

YOUR FPC: PHOENIXVILLE

Welcome to...

The BEAT

The weekly e-newsletter from First Presbyterian Church

Happy St. Patrick's Day!



May the road rise up to meet you. May the wind be always at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face; the rains fall soft upon your fields and until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand.

THIS WEEK'S PULSE

Wednesday, March 17th

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Join us for the All Church Zoom Social tomorrow night, March 18th, for a Coffee House with a Celtic twist.

Thursday, March 18th

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

1:00 p.m. Women, Infants & Children (Fellowship Hall & Back Lot)

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

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Friday, March 19th

1:00 p.m. Women, Infants & Children (Fellowship Hall & Back Lot)

Saturday, March 20th

1:00 p.m. Free Clothing Give-Away (Back Lot)

SUNDAY, March 21st

8:30 a.m. Bible Study - Zoom

10:30 a.m. FPC WORSHIP SERVICE - [FPC YouTube Channel](#)

11:45 p.m. Joys and Concerns - [Zoom](#)

2:00 p.m. Painting with Jackie - Zoom

Monday, March 22nd

No events scheduled.

Tuesday, March 23rd

7:30 p.m. Session Meeting - Zoom

Wednesday, March 24th

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

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FEATURED EVENTS



"WE ARE" VIGIL - THURSDAY

For Thursday, March 18 - The next "We Are" prayer service and reflection will be held live in downtown Phoenixville at the corner of Bridge and Main Streets. This week's host is the staff and students from the Kimberton Waldorf School. Battery operated candles will be provided. Masks are required. 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.

ALL-CHURCH ZOOM SOCIAL - THURSDAY

From March 10 - It was an evening of laughter...and groans...and even some cringing. Yes, Wednesday evening was "Joke Night" ...and it's official...Jack may have been "out-joked"!!! "Jokester Jack" showed up with a target on his shirt...and Maggie took aim!! After an intense hour of jokes about elephants...and Star Wars...and three people in a bar...and a joke about toilet paper in a confessional booth....Maggie won the night with a joke about a suppository in an old lady's ear...oh my!!! Maggie then ended the evening with a "Prayer of Senility" ...Amen!

We also enjoyed seeing the results of the FPC Cartoons that we helped caption the previous week. We are sure that some of these may find their way to the Beat!

For March 18 - Now...we hope that you will join us for our next FPC Coffee House...this **Thursday** at 7:30...as we once again will be entertained by some of our own very talented musicians. - *From Ann, Becky, & Lynne for the Parish Life Committee*

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

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FREE CLOTHING GIVEAWAY - SATURDAY

On Saturday, **March 20th**, FPC will host a **Free Clothing Giveaway** of men, women, children, and infants clothes. This is a COVID-safe grab & go event. Pick up time will be from **1:00-3:00 PM** in the **back church parking lot**. Please be masked and stay socially distanced for everyone's safety. Spread the word that we have a great inventory waiting to be repurposed! *Rain date: March 27th.*

THIS SUNDAY



BIBLE STUDY: Zooming this Sunday at 8:30 AM, the Bible Study class continues with discussion of the Book of Acts. Sessions run about an hour. Anyone is welcome to join at any time. Questions? Contact [Sue Casey](#) for more information.

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/>

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: Pastor Doug is happy to present the Children's Message to our furry "fill-ins" that have migrated to the choir chairs. Now their masked faces are in full view of the camera. Smile, watch, and pray!

JOYS and CONCERNS: Join Pastor Doug virtually on Sunday at **11:45 AM** 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>

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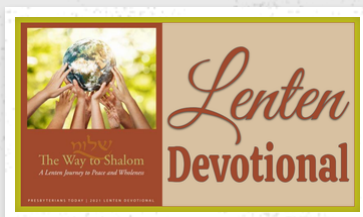
EASTER FLOWERS: Lilies and Tulips are a nice way to honor someone dear, remember a loved one, or to simply give thanks. These plants can be ordered through church by this Sunday, **March 21st** for just **\$8.50 each**. Purchased flowers will decorate the sanctuary on Easter Sunday and be available to take home later. For ordering details and pick-up dates, see Sunday's bulletin or [click here for the order form](#).

