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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BAKERSTOWN

The Map

Jesus calls us to follow Him, grow in union with Him, and make disciples with Him, near and far. (Click here)

Join us for Sunday worship, in-person or online, at 10 AM

Update on Lois & Paul Becker, Sr.

(Pastor Paul's Parents)

Dear Church Family,

I was not present in worship on September 27 because my Mom, Lois, was taken to Passavant Hospital early that morning. Since then, she has endured a series of serious challenges, including heart procedures, additional cardiac events, a stroke, and pneumonia. Through it all, she has shown remarkable resilience.

Since Wednesday, our family has gathered around her and Dad to offer love and encouragement. Though her awareness has come and gone, she delighted in hearing the voices and stories recounted by her grandchildren. Her smiles in response to their presence were evidence of a quiet strength, peace, and contentment rooted in our common bond in Christ.

Dad was able to be with you this past Sunday during a joyful morning of worship that included new members, baptisms, communion, and a lunch fellowship. The love you showed him was deeply felt.

As of this morning, Mom has expressed her awareness that the end of her earthly life is near. Palliative care will begin sometime today. She and Dad are releasing themselves into the loving care and promises of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is our only true Hope and Peace. The joy of the Lord is our strength.

I know this is Pastor Appreciation Month, but I regard this as Parishioner Appreciation Month. Thank you for the many ways you have received my parents as your brother and sister in Christ. Thank you for the ways you have cared for and prayed for our family during this season.

To God be the glory,
Pastor Paul

Echoes of Sunday

A Midweek Devotional Reading Based on Last Sunday's Sermon

Looking for a mid-week lift? We often live under the quiet assumption that faith is a private, individual pursuit—leaving us feeling isolated or weary when life's challenges press in. But in God's sovereign design, every believer is called to be an integral part of the local church, serving as a living, visible demonstration of our union with Christ to the world. Through our shared covenant life, Jesus binds us together into a loving family devoted to His Word, sacred fellowship, prayer, and mutual care. If you need encouragement or a reminder of where you belong this week, take a quiet moment to pause and refresh your soul.

[**Click Here** to read the full devotional - ***The Family Portrait: Living Our Covenant Life Together.***]



Pulpit Preview: This Sunday's Sermon

New Sermon Series: The Greatest Story Ever Told

A new sermon series launches this Sunday! Most people know at least a few Bible stories: Adam and Eve; Noah and the ark; David and Goliath; Jonah and the great fish; the birth of Jesus; the cross and the resurrection; the New Jerusalem in the Book of Revelation.

But have you ever stepped back and asked, How do all these stories fit together?

Beginning this Sunday, we invite you to **join us for a new six-week sermon series, The Greatest Story Ever Told** (October 11-November 15). Together, we will trace the

grand narrative of Scripture from Creation to Restoration and discover how every part of the Bible fits into one unified story centered on Jesus Christ.

In a world filled with competing stories about who we are, what gives life meaning, and where history is headed, the Bible offers God's answer. It reveals the story that explains who we are, why the world is broken, what Jesus came to do, and where history is headed. It is a story that begins in a garden, centers on a cross, ends in a city, and invites us to find our place within it.

This Sunday's opening message, *The Blueprint: The Authority of Scripture & The Great Story,* will take us to the Emmaus Road in Luke 24:13-45. There, the risen Jesus teaches His disciples that all the Scriptures ultimately point to Him. Before we can understand Creation, Fall, Redemption, and Restoration, we must first learn how Jesus Himself taught His followers to read the Bible.

Whether you are new to Scripture or have spent decades studying it, this series will help you see the Bible's unity, deepen your confidence in God's Word, and strengthen your understanding of Christ's place at the center of God's redemptive plan.

We encourage you not only to join us this Sunday but to commit to the entire journey. Each week's message will build on the one before it, helping us see the beauty of God's unfolding work from Genesis to Revelation. By the end of the series, our prayer is that we will not simply know the Bible's story better, but that we will better understand our place within God's story.

