

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 at

<https://www.youtube.com/@fpcphoenixville7042>.

# FPC Morning Worship

March 30, 2025

10:30am

**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:** *"Build Your Kingdom Here"*

by Rend Collective  
Praise Team

**Welcome**

Ellen Williams

**Passing the Peace**

Ellen Williams

**Announcements**

Sarah Shulman

**Call to Worship** (leader, people)

Ellen Williams

Live as children of the light.

**Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.**

The Lord of life is lifted up!

**Let us look to Christ and live.**

In Christ there is a new creation.

**The old has passed away; everything is made new!**

**\*Hymn #469** (sing 3x's): "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

*(see page 4)*

**Prayer of Confession** (unison)

Ellen Williams

**God our Redeemer, we confess that we are people of ashes and dust. You have claimed us in your covenant, yet we forget your steadfast love. You seek us out in the wilderness, yet we continue to wander in our sin. Forgive us, God of grace. Wash us clean, once again, so that we may return to you and follow your holy way.**

*(Silent prayer and reflection)*

**Assurance of Pardon** (leader, people)

Ellen Williams

God will not deny an open heart or a repentant spirit.  
Know that we are forgiven and walk in God's love.  
**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.**

**Children's Message**

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 - Hymn #707: "Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord"**

*(see page 5)*

**Prayer for Illumination**

Ellen Williams

Gracious God, who leads us in the wilderness, guide us by your Word through these forty days. Holy Spirit, minister to us so that we may be reformed, restored, and renewed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Reading: Joshua 5:9-12**

Ellen Williams

<sup>9</sup>The Lord said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

<sup>10</sup>While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. <sup>11</sup>On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. <sup>12</sup>The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

**Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21**

Ellen Williams

<sup>16</sup>From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. <sup>17</sup>So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! <sup>18</sup>All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; <sup>19</sup>that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. <sup>20</sup>So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup>For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

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

**Sermon:** *“Be Reconciled to God”*

Rev. Kevin Powell

**\*Hymn #697:** *“Take My Life and Let It Be”*

*(see page 6)*

**Offering Prayer**

Rev. Kevin Powell

Every generous act of giving, like every perfect gift, is from above. We are called to be doers of the Word, and not merely hearers of the Word. Let us not be hearers who forget, but doers who act. By faith, let us bring forth our tithes and offerings so that we may live out our hope for God’s work.

**Offertory:** *“How Lovely Are The Messengers”*

F. Mendelssohn

**\*Doxology** (Hymn #608)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below; praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore.**

**Prayer of Dedication**

Elder: Gail Landazuri

Gracious God. Accept these gifts as a sign of our obedience to you, our love for you and our desire to take your reign into the world. Transform these gifts and our lives into blessings that allow dreams to come true. In Jesus’ name we pray. **Amen.**

**Joys and Concerns**

Rev. Kevin Powell

**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 #754:** *“Help Us Accept Each Other”*

*(see page 7)*

**\*Benediction**

Rev. Kevin Powell

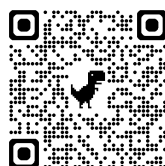
**Postlude:** *“Today We All Are Called To Be Disciples”*

D. Lasky

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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# Hymn #469 (sing 3x's): "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray - ing. Lord, send your



Spir - it in this place. Lord, lis - ten to your chil - dren



pray - ing. Send us love; send us power; send us grace.

This chorus from a longer song has become a popular sung prayer for the presence of the Holy Spirit. Easily memorized, it makes a very suitable sung response at appropriate points during a series of prayer concerns or with repeated singing can open or close a time of prayer.

TEXT and MUSIC: Ken Medema, 1970  
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CHILDREN PRAYING  
Irregular

# Hymn #707: "Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord"

1 Take thou our minds, dear Lord, we hum-bly pray;  
 2 Take thou our hearts, O Christ; they are thine own;  
 3 Take thou our wills, Most High! Hold thou full sway;  
 4 Take thou our-selves, O Lord, heart, mind, and will;

give us the mind of Christ each pass-ing day;  
 come thou with-in our souls and claim thy throne;  
 have in our in-most souls thy per-fect way;  
 through our sur-ren-dered souls thy plans ful-fill.

teach us to know the truth that sets us free;  
 help us to shed a-broad thy death-less love;  
 guard thou each sa-cred hour from self-ish ease;  
 We yield our-selves to thee: time, tal-ents, all;

grant us in all our thoughts to hon-or thee.  
 use us to make the earth like heaven a-bove.  
 guide thou our or-dered lives as thou dost please.  
 we hear, and hence-forth heed, thy sov-ereign call.

This hymn began with the tune, which the composer hummed to the author with a request for a text that would challenge the hearts and minds of young people. The text of the first three stanzas was written that day, and the fourth stanza later emerged at a youth conference.

TEXT: William H. Foulkes, stanzas 1–3, 1918, stanza 4, c. 1920  
 MUSIC: Calvin Weiss Laufer, 1918

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# Hymn #697: "Take My Life and Let It Be"

1 Take my life and let it be con-se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;  
 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;  
 3 Take my voice and let me sing al-ways, on - ly, for my King;  
 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold; not a mite would I with-hold;

take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in  
 take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti -  
 take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sa -  
 take my in - tel - lect and use ev - ery power as

cease - less praise; let them flow in cease - less praise.  
 ful for thee, swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.  
 ges from thee, filled with mes - sa - ges from thee.  
 thou shalt choose, ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine;  
 it shall be no longer mine.  
 Take my heart, it is thine own;  
 it shall be thy royal throne,  
 it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
 at thy feet its treasure store;  
 take myself and I will be  
 ever, only, all for thee,  
 ever, only, all for thee.

