

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

April 6, 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: *"Ride On In Majesty"*

arr. by Valerie Stephenson
Merry Ringers

Welcome

Rev. Doug Hagler

Passing the Peace

Announcements

Sarah Shulman

Minute for Mission: Offering of Letters

Jeff McLaughlin

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

Jacqui Busch

Isaiah 43

¹⁶ Thus says the LORD,

who makes a way in the sea,

a path in the mighty waters,

¹⁷ **who brings out chariot and horse,**

army and warrior;

they lie down, they cannot rise,

they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:

¹⁸ Do not remember the former things,

or consider the things of old.

¹⁹ **I am about to do a new thing;**

now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?

I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

***Hymn #395:** "Blessed Jesus, at Your Word"

(see page 5)

Prayer of Confession (unison)

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)

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: *"Break Thou the Bread of Life"*

Prayer for Illumination

Jacqui Busch

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: 1 Kings 10:1-10, 13

Jacqui Busch

^{10:1} When the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon (fame due to the name of the Lord), she came to test him with riddles. ² She came to Jerusalem with a very great retinue, with camels bearing spices and very much gold and precious stones, and when she came to Solomon, she told him all that was on her mind. ³ Solomon answered all her questions; there was nothing hidden from the king that he could not explain to her. ⁴ When the queen of Sheba had observed all the wisdom of Solomon, the house that he had built, ⁵ the food of his table, the seating of his officials, and the attendance of his servants, their clothing, his valets, and his burnt offerings that he offered at the house of the Lord, it took her breath away.

⁶ So she said to the king, "The report was true that I heard in my own land of your accomplishments and of your wisdom, ⁷ but I did not believe the reports until I came and my own eyes saw it. Not even half had been told me; your wisdom and prosperity far surpass the report that I had heard. ⁸ Happy are your wives! Happy are these your servants who continually attend you and hear your wisdom! ⁹ Blessed be the Lord your God, who has

delighted in you and set you on the throne of Israel! Because the Lord loved Israel forever, he has made you king to execute justice and righteousness.”¹⁰ Then she gave the king one hundred twenty talents of gold, a great quantity of spices, and precious stones; never again did spices come in such quantity as that which the queen of Sheba gave to King Solomon.

¹³ Meanwhile, King Solomon gave to the queen of Sheba every desire that she expressed, as well as what he gave her out of Solomon’s royal bounty. Then she returned to her own land with her servants.

Reading: Luke 11:27-32

Jacqui Busch

²⁷ As Jesus was saying these things, a woman in the crowd called out, “Blessed is the mother who gave you birth and nursed you.”

²⁸ He replied, “Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it.”

²⁹ As the crowds increased, Jesus said, “This is a wicked generation. It asks for a sign, but none will be given it except the sign of Jonah. ³⁰ For as Jonah was a sign to the Ninevites, so also will the Son of Man be to this generation. ³¹ The Queen of the South will rise at the judgment with the people of this generation and condemn them, for she came from the ends of the earth to listen to Solomon’s wisdom; and now something greater than Solomon is here. ³² The men of Nineveh will stand up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and now something greater than Jonah is here.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Sermon

Rev. Doug Hagler

***Hymn #174: “Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom”**

(see page 6)

Offering Prayer

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: “Give Me Jesus”

arr. D. Wagner

***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: Jeff McLaughlin

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 #450: "Be Thou My Vision"**

(see page 7)

***Benediction**

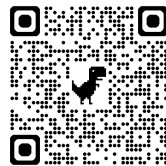
Rev. Doug Hagler

Postlude: "Power of Your Love"

by Geoff Bullock
Praise Team

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Make Today Amazing!

Blessed
are those who hear
the Word of God
and obey it.

~ Luke 11:28 ~

Hymn #395: “Blessed Jesus, at Your Word”

1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at your word we have come a -
 2 All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est
 3 Glo - rious Lord, your - self im - part, Light of Light, from

gain to hear you; let our thoughts and hearts be stirred
 dark - ness shroud - ed, till your Spir - it breaks our night,
 God pro - ceed - ing. Touch our lips and ears and heart;

and in glow - ing faith be near you. By your gos - pel
 fill - ing us with light un - cloud - ed. All good thoughts and
 help us by your Spir - it's plead - ing. Hear the cry your

true and ho - ly, teach us, Lord, to love you sole - ly.
 all good liv - ing come but by your gra - cious giv - ing.
 church now rais - es; hear, and bless our prayers and prais - es.

Originally conceived to be sung before the sermon, this hymn assumes a congregation that assembles regularly, and it needs to be placed near the beginning rather than the end of worship. The simple repetitive tune reinforces the text's sense of receptivity and expectation.

