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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

The God Who Calls a People

[Gen 12:1-3; Jn 1:14 and 12:32; 1 Pet 2:9-10](#)

In his recent sermon, "**The God Who Calls a People**," Pastor Paul Becker explores how we move from "doing things" for God to "being" the people of God. Drawing on the ancient promise made to Abraham and the magnetic pull of the Cross, we see that our identity as a "royal priesthood" isn't earned—it's a gift we receive together.

If you're looking for a fresh perspective on how to be a "quiet blessing" in your home, workplace, or neighborhood this week, check out our latest devotional blog.

[[Click Here](#) to read the blog post.]

Based on the sermon preached by The Rev. Paul Becker at First Presbyterian Church of Bakerstown. [Click Here](#) to watch the full video message.

Jesus Calls. We Follow!

On Sunday, February 1, we began a new sermon series. Long before Jesus said, "Follow me," God called out a people from the world to bring blessing to a sin-broken world. From Abraham, to the incarnate Christ, to the church today, we'll trace the story of God who speaks, calls, and gathers a people for His redemptive purposes.

Over the next few weeks, we will be united in knowing our church's *Call Statement*, its scriptural foundation, and how heeding the call of Jesus is the source of FPCB's spiritual vitality and fruitfulness.

- **Week 1: Introduction: The God Who Calls** ([Gen 12:1–3; Jn 1:14, 12:32; and 1 Pet 2:9–10](#))
- **Week 2: Jesus Calls Us to Follow Him** ([Mt 4:19; Lk 9:23](#))
- **Week 3: Jesus Calls Us to Grow in Union with Him** ([Jn 15:4–5; Gal 2:20](#))
- **Week 4: Jesus Calls Us to Make Disciples with Him—Near and Far** ([Mt 28:19–20; Acts 1:8](#))
- **Week 5: Conclusion: One Body, Answering One Call** ([Eph 4:1–16](#))

Join us in worship (in person or online) as we begin by hearing God's Word and receiving His testimony about who He is, who we are in Christ, and our purpose in the world.

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2026 COMMUNION SCHEDULE

LENT

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND
SUNDAY, MARCH 1ST, 8TH, 15TH, 22ND, & 29TH

MAUNDY THURSDAY

THURSDAY, APRIL 2ND

PENTECOST SUNDAY

SUNDAY, MAY 24TH

SUMMER

SUNDAY, JULY 5TH
SUNDAY, AUGUST 2ND

PROGRAM YEAR BEGINS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH

WORLD COMMUNION

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4TH

THANKSGIVING

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22ND

ADVENT

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6TH, 13TH & 20TH

2027 NEW YEAR

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10TH

Shari Whitico Retiring!

Shari Whitico has announced her retirement from music ministry, coinciding with her husband Mike's retirement as the Finance Director for Plum Boro. Her final Sunday with us will be **March 1st**.

We thank the Lord for leading Shari to our worship ministry. Originally hired to accompany our choir and provide organ and piano music for the 11:00 AM service, Shari's role evolved beautifully as the needs of our church changed.



A Heart for Member Care

When COVID-19 suspended our public gatherings, Shari's ministry shifted from the piano and organ benches to the telephone. She volunteered to help staff make weekly "check-in" calls to members over age 70—part of an effort that resulted in reports of 838 phone calls.

Even after we returned to the sanctuary, Shari continued this mission of care. She was often the first to sign up for "Meal Trains" for members recovering from surgery or loss. Notably, she worked alongside our Member Care Deacons to provide deep, loving support for our late Member Care Minister, Elaine Stuebgen, and her husband Adam during Elaine's battle with cancer. **Shari has shown us that a true Worship Leader doesn't just lead music; they love the people they lead.**

Adapting to Change

After the pandemic, our worship transitioned to a single 10:00 AM service, with Shari stepping up to lead an ever-evolving ensemble of musicians and vocalists. Working closely with the Pastors and Communications Director, she demonstrated remarkable musical resilience. Shari went above and beyond to integrate student instrumentalists—even composing custom parts for cello and trombone—and frequently adapted her keyboard style to provide percussion when a drummer was unavailable. Her flexibility was further evident in her ability to transpose keys to support Pastor Paul during his struggles with Muscle Tension Dysphonia in his voice box, or to pivot a song's energy to match the morning's theme. Shari exercised her musical gifts with humility, consistently deferring to the guidance of the pastoral leadership.

