TODAY
At Fox Chapel Presbyterian Church
Rev. Roger Owens | "A Better Question?"
1 Corinthians 12:4-11, Ephesians 4:1-13

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Church Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00 AM-3:00 PM
www.fcpc.us | 412-963-8243

Welcome, Visitors!
We are so glad you are here to worship with us today.
Learn more about FCPC at https://www.fcpc.us

On Sunday, January 29th, the contemporary and traditional worship services will be combined at 10:00 AM in the sanctuary and livestreamed.
There will be a congregational meeting immediately following the 10:00 AM service

Don’t Miss the FCPC B.J. Ferguson Chili Cook-off Competition on Sunday, January 29, immediately after the 10:00 AM Service and Congregational meeting in Fellowship Hall!

For the 16th year, the entire congregation is invited to attend and sample the products of the church’s best chili cooks, who will be vying for bragging rights (and awards). Again this year, the Cook-off will remember its late, great champion of champions, B.J. Ferguson. B.J. surely would want to know: Who will be able to say that he or she has the best chili in the church and whether prior years’ winners repeat in 2023!!!!

Cooks: Sign-ups will be today before and after each service in the Red Tile Area and Fellowship Hall. Awards will be given to the top 3 finishers in the categories of Traditional Recipes, Non-Traditional Recipes, Youth Entries and Vegetarian/Heart Healthy Recipes.

Sign up at www.fcpc.us/events-fc or contact Chet Karas at 412-736-9733 or karas756@comcast.net before January 24.

A special offering will be collected at the door for a donation in B.J. Ferguson’s memory to Animal Friends.
February 5, 8:00 AM-1:00 PM in the Chapel
Join us in the Chapel, anytime between 8 AM-1 PM to fill the truck with food donations to be sent to three of our mission partners: Bread of Life Food Pantry, Council of Three Rivers Food Pantry, St. Vincent De Paul Food Pantry.
All ages and skill levels welcome.
Volunteer hours available for high school students.

FIGHT HUNGER WITH FILL THE TRUCK!

ADULT MISSION TRIP

is God inviting you to participate in a short-term mission trip this summer? A team of people from FCPC, lead by Pastor Rebecca, will travel to Calvert City, Kentucky May 29–June 3, 2023 to help with flood clean-up and light home repairs. To learn more, please visit our homepage to view the trip brochure. [https://www.fcpc.us](https://www.fcpc.us)

PER CAPITA SUPPORT ENCOURAGED

The term “Per Capita” is used to represent our connectional relationship to the whole of the Presbyterian Church (USA), as it provides support for the administrative levels of our church’s governing bodies. The 3 representative governing bodies, Pittsburgh Presbytery, The Synod of the Trinity, and the General Assembly, annually determine the “Per Person” support that will be needed to serve the church in regions, the nation, and the world. The Per Capita amount for 2023 is $32,451.30. This is $35.70 per member. An envelope is provided in the first quarter packet that you received. Support can be provided by a check payable to FCPC and designated “Per Capita” on the memo line or the “giving” page on www.fcpc.us by choosing the Per Capita option. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

STILL TIME TO PLEDGE

We celebrate that 225 households have made a financial pledge to FCPC for the ministries of 2023! Of those, 31 are households that have made a new pledge and 67 are households that have increased their pledge for 2023. If you have not yet made a pledge for your financial giving, please consider doing so. Additionally, we are working on church offering envelopes. If you want to check on your envelope status, contact the finance office.

MESSAGE FROM ROGER

Dear Friends,
Each year my students get tricked. I assign them to read an essay by Thomas Merton, a 20th Century American monk and one of the greatest spiritual writers of all time, and analyze Merton’s understanding of “true self.” He begins the essay with this line: “A tree gives glory to God by being a tree.” And then he explores beautifully how each created thing, in its uniqueness, glories God simply by being itself.

The special clumsy beauty of this particular colt on this April day in this field under these clouds is a holiness consecrated to God by His own creative wisdom and it declares the glory of God.

The pale flowers of the dogwood outside this window are saints. The little yellow flowers that nobody notices on the edge of that road are saints looking up into the face of God.

My students, so taken-in by these claims, jump to a false conclusion, one that fits nicely with the message they hear all around them: It’s the same for us. We just have to be ourselves!

Here’s what they miss: On the third page of the essay, Merton writes: “But what about you? But what about me? Unlike the animals and the trees . . .” They miss a crucial but, a consequential unlike. They assume Merton is setting up an analogy, that he’s trying to say how we are like the trees and other creatures; but, in reality, he’s offering a contrast. A tree doesn’t have to do anything to be itself and give glory to God. But we do.

In other words, trees don’t have to grow spiritually. Humans do. Because of sin—our tendency to turn inward to ourselves rather than outward to God and others in love (or as Merton would put it, because we all live as false selves)—we need to grow, to participate with God’s grace in becoming who we are meant to be. “Our vocation is not simply to be,” he writes, “but to work together with God in the creation of our own life, our own identity, our own destiny.”