This hymn of consecration radiates from the repeated word "take," resulting in a remarkably full survey of a person's attributes and possessions and giving weight to the "all" at the end. The composer of the tune was influential in the renewal of Reformed hymnody in French.

# Hymn #754: "Help Us Accept Each Other"



1 Help us ac - cept each oth - er as Christ ac - cept-ed us;  
 2 Teach us, O Lord, your les - sons, as in our dai - ly life  
 3 Let your ac - cep - tance change us, so that we may be moved  
 4 Lord, for to - day's en - coun - ters with all who are in need,



teach us as sis - ter, broth - er, each per - son to em - brace.  
 we strug - gle to be hu - man and search for hope and faith.  
 in liv - ing sit - u - a - tions to do the truth in love;  
 who hun - ger for ac - cep - tance, for jus - tice and for bread,



Be pres - ent, Lord, a - mong us and bring us to be - lieve  
 Teach us to care for peo - ple, for all, not just for some,  
 to prac - tice your ac - cep - tance un - til we know by heart  
 we need new eyes for see - ing, new hands for hold - ing on:



we are our - selves ac - cept - ed, and meant to love and live.  
 to love them as we find them, or as they may be - come.  
 the ta - ble of for - give - ness, and laugh - ter's heal - ing art.  
 re - new us with your Spir - it; Lord, free us; make us one!

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

The scriptural basis of this text is Romans 15:7, recast as a prayer in the opening two lines of the first stanza. The many implications of living as people who have been accepted by Christ fill the remaining stanzas. This tune was composed for the first publication of this text.

TEXT: Fred Kaan, 1974  
 MUSIC: Doreen Potter, 1974  
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## EASTER FLOWERS

Now is the time to start thinking about decorating our Sanctuary for Easter - and everyone has a chance to share in it! The Worship and Music Committee encourages everyone to consider ordering a plant or plants to beautify the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday.

Easter flowers may be given in memory of a loved one, to honor a person, or to express appreciation for someone who has played a special part in your life or in the life of the church. Orders are also being accepted from those who just want to make our worship space beautiful for Easter and then take the plant home to enjoy!

**The cost for each plant is \$9.00.**

Please drop off or send the order form and payment to the Church office by **Sunday, March 30th**. Thank you for your participation! We look forward to seeing a beautiful display in the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of daffodils (6" pot) ordered (\$9.00 each) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of tulips (5 & 6 blooms) ordered (\$9.00 each) \_\_\_\_\_

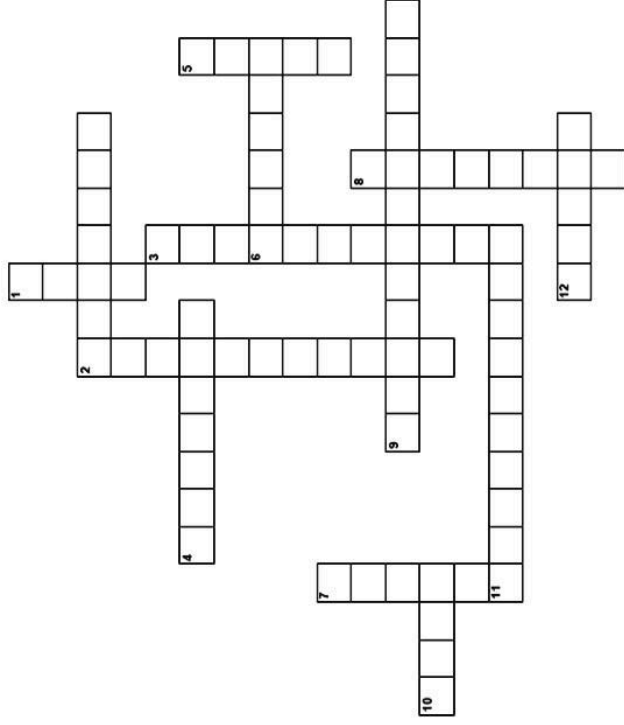
**TOTAL COST:** \_\_\_\_\_



**All flowers need to be picked up after the Easter service on Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup>.**

**Acknowledgement for bulletin:**  
 Given by: \_\_\_\_\_  
 In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_  
 In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_  
 In appreciation for: \_\_\_\_\_

## A LENTEN CROSSWORD



### Across

- [2] What is a common practice during Lent?
- [4] The word Lent is derived from the anglo-saxon word \_\_\_\_\_ meaning spring.
- [6] Fasting and ..... constitute Lent's primary spiritual exercises.
- [9] In A.D. 313 the legalization of what occurred?
- [10] Not only the sharing of money, but through the sharing of our \_\_\_\_\_ and talents
- [11] Jesus endured \_\_\_\_\_ by Satan
- [12] Another name for Mount Sinai is Mount \_\_\_\_\_

### Down

- [1] The Ashes symbolize the \_\_\_\_\_ from which we (are purported to) come from.
- [2] 'Our \_\_\_\_\_' is an expression of 'the Apostles'.
- [3] The number 40 has always had special significance regarding \_\_\_\_\_
- [5] The Lent Season celebrates the \_\_\_\_\_ days before Easter.
- [7] Commemorating the time Jesus spent in the \_\_\_\_\_
- [8] What do some people eat on Shrove Tuesday?

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DESERT
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