

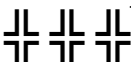
This Sunday's worship service will be streamed live over the internet at 10:30 a.m. and will be available to the public. It will be broadcast on FPC's YouTube Channel - "FPC Phoenixville".

The recorded version will be available for "anytime" viewing.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCrmNs7JdvZNIpsNjs0Ds8vg>.



Morning Worship

November 21, 2021  10:30 a.m.

Prelude

"Festive Peal"
The Merry Ringers

by John Leavitt

Welcome

Rev. Doug Hagler

Sharing the Peace

Announcements

Sarah Shulman

Minute for MAC

* Call to Worship *Psalm 132:13-18*

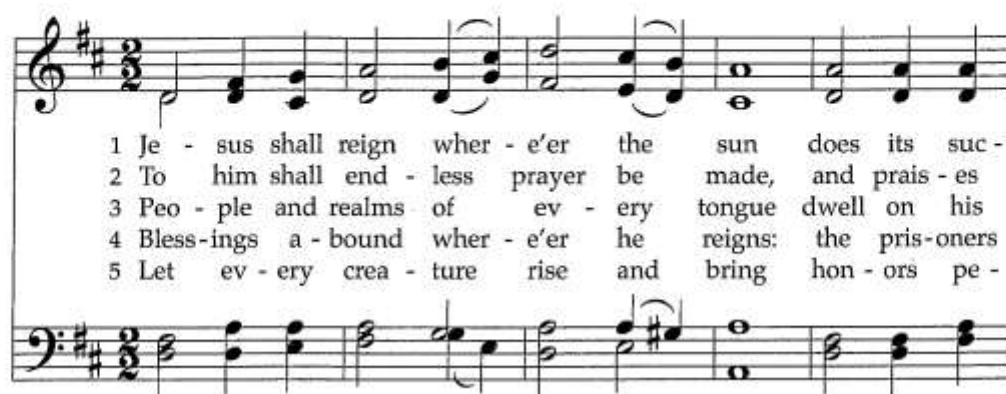
Cathy Walker

**For the LORD has chosen Zion;
he has desired it for his habitation:**

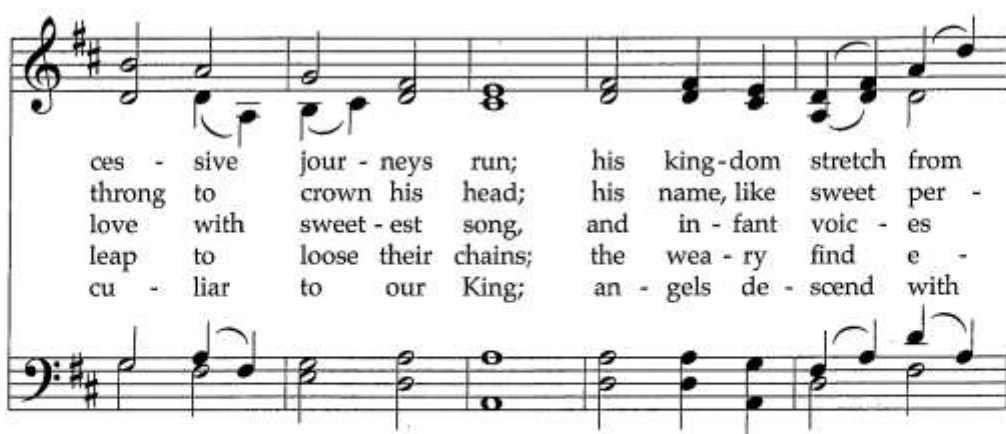
**"This is my resting-place for ever; here I will reside, for I have desired it.
I will abundantly bless its provisions; I will satisfy its poor with bread.
Its priests I will clothe with salvation, and its faithful will shout for joy.
There I will cause a horn to sprout up for David;
I have prepared a lamp for my anointed one.
His enemies I will clothe with disgrace,
but on him, his crown will gleam."**

