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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

Check the GPS!

This week, the GPS takes you to a moment of worship for Good Friday morning. Our very own, Isaac Meyers, offers a hymn that is the foundation for the Good Friday Vigil in the sanctuary from Noon until 6 PM. Please come to the vigil, sit, reflect, and know that Jesus Paid it All.



Echoes of Sunday: Midweek Meditation

The Lion on a Donkey: When God Exceeds Our Expectations

We've all been there. You are facing a mountain of a problem—a health crisis, a fractured relationship, or an overwhelming burden—and you've been praying for a breakthrough. **You have a specific vision of how God should step in.** You're looking for a display of unmistakable power that overrides the situation and sets everything right.

But when the answer doesn't come as imagined, it's easy to feel like a victim of your circumstances. This week on the blog, we look at the first Palm Sunday through

that same lens. **The crowds wanted a conqueror to change their world overnight;** instead, they met a King on a borrowed donkey.

Jesus wasn't ignoring their needs—He was restoring their identity and exceeding their imagination. If you are wrestling with unmet expectations, join us as we explore how to live under God's good and sovereign rule.

[Click Here](#) to read a devotional inspired by the sermon preached on Sunday.

[Click Here](#) to view last Sunday's sermon.

Pulpit Preview: This Sunday's Sermon

The Tuesday Kind of Life

[Luke 24:36-44](#)

We've all had those moments where something feels too good to be true. On that first Easter, the disciples were in that exact spot, huddled behind locked doors and paralyzed by fear. They weren't looking for a miracle; they were looking for a hiding place. But when the risen Jesus appeared, He didn't offer them a lecture or a ghost story—He invited them to touch His hands and feet. He even sat with them and ate a piece of broiled fish to prove He was truly there. He showed them that the resurrection isn't just a "spiritual feeling" for Sunday morning; it is a physical reality with enough power to transform your "Tuesday kind of life." Whether you are facing a difficult boss, a stack of laundry, or a daunting diagnosis, the empty tomb means your future is secure, and power is available to you right now. Join us this Easter Sunday as we step out of our hiding places and discover what it truly means to be ***Raised to Life***.

See you Sunday at 10:00 AM to be fed from God's Word.

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

Upcoming Sermon Series

Raised to Life: Does Easter actually matter on a Tuesday morning?

We all know the story of the empty tomb, but it's easy to let life push us past that story after the church services end, and the ham bone is used and put in the trash. We go back to our normal lives, dealing with the same old habits, the same worries about the future, and the same questions about whether we are truly "okay" with God.

Starting next week, we are beginning a new series called **Raised to Life**. Over four weeks, we'll see that the resurrection isn't just a miracle from the past—it is a source of power for your life right now.

Come discover how Jesus being alive gives you:

- **Real Relief:** A "Proof of Purchase" that shows your past is forgiven.
- **Real Strength:** "A New Way to Walk" through your daily struggles.
- **Real Hope:** The certainty that "The Best is Yet to Come," no matter what you're facing today.

- **Real Purpose:** "Living with a Mission" because we serve a King who is alive right now.

(The sermon titles are in quotation marks.)

Don't just celebrate Easter; learn how to live it! Join us as we explore what it means to be **Raised to Life**.

Sympathy Notice

We share the news that **Jim Durham** died on March 31st and is survived by his wife Judy, and the families of their children, Chris, Suzie, and Jess.

[Click here](#) for the obituary.

Visitation and the Celebration of Life in Christ will be held at the church this Saturday, April 4th. with visitation in the Colonial Room beginning at 10:00 am and the Celebration of Life in Christ at 11:00 am.

Communion & Baptism Recipients

Today, on Maundy Thursday, we will celebrate members of our community as they participate in the sacraments. We ask for your prayers for our congregants as they take this next step in their spiritual journey.

Communion

- Asher Elizabeth Collins
- Charis Annalynn Collins
- Ainsley Lorraine Jones
- LaRue Deborah Jones
- Silas Alexander Mahan
- Theoren Jaxson Petrosky
- Avrie Rose Slebrich
- Emersyn Ruth Slebrich

Baptism

- Avrie Rose Slebrich
- Colton Matthew Slebrich
- Emersyn Ruth Slebrich



Services for Holy Week

Holy Week Schedule



03/29: Palm Sunday Worship with
Communion @ **10 AM.**

04/02: Maundy Thursday Worship
with Baptisms and Communion @ **7 PM.**

04/03: Good Friday Prayer Vigil with
printed devotional from **Noon to 6 PM.**

04/05: Resurrection Sunday Worship
@ **10 AM.**

Good Friday Breakfast Reminders

Men's Breakfast @ FPCB @ 7:30am
\$12 at the door

Women's Breakfast @ Trinity Lutheran @ 8:00 am
\$10 at the door



Good Friday Vigil: Devotional and Free Gift

It seems odd to call the day that Jesus died "good," but it is.

If you come to the **sanctuary anytime between Noon and 6:00 PM on Good Friday**, you will experience a time of quiet reflection. You will be presented with **a devotional reading describing a single word spoken by Jesus** that declares you are freed from the penalty for sin and given a new and eternal life.

The reading will direct you to the Communion Table, where you will engage in **a simple action to personalize the word Jesus spoke**. The table will also have a gift for you to take and wear. It is **a bracelet upon which that single word is printed**.

What is that word? Make time to hear it, know it, and claim it.



**printed devotional
and free gift included**

Volunteer to help beautify our grounds

Church Workdays

Friday, April 17th & Saturday, April 18th

from 8:30 am to 11:30 am

Helpers of all ages are invited to participate!

Get ready for weeding, pruning, and spreading mulch around the Church grounds.

Please bring tools with you, especially rakes, shovels, and wheelbarrows.



[Sign Up Here](#)

The Week Ahead

SUN., Apr 5th

Sunday Gathering
Resurrection Sunday
(Worship)
10:00 AM

Sanctuary

MON., Apr 6th

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
NOT MTG THIS WEEK**

Bldg. A., 5th Floor
1:45-2:45 PM

TUE., Apr 7th

Tues Women's Bible Study

10:00-11:30 am

(Jude)

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., Apr 8th

All Moms Bible Study

9:30-11:00 AM

Westminster Rm

FRI., Apr 10th

Fri Men's Bible Study

7:00 AM

Eat 'n Park, Gibsonia

SAT., Apr 11th

Sat Men's Bible Study

(Nehemiah)

8:30 AM

Church Café

SUN., Apr 12th

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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