Merton writes in this essay one of his most famous lines: “For me to be a saint means to by myself.” But he also makes clear that we are not yet ourselves; we are each still becoming who we are meant to be. We are called to grow spiritually.

The third area of our purpose statement affirms that our church joyfully participates in Christ’s mission, in part, by “nurturing spiritual growth.” We want to be a place where people find the support and encouragement, guidance and companionship they need to become who they are meant to be in God. To make progress on the spiritual journey, To take the next step (and the next, and the next) in a transformed life with God.

Maybe this week you can reflect on these questions: How am I participating with God in becoming who I’m meant to be? What is the next step I need to take to grow spiritually? And who can I reach out to for help, encouragement, and guidance?

Peace,
Roger
Co-Senior Pastor

FINANCIAL QUESTIONS/CONCERNS

Please direct any financial concerns or questions to Sandi Deaner in the Finance Office. She is our new Finance Administrator and can be reached by email at sandi@fcpc.us or 412-963-8479.
**WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE**

**ELEMENTARY AGE YOUTH GROUP**

**FOX CHAPEL PRESBYERIAN CHURCH**

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE!**

**WEDNESDAYS JANUARY-APRIL 6:30PM-8:00PM**

Sign up on our children’s page by using the QR code or just show up!

Questions? Call/Text Pastor Lori 412-737-1412

**TIME FOR KIDS TO CONNECT AND SHARE TO RELAX AND PLAY TO LEARN AND GROW TOGETHER IN GOD’S LOVE**

**This Month!**

January 4 - Cat to the Camel Races?
All about the men, camels, and how fast you can get to Bethlehem!

January 11 - Fruity Resolutions?
Making New Year’s resolutions with God and fruit!

January 18 - Wise Cracks!
Are you as wise as King Solomon? Let’s find out!

January 25 - Building Temples!
Legos & Temples & Kings!
Let’s build and learn!

**THIS WEEK’S CALENDAR**

**Monday, January 23, 2023**

8:00 AM - 2:30 PM: Preschool (Fellowship Hall)
8:00 AM - 12:30 PM: Preschool (Rms.107&109)
2:00-3:00 PM: Knitting Group (Library)
7:00-9:00 PM: Session Mtg. (Chapel)

**Tuesday, January 24, 2023**

7:30-9:00 AM: Men’s Prayer Fellowship (Lounge)
8:00 AM - 2:30 PM: Preschool (Fellowship Hall)
8:00 AM - 12:30 PM: Preschool (Rms.107&109)
10:00 AM: Memorial Service for Laurie Culbertson (Sanctuary)
1:00 PM: Staff Devotions & Mtg. (Rm 242)

**Wednesday, January 25, 2023**

8:00 AM - 2:30 PM: Preschool (Fellowship Hall)
8:00 AM - 12:30 PM: Preschool (Rms.107&109)
8:30 AM - 12:00 PM: Preschool (Atrium, Chapel, Lounge)
9:00-10:30 AM: Community Bible Study (LL310)
6:30-8:00 PM: Wednesday Night Live!

**Thursday, January 26, 2023**

8:00 AM - 2:30 PM: Preschool (Fellowship Hall)
8:00 AM - 12:30 PM: Preschool (Rms.107&109)
8:30 AM - 12:00 PM: Preschool (Atrium, Chapel, Lounge)
12:00-2:30 PM: Preschool In-Service (Lounge)
6:30-7:30 PM: Bell Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
7:30-8:30 PM: AL-ANON (Library)
7:30-9:00 PM: Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
7:30-9:30 PM: Keep It Simple AA (Lounge/Chapel)

**Friday, January 27, 2023**

8:00 AM - 12:00 PM: Preschool (Fellowship Hall)
8:00 AM - 12:30 PM: Preschool (Rms.107&109)
8:30 AM - 1:00 PM: Preschool (Chapel & Lounge)

**Sunday, January 29, 2023**

8:15 AM: Cup & Loaf Worship Srvc (Chapel)
10:00 AM: Combined Worship Service (Sanctuary)
11:00 AM: Congregational Mtg (Sanctuary)
11:30 AM: Chili Cookoff (Fellowship Hall)
2:00-3:30 PM: MS Youth Group (Youth Lounge)
4:00-5:30 PM: HS Youth Group (Youth Lounge)

**Summer Youth Trips—Save the Dates!**

**Chicago July 1-7.** This trip is open for students 9th grade to college age. On this trip we will spend the week helping with different programs in the city of Chicago. We’ll meet and engage with residents where they live, hear their stories, and spread some love. We will also explore and get to know the city of Chicago throughout the week. This will be a unique but great trip! Registration is now open, access the form on the youth ministry page of the website.