* Hymn # 265

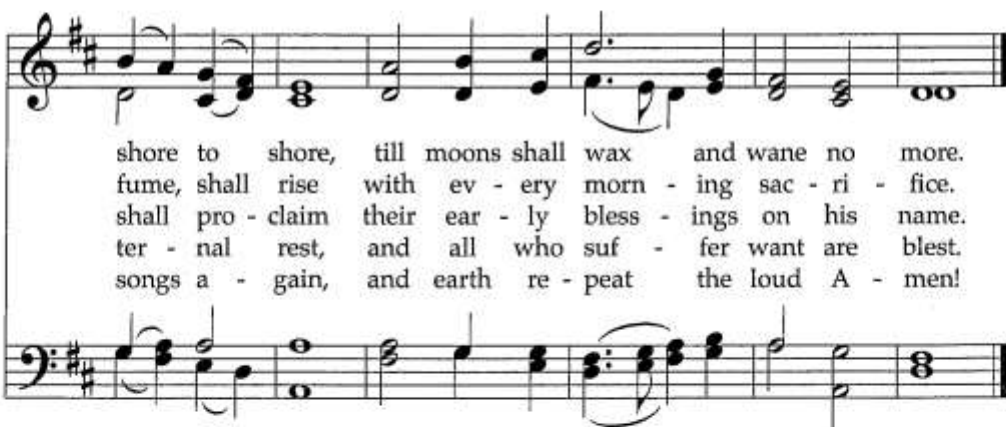
"Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun"



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -
 2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
 3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his
 4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - oners
 5 Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring hon - ors pe -



ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
 thron'g to crown his head; his name, like sweet per -
 love with sweet - est song, and in - fant voic - es
 leap to loose their chains; the wea - ry find e -
 cu - liar to our King; an - gels de - scend with



shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
 fume, shall rise with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud A - men!

TEXT: Isaac Watts, 1719, alt.
 MUSIC: Attr. John Hatton, c. 1793

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**Holy, triune God, we confess that we have not lived for your glory.
You came to love and save the world, but we condemn others in
your name. You send us out to tell the good news, but we hide from our calling
in fear. Forgive us, God of grace.
Give us new life in your Spirit so that we may serve you faithfully
and live as your beloved children.** (*Silent prayer and reflection*)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Goodness is stronger than evil; love is stronger than hate;
light is stronger than darkness; life is stronger than death;
victory is ours through him who loves us.

-Bishop Desmond Tutu

Leader: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.
The old life has gone; a new life has begun.
Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

* Gloria Patri

**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

Call to the Word *"Listen, God is Calling"*

Prayer for Illumination

Cathy Walker

Leader: Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy
Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed,
we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

Listen for what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Reading: Revelation 1:4b-8

Cathy Walker

4b Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come,
and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ,
the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the
earth.

3. *continued....*

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood,
⁶and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father,
to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.
So it is to be. Amen.

⁸"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God,
who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Reading: John 18:33-37

³³Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him,
"Are you the King of the Jews?"

³⁴Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?"

³⁵Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I?"

Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me.
What have you done?"

³⁶Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world.

If my kingdom were from this world,
my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews.
But as it is, my kingdom is not from here."

³⁷Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?"

Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king.

For this I was born, and for this I came into the world,
to testify to the truth.

Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Sermon

Rev. Doug Hagler

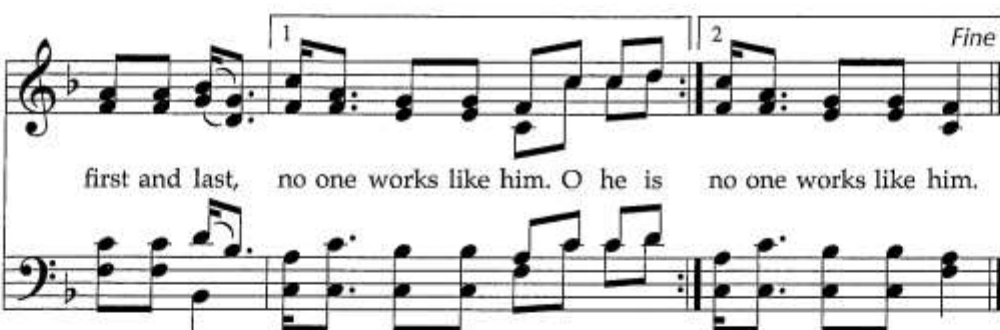
* Hymn # 273

"He Is King of Kings"

