

# YOUR FPC: PHOENIXVILLE

Welcome to...

# The BEAT

The weekly e-newsletter from First Presbyterian Church

## THIS WEEK'S PULSE

### Wednesday, December 23rd

No events scheduled. The All-Church Zoom Social will return next week.

### Thursday, December 24th

#### **CHRISTMAS EVE**

5:00 p.m. Family Service - [YouTube Channel](#)

9:00 p.m. Family Service - [YouTube Channel](#)

### Friday, December 25th

#### **MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

### Saturday, December 26th

No events scheduled.

### SUNDAY, December 27th - 1st Christmas

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

Presbytery Lessons & Carols

### Monday, December 28th

No events scheduled.

### Tuesday, December 29th

No events scheduled.

**Wednesday, December 30th**

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

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## **CHRISTMAS WORSHIP**



FROM OUR  
**CHURCH**  
To your  
**Home**  
Join us  
Online  
FOR  
**Christmas Eve**  
**SERVICES**

**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/UCrmNs7JdvZNJpsNjs0Ds8vg>

**First Christmas - Sunday, December 27th**

Presbytery Lessons & Carols

View online

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## **SOCIAL 2020 WRAP-UP**



### ALL-CHURCH ZOOM SOCIAL

*From December 16* - It wasn't quite A Christmas Carol but we did hear about Christmas' past and present and there was snow! Almost everyone had a Christmas dish towel but Lynne couldn't find hers, probably because they were stored under all her Christmas sweaters. Kathryn couldn't choose a best gift so she said Jack was the best gift ever...we all agreed. We also agreed that hubcaps probably weren't the best gift for Frank to give Kristin, his then girlfriend. Hermann showed his Christmas Brass music...on VINYL and a few others had cassettes but no 8-track. The Hanson Bros...really Maggie? Many of us have manger scenes and ornaments that have been passed down for generations but Bob showed the oldest ornament, a blue glass ball that has been adorning the Williams family trees for a century. We shared our stockings, many made with love and one that Michael may have worn on Christmas Eve years ago. Of all the beautiful angels we shared, the most precious angel was Morgan as she showed us her Santa. The evening ended sending Christmas wishes via zoom since our next social will be on New Year's Eve, eve. That's **Wednesday, December 30th** when we will say goodbye to 2020. Merry Christmas and may God bless us, everyone!

ZOOM at 7:30 p.m.:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82885531183?pwd=aThZTEQ0ak05V1FQdnYrTWFWMFISdz09>

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*From Becky, Jewell & Lynne for the Parish Life Committee*

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## NOTEABLES





Thank you to everyone that purchased a **poinsettia plant** which made our sanctuary look so beautiful. In order for you to enjoy your plant for Christmas, you may pick up your plant(s) today, Wednesday, **December 23rd** from **9am – 4pm**. Please use the church office entrance. If you'd like to make other pick up arrangements, please contact Ken Brown.



The **church office** will be **closed** on December 24th, 25th, 30th, 31st and January 1st. In addition, Pastor Doug will be enjoying a **stay-cation** the week of December 27-January 2.



Help build the inventory for our **Little Free Library**! The Church Growth Committee has decided on a Black Lives 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.



The **Bible Study** group will be meeting at **8:30 AM** on the **27th** to finish the Advent book. There will not be a meeting on January 3. Sessions will resume on January 10th with a return to the Book of Acts. Anyone is welcome to join at any time. If interested, please contact [Sue Casey](#).



**Joys & Concerns** will take a holiday break. There will not be a Zoom gathering on Sunday, the 27th. The next prayer time will be on **January 3rd** at **12:00 PM**. The same link applies - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87345268002>.



Discussed at the last **Antiracism Book Club** were the first 75 pages of "**Ghost Boys**". The topics were about not feeling safe, bullying, friendlessness, and family dynamics. Join us next time on **January 3rd** when the remainder of the book will be reviewed. Zoom in at 7:00 PM - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86420552972?pwd=dkN4WFJwUkpvQ3ZlK0xGYzlyREVNdz09>.



## Christmas Dinner Baskets and Star Tree Gifts

Help those in need. Choose one or both ways to donate.

Thanks to everyone for making Christmas a little more special for nine families in need. Gift bags and food tubs were picked up on Wednesday morning, allowing time for parents to wrap and prep for Christmas. Thanks again for supporting this annual MAC Committee event.

## FPC PHOTOS









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## SUNDAY'S SERMON

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## Happy Birthday

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

**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

