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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](#))

Church Closure This Sunday

Due to a Severe Winter Storm Advisory, the high potential of requiring several snowplow sessions to keep up with accumulation, temperatures that render salt ineffective, and the prospect of lower attendance for a glorious service that included the Ordination and Installation of Officers and a new sermon series, everyone is encouraged to shelter and sabbath at home.

**Ordination and Installation of Officers will be
on Sunday, February 1!**

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

Worship in a K-Shaped World

[Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-16](#)

We often hear economists talk about a **"K-shaped" reality**: a world where one group of people is thriving and moving upward (the top of the **K**), while another is sliding into hardship and rising costs (the bottom of the **K**). This isn't just an exercise in statistics—it's a worldwide and local reality for the people in our pews and our neighborhoods.

But how should we worship in a world so deeply divided?

In our latest blog post, **"Worship in a K-Shaped World,"** we look at the prophet Isaiah's challenging words to a "religious" people. We explore why true worship is less about what happens inside the sanctuary and more about how we "see" and have a heart to serve those on the downward arm of the **K**.

[\[Click Here to read the blog post.\]](#) *The blog is based on the sermon preached by The Rev. Gary Weston at First Presbyterian Church of Bakerstown. [Click Here](#) to watch the full video message.*

New Sermon Series starting February 1st

Sermon Series: *Jesus Calls. We Follow!*

On Sunday, February 1, we begin 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.

[First Presbyterian Church of Bakerstown - YouTube](#)

In Loving Memory

We give thanks to God for the life of Dick Bruce, whom the Lord called to be His follower in this life and called Dick to eternal, sinless union with Him in Heaven. Our Sympathy is offered to his wife, Becky, and adult children, Kara Brindle and Dennis Bruce. Notice will be given about Dick's "Celebration of Life in Christ."

Ordination and Installations of Officers

The Ordination and Installation of Officers has been moved to February 1. **Denee White** will be ordained and installed as a Deacon. And having been previously ordained as Ruling Elders, **Donna Dallatore, Pat Manderfield, and LouAnn Oyler** will be installed as Ruling Elders on the Session.

Welcoming New Members!

On Sunday, February 11, we received 7 new members during worship. The photo shows the new members and the church members who have gotten to know them in meaningful ways, such as through Bible Studies or conversations around meals.



Disciple-Making Partners: Wade and Christine Mantlo

What does it look like to bring an ancient message into a 21st-century digital frontier?

Meet **Wade and Christine**, a family dedicated to a singular mission: ensuring every person, in every place, has the chance to hear the Gospel.

After a year that took them from the high altitudes of Bolivia to the vibrant streets of Mongolia, they aren't slowing down.

In their latest update, you'll go behind the scenes of a ministry that spans the globe and the digital landscape:



- **The Virtual Frontier:** Discover why they are looking toward the connectivity of the internet—where 500 million young people gather monthly—as the following great mission field.
- **Historic Firsts in Asia:** Follow Wade on a journey to East Asia, where two countries are launching church-planting training for the first time in history.
- **Miracles in Thailand:** Read the heart-stirring results of the first-ever Christmas outreaches in remote Burmese and Mon communities, where hundreds heard the Christmas story for the very first time.
- **A Personal Journey:** Get an update on Christine's health and see how their family (including their dog, Daisy!) finds moments of rest amidst a life of global travel.

Wade and Christine aren't just telling a story; they are inviting you to be part of a movement that bridges cultures, languages, and even digital worlds.

Read their latest newsletter by clicking [here!](#)

Parent's Night

On Sunday evening, parents of students in our children's and youth ministries gathered for dinner to talk about the direction and vision of these ministries. We shared that our goal—and our most significant "win"—at FPCB is to see students *take a step* toward owning their faith. We say *take a step* because the journey of faith is often longer and slower than we would like to admit, and it involves far more than simply knowing the correct answers. And we say *owning their faith* because this is the heart of discipleship, something our children grow toward from elementary school through high school. We celebrate every time a student moves toward Jesus in an intentional and meaningful way.



During our time together, we shared the many ways discipleship happens at FPCB, the critical role that fun and silliness play in building bonds of community, and how every ministry—from the nursery to the youth group—plays a vital part in this work.

We closed the evening by discussing the worries and challenges facing parents today and considering how we, as a church, can better come alongside families as they raise and disciple their children in today's world.

I ask that you spend time in prayer this week for our families: that they would know the grace of God amid the chaos, that they would be given patience to see how God is moving and working in the lives of their children, and that they would experience the joy and love of God more deeply through our community here.

Sincerely,
Associate Pastor Jeremy Collins

The Week Ahead

SUN., Jan 25

NO SUNDAY GATHERING
(Worship)
DUE TO EXTREME WEATHER

MON., Jan 26

**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., Jan 27

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., Jan 28

All Moms Bible Study
9:30-11:00 AM
Westminster Rm

FRI., Jan 30

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

SAT., Jan 31

Sat Men's Bible Study
(Hebrews)
8:30 AM
Church Café

SUN., Feb 1

Sunday Gathering
(Worship)
10:00 AM
Sanctuary

**Ordination and
Installation of Officers**

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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