We hope you'll make plans to worship with us this Sunday as we begin exploring *The Greatest Story Ever Told.*

Join us for worship this Sunday at 10 AM. If you are homebound or traveling, **click here** to watch our 10 AM Sunday Livestream.

Blood Donations Needed!

PLEASE GIVE! This blood drive is being held for **member Bob Schleiden who has Leukemia** and needs **blood cancer treatments** that are a necessary part of his treatments. Bob is the Commander Post 548 here in Richland.

When accessing the site click the **"Ready To Donate?"** button. Then go to filters and type in the Blood Drive Code: **100565039**



A Scary Good Giveaway!

No tricks, just treats. **Donate in Oct.** to help patients who rely on blood donations and you'll be entered to win **one of two $10,000 gift cards.*** Schedule your appointment today.

Make an appointment at vitalant.org or call 877-25-VITAL

Use blood drive code: 100565039

RICHLAND AMERICAN LEGION POST 548 BLOOD DRIVE

Monday, October 12, 2026

1:00 p.m to 5:00 p.m.

Location Host:

Northern Tier Library - Richland Conference Room

4015 Dickey Road, Gibsonia, PA 15044

To schedule an appointment to donate
- Go to www.vitalant.org and search blood drive code 100565039
- Call 1-877-25VITAL or scan the code to see avaiable times.

**Terms and condition apply; see vitalant.org/ScaryGoodGiveaway.*

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Pastor Appreciation Month



October is Pastor Appreciation Month!

"Then I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will lead you with knowledge and understanding." **– Jeremiah 3:15**

It is a great time to thank Pastors Paul and Jeremy for their leadership, guidance, and care. Please keep our pastors and their families in your prayers and send expressions of

appreciation through our P.O. Box.

First Presbyterian Church of Bakerstown, 5825 Heckert Rd. #127, Bakerstown, PA 15007.

Group Meetings This Week

SUN., Oct 11th

Sunday Gathering
(Worship)
10:00 AM
Sanctuary

MON., Oct 12th

All Dads Bible Study*
6:00 AM
(Micah)
*For location contact Pastor Jeremy at **collins@fpcb.org**

Church Office is Closed on Mondays

Monday Community Bible Study @ St. Barnabas Village
Bldg. A., 5th Floor
1:45-2:45 PM

TUE., Oct 13th

Tues Women's Bible Study
10:00-11:30 AM
(Genesis)
Admin Bldg

TOPS
(Taking **O**ff **P**ounds **S**ensibly)
3:30- 4:30 PM
Church Café

Tues Adult Bible Study
will not meet this week.
(Hebrews)
9:30-10:30 AM
Westminster Room

WED., Oct 14th

All Moms Bible Study
(John)
Westminster Rm

FRI., Oct 16th

Fri Men's Bible Study
7:00 AM
Eat 'n Park, Gibsonia

SAT., Oct 17th

Sat Men's Bible Study
(Nehemiah)
8:30 AM
Church Cafe

SUN., Oct 18th

Sunday Gathering
(Worship)
10:00 AM
Sanctuary

If you want information about any Bible Study, please call Linda Smith at 724-443-1555 and choose option "zero."

Please look for a Worship Email on Sundays at 9:15 AM
Our service begins at 10 AM

You may access worship directly at 9:55 AM by visiting:

Sunday Livestream

Please forward this email to friends.

Be sure to follow us on Youtube, Facebook, and Instagram to be up to date with everything happening at FPCB! When you come across our content please share and repost it, so that our congregation can continue to grow and increase in evangelism. To bring all glory to our Lord Jesus Christ!

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:
Tuesday-Friday, 9 AM - 3 PM

To subscribe to our emails, sign up on our website (Click Here) or call 724-443-1555. Choose option "zero" to speak with Linda.

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