



# FPC Phoenixville

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**Morning Worship**  
**‡ March 2, 2025 ‡ 10:30 a.m. ‡**

*Where indicated by the asterisk (\*), please stand if you choose.*

**We are wholly inclusive, growing together in Christ through creativity and friendship. We lift up the vulnerable as God's love brings us together.**

**Prelude: "Great I Am"**

by Jared Anderson  
Praise Team

**Welcome**

Rev. Doug Hagler

**Installation**

**Passing the Peace**

**Announcements**

Sarah Shulman

**Call to Worship (leader, people)**  
*(From the PCUSA Book of Order)*

Karin Goodman

We are called by God  
to be the church of Jesus Christ,  
a sign in the world today  
of what God intends for all humankind.

**The great ends of the church are:**  
**the proclamation of the gospel**  
**for the salvation of humankind;**  
**the shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship**  
**of the children of God;**  
**the maintenance of divine worship;**  
**the preservation of the truth;**  
**the promotion of social righteousness;**  
**and the exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven**  
**to the world.**

**\*Hymn #22: “God of the Sparrow”**

*(see page 12)*

*(Please be seated.)*

**Prayer of Confession (unison)**

**Merciful God, in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life, making us part of the Body of Christ. We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves, separated from one another. We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges, and show reluctance to welcome one another. We allow the past to hold us captive. In your loving-kindness, have mercy on us, and free us from the traps we make. Fulfill the promises of our baptism, so that we may rise to new life and live together in grace.**

*(Silent prayer and reflection)*

**Assurance of Pardon**

As a voice from heaven said to Jesus, so, in Christ, God speaks to us:  
You are my child, my beloved; with you I am well pleased. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**\*Gloria Patri (Hymn #581)**

*(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**

Sarah Shulman

*(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: “Break Thou the Bread of Life”**

## Prayer for Illumination

Karin Goodman

As God has spoken through the prophets, God continues to speak to us.

Listen for what the Spirit is saying to the church.

## Reading: Judges 4:4-10

Karin Goodman

<sup>4</sup> At that time Deborah, a prophet, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. <sup>5</sup> She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim, and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. <sup>6</sup> She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali and said to him, “The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you, ‘Position yourself at Mount Tabor, taking ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. <sup>7</sup> I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin’s army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops, and I will give him into your hand.’” <sup>8</sup> Barak said to her, “If you will go with me, I will go, but if you will not go with me, I will not go.” <sup>9</sup> And she said, “I will surely go with you; nevertheless, the road on which you are going will not lead to your glory, for the Lord will sell Sisera into the hand of a woman.” Then Deborah got up and went with Barak to Kedesh. <sup>10</sup> Barak summoned Zebulun and Naphtali to Kedesh, and ten thousand warriors went up behind him, and Deborah went up with him.

## Reading: Luke 9:28-36

Karin Goodman

<sup>28</sup> Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. <sup>29</sup> And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. <sup>30</sup> Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. <sup>31</sup> They appeared in glory and were speaking about his exodus, which he was about to fulfill in Jerusalem. <sup>32</sup> Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep, but as they awoke they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. <sup>33</sup> Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good for us to be here; let us set up three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah,” not realizing what he was saying. <sup>34</sup> While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. <sup>35</sup> Then from the cloud came a voice

that said, “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!”<sup>36</sup> When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

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

**Sermon**

Rev. Doug Hagler

**\*Hymn #156: “Sing of God Made Manifest”**

*(see page 13)*

*(Please be seated.)*

**Offering Prayer**

Let us praise God, rejoicing in the one who scatters the proud, lifts up the lowly, and fills the hungry with good things, and let us offer our lives to the Lord.

**Offertory: “Beautiful Savior”**

FM Christiansen

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

**\*Doxology (Hymn #606)**

**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 #190:** “Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory” *(see page 14)*

**\*Benediction** Rev. Doug Hagler

**Postlude:** “*Voluntary in D*” S. Goodwin



**PRAYER REQUESTS:**

**Joys:**

**Concerns:** Family & Friends of Linda Fridy

**PRAYER CHAIN:** Please email prayer needs to [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. 5th:** 1 Corinthians 15:45-49; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18  
*(Ash Wednesday)*

**Mar. 9th:** Ezekiel 37:1-14; John 3:1-8

**Mar. 16th:** Genesis 31:25-27, 43-50; Luke 8:40-55

**FOOD DRIVE for PACS—THIS MONTH!:** 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 will be positioned throughout the church. Monetary donations can be dropped off in the church office or during a Sunday service. A list of the specific items needed can be found on PACS’ website at <https://www.pacsphx.org/pacs-hot-list>.