PAINTING WITH JACKIE: This Sunday, **March 21**. Zoom with us at **2:00 PM** for some fun and creativity! Artist Jackie Nowakowski will lead a step-by-step painting experience for you to create your own art. Materials will be provided by pick-up on Saturday, March 20th (or delivery arrangements can be made.) Stay tuned for the Zoom info.

NOTEABLES



FPC continues its mission in **March** to restock the **Phoenixville Area Community Services (PACS) pantry shelves**. Nonperishable staples will be collected for those in Phoenixville facing difficult times. See the [bulletin](#) for specific items needed. Donations can be dropped off to the FPC container in the church office. Questions? Please call the office at 610-933-8816. Thank you!



Take a break from some stresses and visit with this year's suggested Lenten Devotional, "[The Way to Shalom](#)" from Presbyterians Today. Engage in this journey to peace and wholeness. Each week has a new theme covering one of the many definitions of shalom. Experience some peace and gift it to the world. [Click here](#) to view, download, or print a copy.



One Great Hour of Sharing is a simple way to share God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world. Envelopes are available in your offering envelope boxes, or you may send a check with OGHS noted in the memo line. Offerings will be received throughout Lent with a special dedication on Palm Sunday, March 28th. Thank you in advance for your gift to this life changing ministry.



The **Antiracism Book Club** met on Sunday, the 14th, and discussed the initial reactions to "**Black Radical**". Some terms were defined and some facts were surprising. Join us for the next gathering on **March 28th**. Book or no book, Zoom at **7:00 PM** to chat, listen, and learn! All are welcome!

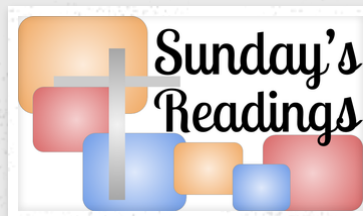


Mark your calendar for our Holy Week services.

PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP
March 28th at 10:30 am

**MAUNDY THURSDAY
COMMUNION SERVICE**
April 1st at 7:30 pm

EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP
April 4th at 10:30 am



Prepare for this Sunday's worship service by [clicking here](#) for the readings - **Genesis 1:26-2:4** and **Psalms 148**.



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- [Facebook Private Group](#)
- [Instagram](#) - @fpcphoenixville
- [Twitter](#) - @fpcphoenixville
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Please remember our hashtag, #lovingFPC, when posting about this great church!



The **text** distribution list continues to grow. If you are interested in receiving church notifications on your phone, please text your first and last name to 484-302-8168.



Plans are developing for FPC's **mid-July** work-cation with the **Appalachia Service Project (ASP)**. Sarah Shulman is leading our mission. There will be an organizational meeting at **6:00 PM** on Sunday, **March 28th**. Questions? Please email [Sarah](#) or call the main office at 610-933-8816.

FPC PHOTOS



Joke Night!

PRAYER OF SENILITY

For those who are getting a little older:

God grant me the senility
to forget the people

I never liked anyway,
the good fortune
to run into the ones I do,
and the eyesight
to tell the difference!



Another teaser from
the All-Church
Zoom Social:

Caption This

[Click here](#)
to view the fully
captioned
slideshow.

SUNDAY'S SERMON

FPC Sermon 03-14-2021



Happy Birthday

Best Wishes to everyone celebrating a birthday in March!

March 1: Jeanie Osterhoudt

March 2: Joshua Carlino,
Olivia Drummond

March 4: Adam Deveney,
Pam Hagler

March 7: Ayden Mandrusiak

March 11: Sandy Heidel

March 14: Chris Roussey

March 15: Holly Kennedy,
Sandra Parrish

March 17: Nancy Cockerill,
Sasha Glincosky,
Mark Morabito

March 18: Lew Osterhoudt

March 20: Amelia Mincavage,
Luke Walker

March 26: Alexander Pehlman,
Adam Smith

March 30: Michael Morabito

March 31: Amy Osterhoudt