**Surf City August 6-11.** This trip is open for students 6th-9th grade for the 23-24 school year. Join us for a week in Michigan as we explore sand dunes, ride wave runners, experience God in nature, and so much more! Registration opens in February.

**VBS/SAVE THE DATE**

Changemakers Lab VBS

Fox Chapel Presbyterian Church
Ages 4-5th grade
July 10-14, 2023
1 PM 4 PM

In God’s eyes, you are never too young to make a change!

Sign ups are open! Follow the QR code to our Children & Family Ministry page to link and register.

Questions? Text/Call Pastor Lori 412-737-1412

**FCPC YOUTH**

**JANUARY 2023**

1ST - NO YC
3RD - MS 2:30 PM & HS 1:30 PM
5TH - ICE SKATING (OUTING)
7TH - MS 2:30 PM & HS 1:30 PM
28TH - 2ND HARVEST 10 AM-12PM
29TH - MS 2:30 PM & HS 1:30 PM

**CHILDREN’S SUNDAY PROGRAMS**

8:15 AM Service No programming available but children are welcome to attend service with parents/guardians.

9:30 AM Contemporary Service All ages of children are invited to stay in the service and engage in activities with Pastor Lori at the back of Fellowship Hall.

11:00 AM Traditional Service Parents/guardians sign children (age 3-5th grade) into Kid’s Church when entering the sanctuary. Children begin the service with family then leave with Pastor Lori following the Children’s Message. Parents/guardians can pick up their children in the lower level unless otherwise indicated.

Children Younger than 3 Childcare is provided at the 9:30 & 11:00 services every week in room 109.

Children’s Choir 10:15-10:55 Children’s Choir is open to children age 5-5th grade in the choir room. Ms. Hannah Roux, Children’s Choir Director, runs this program.
CURRENT/RECENT ILLNESS OR HOSPITALIZATION:

Bob Fletcher, Astrid Bitzer, Elicia Sutton, Susan Sphar, June White, Marilyn Noll, Gary Williamson, Joan Sieber, Mary Lou Mielecki, Diane Mercer, Amy Bittner, Phoebe Joseph, Joe Stephenson

Prayer Concerns

Mary Anne Koch, Shirley Phillis' friend who is undergoing cancer treatments, Lili Rosenthal and her family, Granville Goza (friend of Bob Heister)

Sympathy:

Prayers for the Culbertson and Ernharth, families on the death of Laurie Culbertson on 1/15/23.
Prayers for the Sweringen family on the death of Gaye (Gracemary) Sweringen on 1/8/23.
Prayers for the friends and family of Do Finlay who died on 1/5/23.
Prayers for the family of George Richardson who died on 1/3/23.
Prayers for Avon Null and her family as her husband Don died on 1/1/23.

Congratulations:

Owen Robert Bowser, son of Hannah and Jared Bowser, born on 12/27/2022. His proud grandparents are Brenda and Chet Karas.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

January 22: Kelly Hofer, Sheila Schmutz, Carol Henderson, Sydney Inglis
January 23: Jennifer Braham, Liz Sasada, Gary Heitzenroder, Gary Farrell, Malina Trazzo, Judy Rowse, Ada Mol
January 24: Kim Chrisman, Barbara Thompson, Tracey Mulert
January 25: Pat Taylor, Benjamin Myerburg, Elliot Lesnik, Nikki Rosswog
January 26: Dick Barton, John Inglis, Lucy Rygelski, Vivian Rusnic, Brandon Stallard
January 27: Bonnie DeMotte
January 28: Jenna Barbour, Louise Lytle, Sue Patrick, Deacon Anderson

FRIDAY BOOK GROUP

The Friday Book Group will be reading Michael J. Sandel’s, “The Tyranny of Merit: What’s Become of the Common Good?”. Join us by Zoom on Fridays, January 6th-February 24th from 9:30-10:30 AM. Call Dorothy Hill for info: 412-828-7285

CHANCEL FLOWERS

There are dates available for 2023 to provide flowers for the chancel. Your order of flowers beautifies the sanctuary and is a wonderful opportunity to honor or remember someone special. Arrangements are $55, and orders can be placed by contacting a volunteer at the Frontdesk (412.963.8243) or Frontdesk@fcpc.us

CONTACT INFO UPDATES

Have you recently moved, changed your phone number or changed your email? So that you receive FCPC information, we want to keep your contact information up-to-date. Please contact Penny in the church office (412-963-8243) or Penny@fcpc.us

HEARING DEVICES

Hearing devices are available in the FCPC sanctuary! Ask an usher for a hearing device, or if you have a hearing aid that has the T-Coil activated, you can ask for a T-Coil neckloop receiver.

WORSHIP SERVICE RECORDINGS

For your convenience, the worship services are available on the FCPC YouTube channel: www.youtube.com/@FoxChapelPresby/streams

Submissions for “HIGHLIGHTS” are due to Jenny, at jenny@fcpc.us by 5:00 PM on Monday.