**ASH WEDNESDAY SOUP SUPPER & SERVICE:** This year we will be gathering for Ash Wednesday worship on **March 5th** in Fellowship Hall. As we have in the past, we will share a simple meal and worship service that includes communion and the imposition of ashes. Join us for the meal at 6:00 PM and/or for the worship starting at 7:00 PM.

**SCRIP UPDATE:** Beginning in **March**, the Stewardship Committee will be taking a pause from ordering scrip gift cards while they consider when and how to resume this fundraiser in the coming weeks and months. Thank you to all the members who have faithfully taken part in this program throughout the past 16 years. Your continued support will be appreciated when a new plan is presented soon.

**PUB THEOLOGY:** The next Pub Theology gathering will be on Sunday, March 9th, 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!

**SERVICE SUNDAY:** The MAC Committee will host March's Service Sunday on the 9th from 8:45 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. in the parlor. Coffee, tea, and light breakfast refreshments will be available. Join members for some fellowship and an easy service project that will impact the community. Feel free to drop in on any monthly Service Sunday as your schedule allows. If you would like to suggest a project or provide light breakfast items (muffins, scones, bread, fruit, etc.), contact [Kristin Craven](#).

**PEOPLE TO PEOPLE NEWS:** Thank you to everyone who donated or bid on our MaxSold Auction and helped raise about \$945. Thank you to everyone who donates goods, time, and money at our Garage Sales. With these funds, People to People (P2P) coordinated with Church Housing, a low-income housing non-profit organization in Phoenixville. Three families that were affected by a fire were provided with a total donation of \$1,500. Also, in working through Orion, P2P was able to assist a father and 3 children leaving St. Mary's Shelter with a donation of \$1,000 to secure an apartment enabling him to maintain custody. These supports have all transpired recently because of FPC's P2P Ministry and your help.

**GARAGE SALE:** Spring is coming and so is People to People's next Garage Sale! Mark your calendar Saturday, **March 29th**. Hours of operation will be from from 8am – 1pm. Help will be needed for setting up, bringing items out, arranging things, and assisting on the day of the sale. Dates and times to come. Please spread the word about this great community event. Having a successful sale will directly benefit our Phoenixville neighbors! Thanks for your support!

**THE FUTURE OF FPC:** Thank you to everyone who was able to join us last Sunday (the 16th) for **Discovering Our Congregation's Future** led by Rev. Dr. Erin Cox-Holmes, our Presbytery Executive. After consulting with Erin and congregational leaders at FPC, it has been decided that we do not currently need a "part 2" in this process. Those who gathered did an excellent job, and we found that we have a lot of alignment as a congregation in our understanding, values, and goals. The Deacons also wanted March 2nd as a day to meet, and Parish Life wanted to focus on providing food for Ash Wednesday. Erin decided to condense the material last Sunday, presenting aspects of both part 1 and part 2. All told, we are in a good place to continue moving forward with lots of feedback from the congregation. If you have any questions feel free to contact Pastor Doug. Also, keep your eyes open for when we share what was learned.



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

**SUNDAY, March 2** (*\*Childcare available*)

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

10:30 a.m. \*WORSHIP SERVICE with 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. Deacons' Meeting

**Monday, March 3**

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

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



## **Tuesday, March 4**

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

7:30 p.m. Praise Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

## **ASH WEDNESDAY, March 5**

10:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Music Ministry (Sanctuary)

6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Better Days Ahead open office hours (Fellowship Hall Office)

6:00 p.m. Soup Supper (Fellowship Hall)

7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Communion Worship  
Service with the distribution of ashes  
(Fellowship Hall)

Time TBD: Handbells Rehearsal (Choir Room)



## **Thursday, March 6**

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 (Fellowship Hall)

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

## **Friday, March 7**

9:00 a.m. Women, Infants & Children (Fellowship Hall)

## **Saturday, March 8**

No events scheduled.