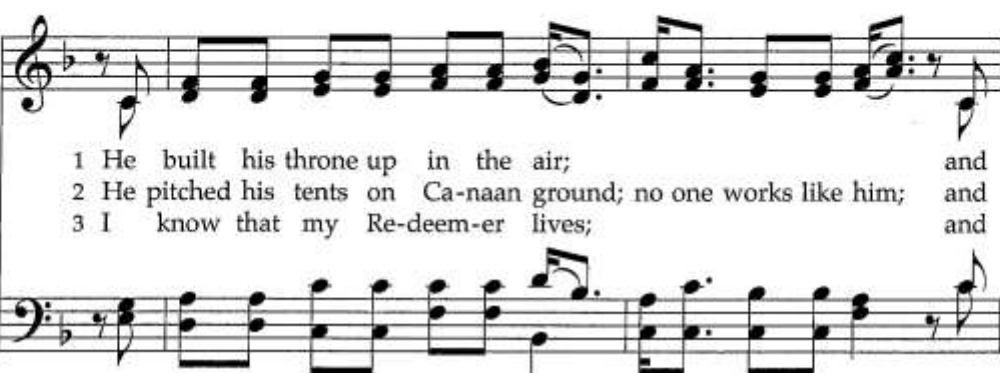
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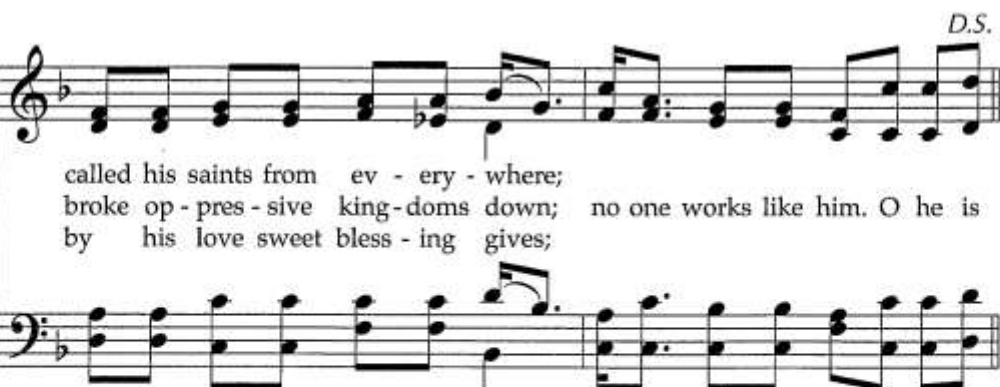
He is King of kings; he is Lord of lords, Je - sus Christ, the



first and last, no one works like him. O he is no one works like him.



1 He built his throne up in the air; and
2 He pitched his tents on Ca-naan ground; no one works like him; and
3 I know that my Re-deem-er lives; and



called his saints from ev - ery - where;
broke op - pres - sive king - doms down; no one works like him. O he is
by his love sweet bless - ing gives;

TEXT: African American spiritual

MUSIC: African American spiritual; arr. Joseph T. Jones, 1961; adapt. Melva Wilson Costen, 1989
Music Adapt. © 1990 Melva Wilson Costen

Offering Prayer

Leader: The earth is the Lord's, and all that is in it,

People: the world, and those who live in it.

Leader: Freely you have received, freely give.

Let us return to God the offerings of our life and the gifts of the earth.

Offering Anthem

Praise Team

* Doxology (Hymn #606)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God above ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

* Offering Prayer and Dedication of Pledges

Elder: Lynne Williams

Joys and Concerns

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 # 384 "Soon and Very Soon" (Page 7 of the bulletin)

* Benediction

Rev. Doug Hagler

Postlude

"Now Thank We All Our God"

Kaufmann

Today we are blessed to have Ken Brown as the pianist.

Staff Vacation

Diane Legnini, music director, is on vacation today.

Christmas Poinsettias

Wednesday, Nov. 24th is the final day to place an order for your Christmas poinsettia plant. Order forms for the Christmas poinsettia plants can be found at the back of your bulletin.

