

YOUR FPC: PHOENIXVILLE

Welcome to...

The BEAT

The weekly e-newsletter from First Presbyterian Church

THIS WEEK'S PULSE

Wednesday, December 16th

7:30 p.m. [All-Church Zoom Social](#)

Click on the link or call: 1-929-205-6099, Meeting ID: 828 8553 1183, Password: 090870

Thursday, December 17th

10:00 a.m. Food Ministry (Kitchen)

1:00 p.m. Women, Infants & Children (Fellowship Hall and back lot)

Friday, December 18th

1:00 p.m. Women, Infants & Children (Fellowship Hall and back lot)

Saturday, December 19th

No events scheduled.

SUNDAY, December 20th - ADVENT 4

8:30 a.m. Bible Study with Sue Casey - Zoom

9:30 a.m. Sunday School - Zoom

10:30 a.m. WORSHIP SERVICE - Rev. Doug Hagler - [LIVE STREAMED on YouTube](#)

11:45 a.m. Congregational Meeting - Zoom

12:00 p.m. Joys and Concerns with Rev. Doug Hagler - [Zoom](#)

Monday, December 21st

No events scheduled.

Tuesday, December 22nd

7:30 p.m. Session Meeting - Zoom

Wednesday, December 23rd

No events scheduled.

FEATURED EVENTS



ALL-CHURCH ZOOM SOCIAL - WEDNESDAY

From December 10 - Hermann and Judy tested our knowledge of Christmas music and movies. There were songs and questions about Bing Crosby, Ertha Kitt, John Lennon, Buddy the Elf, A Red Rider BB gun and an Elf that wants to be a dentist. Judy invited a few "Trivia Ringers" and so we welcomed Lynne and Denise from somewhere in Phoenixville, and Vicki from California. Team Barkley (Rebecca and Sarah) was the big winner with 32 points. Lynne is coming close to dethroning Jack at the top of the worst joke competition. We will call her the "Queen of the Post it Note Joke". There was laughter, and head scratching.

For December 16 - Tonight's activity is a Christmas themed Scavenger Hunt. Gather what you can from the following list for a Holiday Show & Tell:

- Christmas dish towel
- Baby Jesus
- Santa and Me photo
- Christmas stocking
- Angel
- oldest or favorite ornament
- Christmas CD- cassette or 8-Track (Ho-Ho-Ho)
- and of course your best gift ever.

Don't forget to Wear your Christmas sweater and Santa hat!

ZOOM:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82885531183?pwd=aThZTEQ0ak05V1FQdnYrTWFWmFISdz09>

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From Becky, Jewell & Lynne for the Parish Life Committee

WE ARE" VIGIL - THURSDAY

This Thursday, December 17th, the next "We Are" prayer service and reflection will be held live in downtown Phoenixville at the corner of Bridge and Main Streets. Battery operated candles will be provided. Masks are required. For more details, visit the Facebook event page - <https://fb.me/e/COKQX8K8>. Vigils are themed in support of Black Lives Matter and run on the 1st (via Zoom) and 3rd (in-person) Thursdays of every month. The start time is 7:00 PM. Questions? Please contact Pastor Doug for more information.

THIS SUNDAY

BIBLE STUDY
Read Scriptures. Discover Truth.

zoom
in for
Sunday
School

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Advent Wreath
Candle Lighting

Sunday, December 20th
The Fourth Sunday of Advent

zoom
congregational
MEETING
December 20th

Joys
&
Concerns

BIBLE STUDY: Zooming this Sunday at 8:30 AM, the Bible study class continues reading *Incarnation: Rediscovering the Significance of Christmas*, by Adam Hamilton. Join us to explore the names and titles given to Jesus in the Christmas accounts from Matthew and Luke, as well as from the introduction to the Gospel of John: Messiah, Savior, Emmanuel, the Word. The concluding chapter looks at what early Christians meant when they said, "Jesus is Lord." Contact [Sue Casey](#) for the book and the Zoom link. All are welcome!

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Calling all FPC children for some Zoom fun at 9:30 AM this Sunday! Advent continues and so does our preparations for the birth of Jesus. Watch your email messages for the meeting details. We look forward to catching up with everyone! *Jeanie, Lynne, Becky and Gail*

WORSHIP: Our 10:30 AM service will be live-streamed on our [YouTube Channel](#). You can follow along with the bulletin by visiting - <https://fpc-phoenixville.org/publications/bulletins/>

ADVENT WREATH CANDLE LIGHTING: The fourth Advent candle, Promise, will be lit during worship this Sunday in addition to the candles from the previous weeks, Expectation, Listening, and Joy. The accompanying scripture will be from Psalm 89. Be God's light and shine bright!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: Pastor Doug is happy to present the Children's Message to the furry "fill-ins" in the front pew. It's perfect for all ages!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: The purpose of this meeting is to present the nominees for the next class of Elders and Deacons, and to vote on this slate of officers. Please see [the bulletin](#) for the list of nominees. The Zoom session will start promptly at **11:45 a.m. THIS Sunday**.

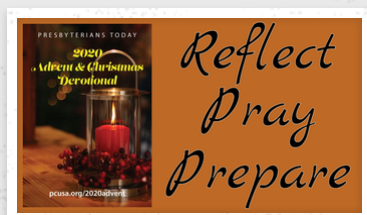
JOYS and CONCERNS: Join Pastor Doug virtually **on Sunday at 12:00 PM** for joys and concerns. Share some happiness, heartache, or anything in between and lift up each other in spirit. Here are the Zoom details:

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87345268002>

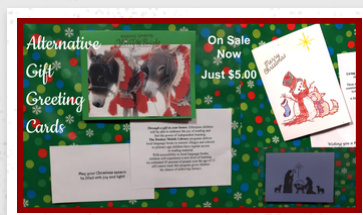
Call: 1-929-205-6099

Meeting ID: 873 4526 8002

NOTEABLES



Need a stress break from COVID closures and cabin fever? Visit this year's suggested **devotional** from Presbyterians Today. Pray and reflect daily, or refer to it randomly. It's a great guide for God time! [Click here](#) to access.



