "A - men!"

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Based on Christ's great commission (Matthew 28:19-20), this text was written for a Convocation of Emmanuel College in Toronto, the largest theological school of the United Church of Canada, a denomination formed by the union of Methodists, Congregationalists, and Presbyterians.

TEXT: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1985
 MUSIC: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906
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The **Nominating Committee** requests names from the congregation for consideration for the next class of Session members (Elders) and the next class of members of the Board of Deacons. When selecting names to be submitted to the Committee, please consider the qualifications and duties of the elders of the church as described in the Book of Order.

Elders should be persons of faith, dedication, and good judgment. Their manner of life should be a demonstration of the Christian gospel, both within the church and in the world. Elders, together with the ministers exercise leadership, government and discipline, and have responsibilities for the life of a particular church.

The office of Deacon as set forth in Scripture is one of sympathy, witness, and service after the example of Jesus Christ. Persons of spiritual character, honest repute, exemplary lives, brotherly and sisterly love, warm sympathies, and sound judgment should be chosen for this office. It is the duty of deacons, first of all, to minister to those who are in need, to the sick, to the friendless, and to any who may be in distress.

Please submit names to be consider for nomination to Karin Goodman or to the church office by Sunday, April 21st.

ELDER

DEACON

See the back page for the current lists of Elders and Deacons.

ELDERS ON SESSION

Class of 2024

Jewell Baker
George Cockerill
Jeff McLaughlin
Adam Smith

Class of 2025

Karin Goodman
Cassy Gulden
Jill Kleppinger
Jean Osterhoudt

Class of 2026

Ken Brown
Jacqui Busch
Eileen Naughton
Doug Walker

BOARD OF DEACONS

Class of 2024

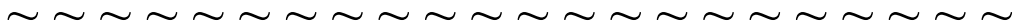
Kristin Craven
Gail Landazuri
Mona Sabia
OPEN

Class of 2025

Paulette Mark
Lucinda Parrish
Lynne Williams
Bob Wittrock

Class of 2026

Rebecca Barkley
Jen Johnson
Amy Mincavage
Gail Schnaedter



WORD SEARCH—JESUS APPEARS TO THE DISCIPLES

The puzzle is based on Luke 24: 36-48

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| DOUBTS | PEACE |
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| FLESH | WITNESSES |
| FRIGHTENED | |

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