TEXT: Tobias Clausnitzer, 1663; trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1858, alt.
 MUSIC: Johann Rudolph Ahle, 1664; harm. Johann Sebastian Bach, 18th cent., alt.

LIEBSTER JESU
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Hymn #174: "Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom"

G D C G Am7 G



1 Come and seek the ways of Wis-dom, she who danced when
 2 Lis - ten to the voice of Wis-dom, cry - ing in the
 3 Sis - ter Wis - dom, come, as - sist us; nur - ture all who

Am D G D C G



earth was new. Fol - low close - ly what she teach - es,
 mar - ket - place. Hear the Word made flesh a - mong us,
 seek re - birth. Spir - it - guide and close com - pan - ion,

Am G D7 Em Bm Am



for her words are right and true. Wis - dom clears the
 full of glo - ry, truth, and grace. When the word takes
 bring to light our sa - cred worth. Free us to be -

B7 Em Am G D7 G



path to jus - tice, show - ing us what love must do.
 root and rip - ens, peace and righ - teous - ness em - brace.
 come your peo - ple, ho - ly friends of God and earth.

Drawing on numerous scriptural images of Wisdom (Greek: *Sophia*), especially in Proverbs, this text offers an alternative perspective on Trinitarian theology. The Wisdom tradition has played a role in Christian mysticism for centuries, as witnessed by the Hagia Sophia in Istanbul.

TEXT: Ruth Duck, 1993
 MUSIC: Donna Kasbohm, 1995
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HOLY WEEK

PALM/PASSION SUNDAY
COMMUNION WORSHIP SERVICE
 April 13th at 10:30 am - First Presbyterian Church

MAUNDY THURSDAY
TABLEAU
 April 17th at 7:30 pm - First Presbyterian Church

EASTER SUNDAY
WORSHIP SERVICE & EGG HUNT
 April 20th at 10:30 am - First Presbyterian Church
 Egg Hunt - Church Lawn after the service

Hymn #450: "Be Thou My Vision"

Capo 1: (D) E^b (G) A^b (D/F#) E^b/G (A7) B^b7 (D) E^b



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;
 4 High King of Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

(A) B^b (D) E^b (G) A^b (A) B^b



naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

(G) A^b (D) E^b (F#m7) Gm7 (G) A^b (A) B^b



thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower;
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

(Bm) Cm (D/F#) E^b/G (G) A^b (D) E^b



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heaven - ward, O Power of my power.
 High King of Heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

These stanzas are selected from a 20th-century English poetic version of an Irish monastic prayer dating to the 10th century or before. They are set to an Irish folk melody that has proved popular and easily sung despite its lack of repetition and its wide range.

TEXT: Irish poem; trans. Mary E. Byrne, 1905; vers. Eleanor Hull, 1912, alt.
 MUSIC: Irish ballad; harm. David Evans, 1927
 Music Harm. © 1927 Oxford University Press

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Sample Letter for Offering of Letters
[Feel free to use your own words for this letter!]

[Date]

Representative _____
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20510

Senator _____
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative _____, / Dear Senator _____,

I urge you to protect and strengthen nutrition programs that help children reach their full potential.

Specifically, I ask you to:

- Protect, restore, and secure robust funding for global nutrition programs, so that we can reach millions of children with lifesaving assistance.
- Fully fund and strengthen the domestic Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) so that more eligible families in the U.S. are able to enroll and stay enrolled.

For just a small percentage of the federal budget (well under 1 percent), lifesaving aid has an outsized global impact. These strategic investments not only save and improve the lives of tens of millions of children every year, but they also secure America's standing as a global leader and trusted partner, open new markets to American goods, and reduce national security threats like terrorism and infectious disease.

In 2023 in the U.S. (the last year for which there is data), the WIC program served nearly 7 million participants per month. Participation in WIC is associated with reduced risk of premature birth, low birthweight, and infant mortality.

Genesis 1:27 reminds us that every person is created in God's image, and we honor God when we love our neighbors, especially the most vulnerable among us. In the Gospels, Jesus opens his arms and welcomes children, saying "the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." (Matthew 19:14).

Again, I urge you to protect, restore, and secure robust funding for global child nutrition programs and to fully fund and strengthen WIC in the U.S.

Whether from a fiscal, moral, or faith-based standpoint, the investment in children is more than worth it.

[Add a sentence or two about why you care.]

Sincerely,

[Your name]

[Your address]

Congressional and Senate Representatives

Representatives

These are the Representatives for most of us in the First Presbyterian Church community. You can check here to confirm your Congressional district and Representative: <https://tinyurl.com/2wy4xjs7>

4th – Madeleine Dean
U. S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

6th – Chrissy Houlahan
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Senators

All Pennsylvanians are represented by the following two Senators.

Senator Dave McCormick
U. S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Senator John Fetterman
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510