Prayer Requests

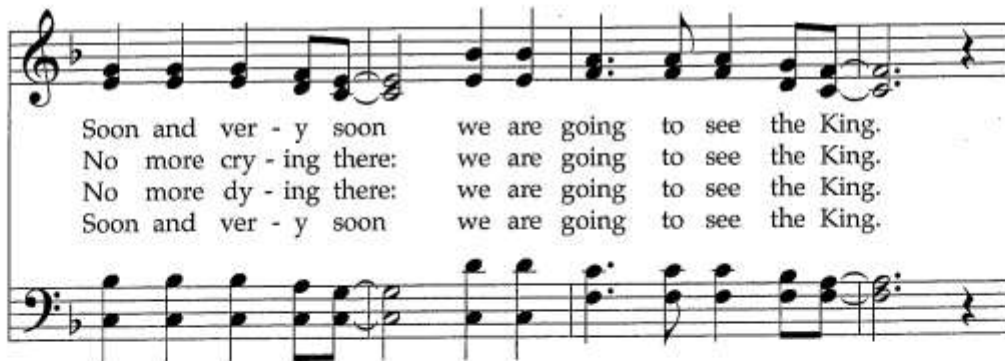
Joys: Jacqui Busch

Concerns: Christopher; Donna; Mark

Soon and Very Soon



1 Soon and ver - y soon we are going to see the King.
 2 No more cry - ing there: we are going to see the King.
 3 No more dy - ing there: we are going to see the King.
 4 Soon and ver - y soon we are going to see the King.



Soon and ver - y soon we are going to see the King.
 No more cry - ing there: we are going to see the King.
 No more dy - ing there: we are going to see the King.
 Soon and ver - y soon we are going to see the King.



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 No more dy - ing there: we are going to see the King.
 Soon and ver - y soon we are going to see the King.



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, we're going to see the King!

TEXT and MUSIC: André Crouch, 1976
 Text and Music © 1976 Crouch Music and Bud John Songs (admin. EMICMPublishing.com)

Prayer Chain & Prayer Requests

To request prayers, you can fill out a card in the worship service, drop a note off in the church office or email Amy at fpcprayerchain1@gmail.com and members will be lifting you up in prayer. You may also call Sue Smith at [\(610\) 933-8816](tel:(610)933-8816) and she will forward your requests on to Amy. Anyone interested in being a Prayer Warrior should email Amy.

Book Club

The **Antiracism Book Club's** next meeting will be on Sunday, Nov. 28th at 7:00 PM. All are welcome to [Zoom](#) in to learn, listen, and chat.

Alternative Gift Cards

For the upcoming Christmas season, the MAC Committee will again be offering alternative gift cards. When purchasing these cards, you will be able to choose from among five mission-related organizations. Recipients will then see that a donation has been made to the selected organization in their names. The five organizations for this year are: Bethany Christian Services (Safe Families program), PACS, Beekeeping Program through Presbyterian Mission, Global Water Center (confronting the global water crisis), and a Blankets program. Cards may be purchased for \$5 each following the worship service on Sundays or in the church office during the week.



CHRISTMAS STAR TREE



Thanks to all who have taken “stars” for gifts and dinner items for the eight families we are helping this year. There were only 22 stars left after the first day of the sign-up genius. Amazing! More stars will be added when each child has 3 gifts. We forgot to mention the elves are available as “personal shoppers” for anyone who wants to participate but are too busy, just contact Jewell Baker or Sue Smith and they’ll tell the elves! Remember, all items must be returned to the church by Sunday, December 5th! Santa’s helpers for MAC Committee

Community Thanksgiving Eve Service

FPC will be hosting this year’s Community Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service on Wednesday, November 24th at 7:30 p.m. Worshipers are welcome to attend onsite (masks required) or to view online. Give thanks and give praise!

Parking Lot Appreciation

The Stewardship Committee would like to thank everyone who volunteered in the parking lot on Friday and Saturday evenings, May through October. With your help, we raised \$5,986.25 for the church, as we spent time together and got to meet many of our neighbors (including neighborhood pets).

We would also like to thank committee member Pam Bodam for organizing and scheduling for us each week. Job well done.

