

YOUR FPC: PHOENIXVILLE

Welcome to...

The BEAT

The weekly e-newsletter from First Presbyterian Church

THIS WEEK'S PULSE

Wednesday, November 24th

7:30 p.m. Community Thanksgiving Eve Service (FPC Sanctuary)

Thursday, November 25th

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

12:00 p.m. Community Thanksgiving Dinner (First United Methodist Church, 865 Main St, Phoenixville)

Office is closed.

Friday, November 26th

No events scheduled.

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Saturday, November 27th

No events scheduled.

Sunday, November 28th - First Sunday of Advent

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

10:30 a.m. WORSHIP SERVICE with Communion

- Onsite with childcare and online - [FPC YouTube Channel](#)

7:00 p.m. Antiracism Book Club - [Zoom](#)

Click on the link or call: 1-929-205-6099 - Meeting ID: 829 6538 9092

Monday, November 29th

6:30 p.m. Zumba Class (Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday, November 30th

6:30 p.m. Zumba Class (Fellowship Hall)

7:30 p.m. Session Meeting

Wednesday, December 1st

7:30 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)



FEATURED EVENTS



WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24

FPC will be hosting this year's **Community Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service** on Wednesday, **November 24th** at **7:30 PM**. Worshipers are welcome to attend onsite or to view online at <https://youtu.be/FeJZtEyKNBw>. Give thanks and give praise!

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25

This year, the **Community Thanksgiving Dinner** will be coordinated with First United Methodist Church of Phoenixville on Thursday, **November 25th**, starting at **12:00 PM**. The Dine-In meal will be at First United Methodist Church, 865 Main St, Phoenixville.

THIS SUNDAY



Advent
25 Days of Expectation

A Christmas Carol
BIBLE STUDY

**Sunday,
November 28th**

YouTube

COMMUNION SUNDAY
COME TO THE TABLE

**Read
Discuss
Share
Listen
Act**

BIBLE STUDY: The Bible Study group will be taking a look at Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol as the Advent study this year. The study will be guided by questions and Scripture references written by Alan Vermilye, but there is no need to purchase the study guide. All you need is a copy of A Christmas Carol—check your book shelves and contact Sue Casey if you need help locating a copy. This series will begin on November 28 and most likely run slightly into the new year. It is fine to "drop in" for a class or two if that is what will fit your schedule. This class is by Zoom from 8:30 to 9:30 AM Sundays—allowing those attending church in person to get there on time. contact [Sue Casey](#) for the Zoom link.

ONSITE with Childcare & LIVE-STREAM WORSHIP: Join fellow congregants in-person or online this Sunday for the 10:30 AM service with Rev. Doug Hagler. If worshipping onsite, please be masked and distanced. Childcare will be available for children up to and entering 3rd grade. Staff members have been vaccinated and will be wearing masks. If watching from home, visit our [YouTube Channel](#) for the livestream video and follow along with the bulletin found here - <https://fpc-phoenixville.org/publications/bulletins/>. As part of our Sesquicentennial year of celebration, this service will focus on the first 50 years of First Presbyterian Church's life as a congregation - 1846-1896.

HOLY COMMUNION: Come to give thanks and be nourished with the bread of life and the cup of salvation as we share in the feast of Holy Communion.

ANTIRACISM BOOK CLUB: Zoom with the Antiracism Book Club this Sunday, November 28th, at 7:00 PM. Discussion will conclude on the book *Love Your Enemies* by Arthur C Brooks. All are welcome to Zoom in to learn, listen, and chat.

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82965389092>

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NOTEABLES



DUE TODAY, Wednesday, November 24th!

Join in our decorating tradition by purchasing a **\$9.50 poinsettia** to enhance our worship experience during the Christmas season. Flowers can be dedicated to remember a loved one, honor a person, express appreciation, or to beautify our Sanctuary. The plants will be available to take home and enjoy after Christmas! Simply drop off the order form and payment to the church office today. Thank you!