## **FIRST SUNDAY in LENT, March 9** (*\*Childcare available*)

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

8:45 a.m.-10:15 a.m. MAC Service & Fellowship (Parlor)

10:30 a.m. \*WORSHIP SERVICE with 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, Phoenixville)

## 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 classroom. 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

# CHURCH OFFICERS

Class of	Elders	Deacons
2025	Sue Casey Karin Goodman Cassy Gulden Jill Kleppinger	Paulette Mark Jean Osterhoudt Lucinda Parrish Lynne Williams
2026	Ken Brown Jacqui Busch Eileen Naughton Doug Walker	Rebecca Barkley Jen Johnson Amy Mincavage Gail Schnaedter
2027	Elizabeth Carrabine Gail Landazuri Jeff McLaughlin Jess Murphy	Terri Camilari Kristin Craven Laura Hobbins Sandra Schrack



**Happy Birthday**

**Best Wishes to everyone celebrating a birthday in March!**

<b>March 1:</b> Jeanie Osterhoudt	<b>March 16:</b> Fenner Gulden
<b>March 2:</b> Joshua Carlino, Olivia Drummond	<b>March 17:</b> Nancy Cockerill, Mark Morabito
<b>March 4:</b> Pam Hagler	<b>March 18:</b> Lew Osterhoudt
<b>March 7:</b> Ayden Mandrusiak	<b>March 20:</b> Amelia Mincavage, Luke Walker
<b>March 11:</b> Sandy Heidel	<b>March 26:</b> Alexander Pehlman, Adam Smith
<b>March 14:</b> Chris Roussey	<b>March 30:</b> Michael Morabito
<b>March 15:</b> Holly Kennedy, Sandra Parrish	<b>March 31:</b> Amy Ellis



Daylight Saving Time  
starts next Sunday, March 9th.

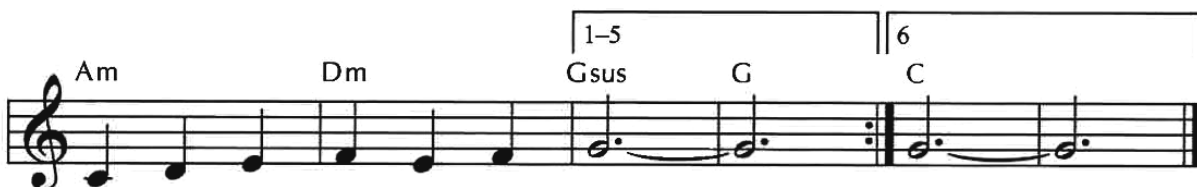
# Hymn #22: "God of the Sparrow"



1 God of the spar - row God of the whale God of the  
 2 God of the earth - quake God of the storm God of the  
 3 God of the rain - bow God of the cross God of the  
 4 God of the hun - gry God of the sick God of the  
 5 God of the neigh - bor God of the foe God of the  
 6 God of the a - ges God near at hand God of the



swirl - ing stars How does the crea - ture say Awe  
 trum - pet blast How does the crea - ture cry Woe  
 emp - ty grave How does the crea - ture say Grace  
 prod - i - gal How does the crea - ture say Care  
 prun - ing hook How does the crea - ture say Love  
 lov - ing heart How do your chil - dren say Joy



How does the crea - ture say Praise  
 How does the crea - ture cry Save  
 How does the crea - ture say Thanks  
 How does the crea - ture say Life  
 How does the crea - ture say Peace  
 How do your chil - dren say Home

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

Though a lack of punctuation makes this text appear freeform and the flowing tune enhances a sense of movement, each stanza here is firmly anchored by a final weighty word (praise, save, thanks, life, peace, home), a sign of God's eternal presence in an ever-changing world.

TEXT: Jaroslav J. Vajda, 1983  
 MUSIC: Carl F. Schalk, 1983  
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 Music © 1983 GIA Publications, Inc.

