

March 9, 2025 . . . 10 a.m. Worship Guide

It's a great day to live the gospel!

A digital version of the Worship Guide is available at www.fpcb.org. John 17 records the prayer of Jesus for all who follow him. Jesus prayed, "Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth." Worship at FPCB is a journey through God's Word that renews our thoughts, reaches our hearts, and transforms our lives to love God, one another, and our neighbors. Welcome to the high calling of worship!



We Gather to Seek, Speak, and Sing God's Grace...

^Unison Affirmation

[Acts 20:24](#)

My life is worth nothing to me unless I use it to finish the work assigned to me by the Lord Jesus—telling others the Good News about God's wonderful grace.

^Song: [They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love](#)

[Jn 13:34–35; Eph 4:1-3](#)

God Offers Grace by Calling Us to Worship...

^Call to Worship

[Jer 31:31, 2 Cor 5:17, 2 Cor 5:18, 2 Cor 5:20](#)

Leader: Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah.

People: In Christ, we are made new. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

Leader: God has reconciled us to Himself through Christ and given us the ministry of reconciliation.

People: We are ambassadors for Christ, God making His appeal through us.

Leader: Let us worship God in the wondrous mystery of our Christ-bound-bond of fellowship.

^Song: [Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery](#)

[click for the song's scripture basis](#)

^Sharing the Peace of Christ

[Rom 16:16, Jn 20:19, Mt 5:9](#)

The practice of "passing the peace" in Christian worship originates from the early church's greeting of a holy kiss, symbolizing unity and reconciliation (Rom 16:16). It reflects Jesus' greeting of peace to His disciples (Jn 20:19) and the call to be peacemakers (Mt 5:9). We share Christ's peace, reinforcing communal bonds.

God Offers Grace in Prayer...

Pastoral Prayer (A.C.T.S. - Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, Supplications)

We Offer Our Hearts: [Christ Is Mine Forevermore](#)

[Matthew 6:19-20](#)

God Offers Grace Through His Word...

Scripture Reading: [Jeremiah 31:33-34 and 2 Corinthians 5:17-21](#)

Pew Bible, pp. 784, 1145

Sermon: *Embracing Our Identity in Christ Under the New Covenant*

The Sacrament of Communion

Lord's Prayer

God Sends Us to Live in the Power of His Grace...

^Benediction

[based on Phil 2:1-11](#)

^Please stand, if able.



Journey Notes

Join us on a journey to follow Jesus, grow together, and make disciples.

Welcome!

All: Please fill out a yellow welcome card found in the pew racks for communion Sunday. They are behind the offering envelopes and can be placed in the offering plate or left on your pew. Thank you!

We offer childcare during worship for infants through pre-k students. See anyone with a name tag for directions to the childcare room.

Bring Your Children to Church. Each week during the offering, kindergarten through third-grade children are invited and led to Room 100 in the Education Wing for a bible lesson. No sign-up is necessary. Contact Pastor Jeremy Collins with questions at collins@fpcb.org.



456 is our Sunday Ministry for preteens in grades 4, 5, and 6. On Sunday mornings, when dismissed by Pastor Paul or Jeremy during worship, Preteens will go to the Preteen room downstairs. Adult teachers and high school and middle school teaching assistants will guide them through The Gospel Project curriculum. Please note that **456** does not meet on Communion Sundays. Students will remain in worship.

To receive *The Map*, our weekly email, or to have something published in *The Map*, contact our Communications Director, Julie, at kastelic@fpcb.org or 724-443-1555, ext. 224.

Care...

Is your household facing a health concern, hospitalization, or hospice? Contact Member Care Minister Elaine Stuebgen at stuebgen@fpcb.org or 724-443-1555, ext. 241. You may also contact Pastor Paul at 724-443-1555, ext 222.

The Elders are available to pray with you in two ways: 1) Submit prayer requests using the link at the bottom of our weekly emails ([click here](#)). 2) Before worship, speak to a Pastor to request prayer from the Elders in accordance with James 5:14, which says, “Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord.”

Notable...

This morning we welcome Ginny Ambrose as accompanist while Shari Whitico is away. Ginny is a long-time colleague of Shari’s.

Pastor Jeremy offers a creative and interesting talk that relates a wood-making project to the Covenants of God. View the YouTube video [here](#).

A Lenten Sermon Series begins next Sunday, March 16, titled “Gethsemane: Learning to Pray in the Darkness.” This four-week sermon series will take us to be with Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane the evening before his crucifixion. We will observe Jesus’ humanity and divinity and be reminded that he fully knows our experiences in this life.

Need something from our office? We are open Tuesday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Before making a drop-in visit, it is best to call to ensure the staff member you wish to see is available. Most staff are part-time, and some flex their hours to accommodate work for things like Monday or Saturday funerals or Sunday worship. There are also times when paid time off (PTO) is taken. Office phone: [724-443-1555](tel:724-443-1555).

Looking Ahead

March 16	Second Sunday of Lent - Communion will be observed.
March 23	Church Lunch will be held after worship in the Cafe - learn more about Summer Serve Week!