During this season, we also saw the birth of the **New Day Choir**. While Shari's compensated hours remained the same as her original letter of hire, she consistently poured in extra time, thought, and creativity. While plans were underway for Bev Weston to take a larger role with the choir in 2026, those specific advancements are currently on hold as we navigate this transition.

Our Gratitude

Shari has graciously adapted to a "dynamically changing ministry field" despite the personal challenges of an auto-immune disorder. We have seen God's strength made perfect in her weakness, and we are better for it.

As we bid Shari a fond farewell, let us show our gratitude to God for the leaders He provides. We invite you to respond through:

- **Prayer:** For Shari and Mike in their new chapter.
- **Service:** Contributing your own time and talents to our music and care ministries.
- **Generosity:** Providing the financial means to sustain an effective ministry staff model that helps us grow together in Christ

Shari's ministry was never defined by a job description, but by the love she poured into every phone call, meal, conversation and worship service. As she and Mike transition into this new season of rest and time with family, we wish them God's richest blessings. Please take a moment over the coming weeks to share a note of thanks or a favorite memory with Shari as we celebrate the legacy she leaves behind at FPCB.

The Lighthouse Foundation Bingo Night

On Friday, March 13th the Lighthouse Foundation will hold a bingo night at the Highfield Community Center!

Doors open at 5:00pm and Bingo starts at 6:00pm.

Tickets include 12 Regular Games with Prize Baskets and 4 Specials. Tickets begin at \$25 and can be purchased [here](#).

There will also be Basket Raffles, 50/50, Strip Tickets, and food/beverages available for purchase. So come for a night of a good time for an even better cause!



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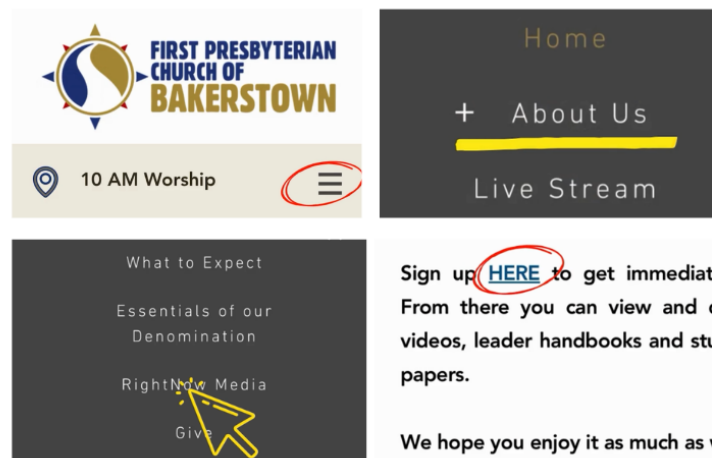
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The Week Ahead

SUN., Feb 8

Sunday Gathering (Worship)

10:00 AM

Sanctuary

MON., Feb 9

**Church Office is Closed on
Mondays**

All Dads Bible Study*

6:00 AM

*For location contact Pastor

Jeremy at collins@fpcb.org

**Monday Community Bible
Study @ St. Barnabas Village**

Bldg. A., 5th Floor

1:45-2:45 PM

TUE., Feb 10

Tues Women's Bible Study

10:00-11:30 am

(Hebrews)

Admin bldg

TOPS

(Taking Off Pounds Sensibly)

3:30- 4:30 PM

Church Café

Tues Adult Bible Study

9:30-10:30 am

(Hebrews)

Westminster Rm

WED., Feb 11

All Moms Bible Study

9:30-11:00 AM

Westminster Rm

FRI., Feb 13

Fri Men's Bible Study

7:00 AM

Eat 'n Park, Gibsonia

SAT., Feb 14

Sat Men's Bible Study

(Hebrews)

8:30 AM

Church Café

SUN., Feb 15

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 a.m.
Our service begins at 10 a.m.

You may access worship directly at 9:55 a.m. 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 a.m.-3 p.m.

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