ROEDER  
 9.6.7.7

# Hymn #156: "Sing of God Made Manifest"

1 Sing of God made man - i - fest in a child ro - bust and blest,  
 2 Sing of God made man - i - fest when at Jor - dan John con - fessed,  
 3 Sing of God made man - i - fest when Christ came as wed - ding guest  
 4 Sing of God made man - i - fest on the cloud - capped moun - tain's crest,

to whose home in Beth - le - hem where a star had guid - ed them,  
 "I should be bap - tized by you, but your bid - ding I will do."  
 and at Ca - na gave a sign, turn - ing wa - ter in - to wine;  
 where the law and proph - ets waned so that Christ a - lone re - mained:

ma - gi came and gifts un - bound, signs mys - te - rious and pro - found:  
 Then from heaven a dou - ble sign—dove - like Spir - it, voice di - vine—  
 fur - ther still was love re - vealed as he taught, for - gave, and healed,  
 glimpse of glo - ry, pledge of grace, given as Je - sus set his face

myrrh and frank - in - cense and gold grave and God and king fore - told.  
 hailed the true A - noint - ed One: "This is my be - lov - ed Son."  
 bring - ing light and life to ' all who would lis - ten to God's call.  
 towards the wait - ing cross and grave, sign of hope that God would save.

"Epiphany" means "manifestation" or "showing forth," and this text cites key disclosures of Jesus as Messiah: the coming of the Magi, his baptism by John the Baptist, the wedding at Cana. All are summed up in the Transfiguration, recalled on the Last Sunday after the Epiphany.

TEXT: Carl P. Daw Jr., 1990  
 MUSIC: Jakob Hintze, 1678; arr. Johann Sebastian Bach  
 Text © 1990 Hope Publishing Company

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 7.7.7.7.D

# Hymn #190: "Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory"

Capo 3: (Dm) (Gm) (A7) (Dm)  
 Fm B<sup>b</sup>m C7 Fm

1 Swift - ly pass the clouds of glo - ry, heav - en's voice, the  
 2 Glimpsed and gone the rev - e - la - tion, they shall gain and  
 3 Lord, trans-fig - ure our per - cep - tion with the pur - est

(Gm) (A7) (Dm) (Gm) (A7)  
 B<sup>b</sup>m C7 Fm B<sup>b</sup>m C7

daz - zling light; Mo - ses and E - li - jah van - ish;  
 keep its truth, not by build - ing on the moun - tain  
 light that shines, and re - cast our life's in - ten - tions

(Dm) (A7) (Dm) (D) (Bm)  
 Fm C7 Fm F Dm

Christ a - lone com - mands the height! Pe - ter, James, and  
 an - y shrine or sa - cred booth, but by fol - low -  
 to the shape of your de - signs, till we seek no

(Em) (A7) (D) (Bm) (Em) (A7) (D)  
 Gm C7 F Dm Gm C7 F

John fall si - lent, turn - ing from the sum - mit's rise down - ward  
 ing the Sav - ior through the val - ley to the cross and by  
 oth - er glo - ry than what lies past Cal - vary's hill and our

(Bm) (Em) (A7) (D) (Bm) (D) (A7) (D)  
 Dm Gm C7 F Dm F C7 F

toward the shad - owed val - ley where their Lord has fixed his eyes.  
 test - ing faith's re - sil - ience through be - tray - al, pain, and loss.  
 liv - ing and our dy - ing and our ris - ing by your will.

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 MUSIC: George Henry Day, 1940  
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GENEVA  
 8.7.8.7.D  
 (alternate tune: EBENEZER)



# LENT IS COMING SOON!

Save the Dates

Mark your calendar for Ash Wednesday, **March 5th**. As we have in the past, we will share a simple meal and worship service that includes communion and the imposition of ashes. Join us for the meal at 6:00 PM and for worship starting at 7:00 PM.



In addition, the Phoenixville Area Clergy Association (PACA) has organized Wednesday evening Lenten worship services at various churches throughout the Phoenixville area, starting on March 12th and finishing on April 9<sup>th</sup>. Services will start at 7:00 PM. All are welcome to come hear the Word, pray, sing, and reflect with fellow community members. These are free events. However, if so inclined and able to make a donation, all free-will offerings will be used to support the missions of PACA that address human service needs in the Phoenixville area.