Christmas Caroling

Your Parish Life Committee cordially invites **children of all ages** to join us for an **intergenerational Christmas caroling** event, outside on the church steps on **Sunday, December 12th at 4:00pm.** (weather permitting.)

Following a time of singing and making music together, we will warm up with cups of hot chocolate and treats.

Plan to join us for a fun time as we celebrate the coming of Christmas!

Thank you...Thank you...

A huge “Thank you” to each and every one who donated to help our neighbors in Mont Clare. We were able to give them \$1,850 in Lowes and Target gift cards to help them as they recover from the flooding caused by Hurricane Ida.

Thanksgiving Dinner 2021

First Presbyterian Church and First United Methodist Church will jointly host the annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday, November 26th. There will be a sit-down meal at the First United Methodist Church at noon-time.

First Presbyterian will offer both take-out and delivery meals out of the First Presbyterian Church. Help is needed.

If you can donate turkeys and/or pumpkin pies or volunteer to be a driver, please contact Sue in the main office.

Call 610-933-8816 or email secretaryfpc145@gmail.com.

Upcoming Scripture Readings

November 28th: Jeremiah 33:14-16; Luke 21:25-36

December 5th: Malachi 3:1-4; Luke 3:1-6

Pub Theology

The next Pub Theology will meet on Sunday, December 12th at 7:00 PM **at** The Foodery, (325 Bridge St, Phoenixville). Join Pastor Doug in a discussion of theological topics and current events over food and drinks. Listen, chat, and hash things out...it's fun and thought-provoking!



The Season of Advent is near.

1st Sunday of Advent – November 28th, Communion

2nd Sunday of Advent – December 5th

3rd Sunday of Advent – December 12th

4th Sunday of Advent – December 19th

Christmas Eve – Friday, December 24th

5:00 pm Family Service

9:00 pm Candlelight Communion Service

2022 Pledge Campaign

As we begin the **Pledge Campaign** for the year **2022**, the Stewardship Committee asks that you prayerfully consider your financial commitment to our church.

Your generous and faithful offerings help to support the ministry and the many good works of First Presbyterian Church. **Your pledge helps the Finance Committee as they plan for the coming year.**

You may place your completed pledge card in the offering plate on Sunday morning, or return it by mail in the pre-addressed envelope that you receive with the card.

Please return your pledge card by **Dedication Sunday, November 21.**

Thank you for sharing your many gifts, and for your continued financial support.

A Few Things to Consider

As you reflect on your financial commitment, we would like to make you aware of a few things to take into consideration.

The coming year will bring new financial challenges.

For example:

1. The Christian Ed Committee is hoping to bring on a parttime “Children & Youth Coordinator” to help with the programing for the younger members of our congregation.
2. Our financial needs will be greater for 2022 as there will be no supplemental income from the government, such as we received this year through the Covid-19 Grant.
3. Our expenses will continue to increase based on the age of our buildings and maintenance needs.

It is our hope that these needs and possible deficits be taken into consideration as you pledge for 2022.

Thank you. The Stewardship Committee

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee requests names from the congregation to form the Nominating Committee Members At Large, to serve during the calendar year 2022 until the 2023 Congregational meeting.

The Nominating Committee is composed of two Elders appointed by Session, one of which must be currently serving on Session; one Deacon representative appointed by the board, and four at-large members of the congregation. The congregation votes on these four nominations.

It is this new Nominating Committee that will find the next slate of officers.

The 2021 Nominating Committee:

Becky Sinapius, Moderator

Chris Wittrock, 2nd Elder; Pam Bodam, Deacon

Members to be replaced: Liz Carrabine, Jeff McLaughlin, Megan Smith,
Cathy Walker

Please submit names to be considered to Becky Sinapius (610-983-9644, bsinapius@comcast.net), or drop them off at the church office no later than Sunday, November 28th.

Adult Bible Study

The Adult Bible Study meets on Sunday mornings via Zoom, from 8:30-9:30 AM. They are currently studying the book *Simon Peter: Flawed but Faithful Disciple*, by Adam Hamilton. All are welcome. Anyone interested in joining should contact Sue Casey, skcinpa@aol.com, for the Zoom link and to get a book.