Sales for **Alternative Gift Greeting Cards** have begun. For just **\$5.00**, you can gift family, friends, and co-workers with these "hand-crafted by church members" cards, gift tags and pins. The monies raised will support non-profit organizations. To place an order, please call the main office at 610-933-8816 or email secretaryfpc145@gmail.com. To see this years designs, [click here](#).



Christmas Eve – Thursday, December 24th

5:00 pm Family Service

9:00 pm Candlelight

Communion Service

All services will be online-only. Click into our YouTube channel to watch safely from home -

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCrmNs7JdvZnJpsNjs0Ds>

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The **Antiracism Book Club** met on Sunday, December 13th, to review the first 75 pages of "*Ghost Boys*". Comments included easy read, great character development, and dialect neutral. The topics were about not feeling safe, bullying, friendlessness, and family dynamics. Many have finished the book because it was so compelling. Join us next time on **January 3rd**.



Have you noticed some new construction out front of church? It's our **Little Free Library**! The Church Growth Committee has decided on a Black Live Matter theme for our community library. We have a wish list of books to build an inventory -memoirs, non-fiction, novels, children's books, poetry and more! Check out our [Sign-Up Genius list](#) and let us know if you have a book you would like to donate.



Prepare for this Sunday's worship service by [clicking here](#) for the readings - 2 **Samuel 7:1-11, 16** and **Luke 1:26-38**.

IN THE COMMUNITY



Join Us

**FREE Cooked Christmas Eve Dinners
To Go for Families & Individuals**

*Pick Up Between 10 AM and 12 PM
Christmas Eve Morning
30 Hall Street, Phoenixville*

*Call (484) 393-2407
or use the link below to reserve:*
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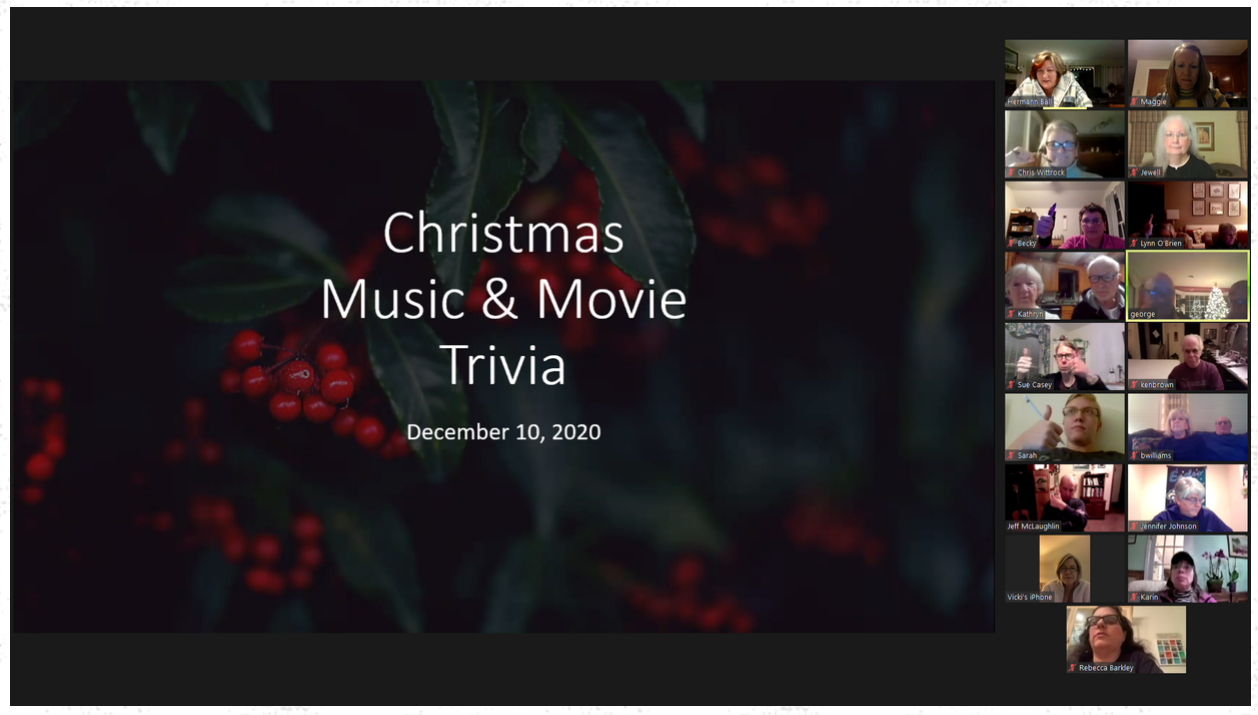
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SUNDAY'S SERMON



Happy Birthday

Best Wishes to everyone celebrating a birthday in November!

Dec. 1: Grace Kennedy

Dec. 2: Ashley Schierenbeck

Dec. 4: Joe Beregi,
Nicholas Sinapius

Dec. 7: Sandy Lusch

Dec. 8: John Marosek

Dec. 10: Marian Bayus

Dec. 11: Kathy Bacon

Dec. 13: Chuck Heidel

Dec. 16: Jeff McLaughlin

Dec. 20: Lyra Morris

Dec. 24: George Cockerill

Dec. 27: Aaron Skutch

Dec. 28: Karen Merkel