## THE SCHEDULE

**March 12th** at FPC: Rev. Mark Young preaching

**March 19th** at Grimes AME: Rev. Doug Hagler preaching

**March 26th** at Grace Crossing: Rev. Russ Crouthamel preaching

**April 2nd** at St. John's: preacher TBA

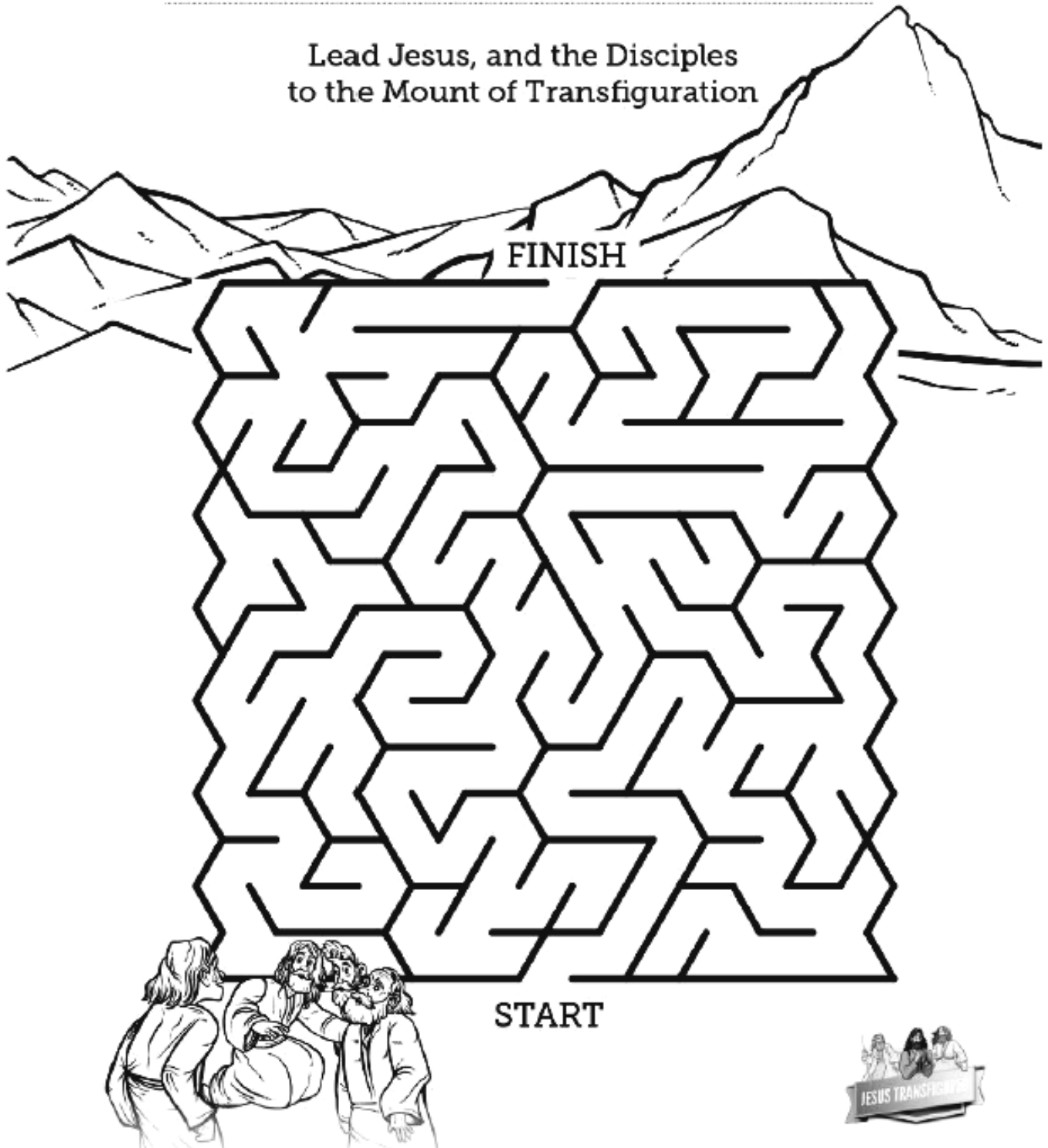
**April 9th** at FUMC: Rev. Dan McDowell preaching

*Note: live stream services will be dependent upon the technical capabilities that are available at the time of worship.*

Questions about these services and/or PACA can be directed to Rev. Doug Hagler at [pastor145@comcast.net](mailto:pastor145@comcast.net) or 610-933-8816.

# JESUS TRANSFIGURED

Lead Jesus, and the Disciples  
to the Mount of Transfiguration



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