Scrip Gift Card Orders

Let the Stewardship Committee help you with your **Christmas shopping**, while at the same time provide you the opportunity to support our church.

We are placing orders for **gift cards** every Wednesday, beginning **December 1**. (Orders will be placed **12/1...12/8...12/15...and...12/22**)

If you would like to place an order, please call Lynne Williams at 610-415-1581 (home) or 610-955-4749 (cell).

You may mail your check to Lynne, drop it off at her home, (14 Schofield Road, Phoenixville, PA 19460), or see her at church on Sunday morning.

Orders and checks must be received by the day before the orders are placed (**Nov. 30...Dec. 7...Dec. 14 & Dec. 21**). Please make checks payable to "First Presbyterian Church DR".

You do not need to fill out an order form. We will do that for you.

Happy Christmas Shopping !!!

As always, thank you for continuing to support this program.

A Request from a Neighbor

A few FPC volunteers are getting to know some neighbors through Bridge of Hope and helping them avoid homelessness. One of the challenges is finding affordable housing in the Phoenixville area for a family with five children. The ideal need is for a 3-4 bedroom residence with a maximum rent of \$1500. Although this family does not have good credit, there are references available and a stable, secure income. If you have any leads on possible housing, please contact Pastor Doug.



New People to People Facebook Page!

Thanks to the expertise and creativity of Kristin Craven, the People to People ministry now has a presence on Facebook. You can find the page at <https://www.facebook.com/FPCPeopleToPeople>.

The Facebook page will be used to announce events, share information, and solicit volunteers for P2P activities. Please visit – and “Like” – the page, check in, post a comment or two, and also share it with friends! Many thanks to Kristin!

This Week in the Life of the Church

Sunday, November 21st (*Childcare provided)

9:30 a.m. *Sunday School (fellowship hall)

12:00 n. Women’s Circle gathering (parlor)

Monday, November 22nd 6:30 p.m. Zumba class (fellowship hall)

Tuesday, November 23rd 6:30 p.m. Zumba class (fellowship hall)

Wednesday, November 24th

7:30 p.m. COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE –

In person and via YouTube

Thursday, November 25th Church office closed.

10:00 a.m. Food prep for the Thanksgiving meals (kitchen)

11:30 a.m. Pick up & delivery of Thanksgiving meals

12:00 n. Sit down Thanksgiving meal at 1st United Methodist Church

Friday, November 26th No events scheduled. Church office closed.

Saturday, November 27th No events scheduled.

Sunday, November 28th *1st Sunday of Advent, Communion*

(*Childcare provided)

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

10:30 a.m. *WORSHIP SERVICE – In person and via YouTube

7:00 p.m. Book Study Group via Zoom



Christmas Poinsettias

Now is the time to start thinking about decorating our Sanctuary for Christmas --- and everyone has a chance to share in it. The Worship and Music Committee would like to encourage everyone to think about ordering a red poinsettia that will be used to beautify the Sanctuary for worship during the Christmas season.

As in the past, you may give a poinsettia 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. Or you may just want to help make our worship space beautiful for Christmas and then take the plant home to enjoy!

The cost for each poinsettia is \$9.50.

Please drop off or send the order form and payment to the church office by **November 24th**. Thank you for your participation!

We look forward to seeing a beautiful display on Sunday, December 5th!

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Number of plants ordered: _____ @ \$9.50 each. Total cost: \$ _____

I will pick up my poinsettia:

- ☐ after the 10:30 am service on December 19th.
- ☐ after the 5:00 pm service on Christmas Eve.
- ☐ after the 9:00 pm service on Christmas Eve.

Acknowledgement for bulletin: (please print)

Given by: _____

[in memory of] [in honor of] _____

[in appreciation for] _____

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Church Office Hours

Monday, Wednesday & Friday: 9:00am – 4:00pm

Tuesday & Thursday: 10:00am – 4:00pm

Note: Pastor Doug's day off is Friday each week.

Please respect his day off unless there is an emergency.

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Lynne Williams	610-415-1581
Mike Eitl	610-650-8011
Kathryn Grocki	610-933-6252
Ron Williams	610-505-1977
Chris Wittrock	610-662-1412
Ken Brown	610-933-6188
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