The **Nominating Committee** is in search of new Members At Large to serve 2022-2023. Remember, if you are interested, you can nominate yourself! Please submit nominees to [Becky Sinapius](#) or turn in to the main office THIS Sunday, **November 28th**. Check [Sunday's bulletin](#) for more details.



December's **scrip order** dates are set. Checks and orders are due on Tuesdays, **Nov. 30th** and **Dec. 7th, 14th, and 21st**. Perfectly timed for Christmas gifts! Please call Lynne at 610-415-1581 (home) or 610-955-4749 (cell) to place an order. The form will be filled out for you. Checks are to be made payable to First Presbyterian Church DR and mailed to Lynne Williams, 14 Schofield Road, Phoenixville, PA 19460. Thank you for continuing to support this program!



The MAC Committee will be offering **Alternative Gift Greeting Cards** again this Christmas season. Buyers can choose from five mission-related organizations - Bethany Christian Services (Safe Families program), PACS, Beekeeping Program through Presbyterian Mission, Global Water Center (confronting the global water crisis), and a Blankets program. Recipients will see that a donation has been made to the selected organization in their names. Just \$5.00 a card will be a special gift and a great donation! See the display in the narthex on Sunday.



STAR TREE UPDATE: All the stars are taken...that's wonderful news but some folks missed out so we are adding more stars to the [sign-up genius](#). Thanks so much for helping make Christmas brighter for the families. Please remember to return gifts to the church (narthex or office) on or before **December 5th** and be sure to attach your star (or the number assigned) to the gift.



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 4:00 PM** (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!



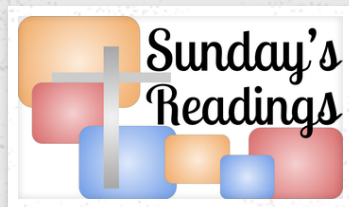
Join Pastor Doug for **Pub Theology** in the new year! Experience some engaging conversation of current events and God in today's world. Be social. Be perplexed. Be a part of some fun fellowship! This gathering starts at **7:00 PM** on Sunday, **January 9th**, at The Foodery, 325 Bridge St, Phoenixville.



ADVENT SCHEDULE
 1st Sunday of Advent - **Nov. 28**
with Communion
 2nd Sunday of Advent - **Dec. 5**
 3rd Sunday of Advent - **Dec. 12**
 4th Sunday of Advent - **Dec. 19**
CHRISTMAS EVE SCHEDULE
Friday, Dec. 24
5:00 PM Family Service
9:00 PM Candlelight Communion Service



For those on-the-go who would like the convenience of listening to **Sunday's sermons**, the **audios** are available on FPC's website. Click to listen or download to save to any smart device.
 Visit - <https://fpc-phoenixville.org/publications/sermons/> for the most recent audios.



Prepare for this Sunday's worship service by clicking here for the readings - **Jeremiah 33:14-16** and **Luke 21:25-36**.



People to People (P2P) has its own **Facebook** page - <https://www.facebook.com/FPCPeopleToPeople> thanks to Kristin Craven's expertise and creativity. Check the page for upcoming events and P2P volunteer opportunities in our local community. Check in often for P2P news and perhaps post a comment or two. Spread the news and share the page with your friends on social media!



Our prayer angels are ready to help and support you or loved ones. Please email **Prayer Chain** requests to fpcprayerchain1@gmail.com. Offers to be a prayer angel can be emailed to the same address, or call the main office at 610-933-8816.

FPC PHOTOS



SUNDAY'S SERMON



Happy Birthday

Best Wishes to everyone celebrating a birthday in November!

Nov. 1st: Paul Parrish;
John Zern

Nov. 4th: Dot McIntyre

Nov. 5th: Barb Giebler

Nov. 8th: Savannah Rivera

Nov. 9th: Patrice Barnes,
Kristen Skutch

Nov. 12th: Megan Smith

Nov. 14th: Noah Pilotti

Nov. 16th: Amy Roussey

Nov. 17th: Helen Harrop

Nov. 21st: Doug Hagler

Nov. 22nd: Ellen Williams

Nov. 29th: Doris Langevin