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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**

## Echoes of Sunday

### A Midweek Devotional Reading Based on Last Sunday's Sermon

**Need a mid-week lift?** When we begin to see **the depth of our sin and how far it has separated us from God**, our natural instinct is to run, hide, and try to manage our own flaws. But the glorious good news of the gospel is that **God did not leave us to our wandering ways**. Seven hundred years before Christ was born, the prophet Isaiah foretold of **the Suffering Servant who would stand in our place**, bearing our guilt and fulfilling the ancient promise made in Eden. If you are tired of carrying the weight of self-reliance or trying to fix your own heart this week, **take two quiet minutes today to step out of the shadows and rest in the finished, substitutionary work of Christ**.

[**Click here** to read the full devotional: **Promised in Eden, Fulfilled at Calvary: The Savior Who Came for Us.**]

## Pulpit Preview: This Sunday's Sermon

### Sermon Series: The Greatest Story Ever Told

**The Greatest Story Ever Told** begins in a garden, centers on a cross, ends in a city, and invites us to find our place within it. It's a story that explains: who we are, why the world is broken, what Jesus came to do, and where history is headed.

**The story will be told in a six-week sermon series:**

**Prologue**
**The Blueprint: Scripture's Authority & The Great Story**
**Act I**
**Creation: Design & The Creator King**
**Act II**
**Fall: Vandalism & The Promised Seed**

**Act III**
**Redemption: The Rescuer on the Cross**

**Act IV (THIS SUNDAY)**
**Restoration: The Renewal of All Things**

**Epilogue**
**The Sent Church: Living Out the Grand Story**

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

# Campus Update

**Trees continue to require removal.** During the Preschool Christmas Break, two trees along the main entry driveway will be removed.

**A maple tree** along the main driveway is half-dead. Our power line runs through it.

**The ornamental pear tree** near the corner bench will also be removed. This species is known to split with age. Regular trimming is required for the parking lot light that it shrouds.

**Trees are an ongoing concern.** Over the last 6 years, trees in both cemeteries and on the church campus have posed risks of catastrophic injury to people or damage to property. Tree removal requires use of a large crane, brush and stump grinders, trucks, and a labor crew.

**How are costs covered?** The cost of tree removal is not assigned to the campus portion of the Ministry Budget. Costs are covered by earnings from invested funds designated for the campus.

**How were these funds procured?** Our church has been blessed by church members who designated it as a beneficiary in their estate planning.







# Thank you for Sharing!




Thank you to everyone who gave to the **Lighthouse Food Drive!**

**The grand total of donations was approximately a Quarter Ton of food (500 lbs.).** Your contributions will give many families in need a great Thanksgiving dinner!

**[This photo was taken after car loading had already begun!]**

# Women's Christmas Luncheon
# December 6 @12:30 PM
## Angel Gifts for Hosanna Industries Clients




**All women** are invited to the Women's Christmas Luncheon on **Sunday, December 6, at 11:30 PM in Fellowship Hall.** Join us for a joyful afternoon of fellowship as we celebrate the Christmas season together!

**Guests will enjoy a special Chalk-Talk presentation by Doug Bartley of Valencia**, who will create an inspiring seasonal artwork while sharing the Christmas message in a unique and memorable way.

**As part of this year's luncheon, Circle 4 invites women to participate in the Angel Gifts initiative** by selecting a person from ***Hosanna Industries*** *2026* client list. To choose a client and learn more about the ministry, please contact Linda Smith at the church office. **Gifts should be brought with you to the luncheon. If you are unable to attend, gifts may be dropped off at the church office by Thursday, December 3.**

**Please RSVP with Linda Smith at the office by calling 724-443-1555 (option zero).**

# Group Meetings This Week
## Bible Study for Retirees

### Wednesday Bible Study
### Being Repurposed for Retirees

**Retirees are invited** to gather each Wednesday at 9:30 AM in the Conference Room of the Administration Building for Bible study, fellowship, and spiritual encouragement. The group is currently completing a study of Hebrews.

**Beginning December 2, Pastor Paul will launch a special four-week Christmas series** designed specifically for retirees, focusing on what God's Word teaches about living faithfully, purposefully, and joyfully in the later seasons of life.

**Watch for details and registration information in the next edition of The MAP!**

### SUN., Nov 8th

**Sunday Gathering (Worship)**
10:00 AM
**Sanctuary**

### MON., Nov 9th

**All Dads Bible Study***
6:00 AM
**(Micah)**

**Church Office is Closed on Mondays**

**Monday Community Bible Study @ St. Barnabas Village**
Bldg. A., 5th Floor

*For location contact Pastor Jeremy at **collins@fpcb.org**

1:45-2:45 PM

## TUE., Nov 10th

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

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

## WED., Nov 11th

**All Moms Bible Study**
**(John)**
**Westminster Rm**

**Bible Study for Retirees**
**(Hebrews)**
9:30-10:30 AM
**Admin Bldg,**
**Conference Room**

## FRI., Nov 13th

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

## SAT., Nov 14th

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

## SUN., Nov 15th

**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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