TODAY
At Fox Chapel Presbyterian Church

Rev. Roger Owens
"Decently and in . . . ?"

8:15 AM  Cup & Loaf Worship Service  Chapel
9:30 AM  Contemporary Worship Service  Fellowship Hall
         Children's Activities
         Nursery Care  Room 109
         Comfort Space  Room 107
11:00 AM  Traditional Worship Service  Sanctuary
         Kid's Church  Chapel
         Nursery Care  Room 109
         Comfort Space  Room 107
12:30 PM  Peace & Justice Team Meeting  Lounge
2:00 PM  Middle & High School Youth Group  Zone 28

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

Holy Week Services

Maundy Thursday
with Holy Communion
April 6 | 7 PM
Childcare Provided

Easter Sunday
April 9 | 8:15 & 11 AM
with West Virginia Brass Quintet and Timpani
9:30 AM Contemporary
Childcare Provided at 9:30 & 11 AM

Good Friday
Service of Tenebrae
April 7 | 7 PM
Childcare Provided

Watch a livestream of all services: https://www.youtube.com/@FoxChapelPresby/streams

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

As a community of Christ's disciples, we joyfully participate in Christ's mission of love and peace, transformation and hope.
MESSAGE FROM PASTOR ROGER

Dear Friends,

Last Saturday, the Session (FCPC’s governing council) held a daylong retreat in the lounge. It was a dreary morning, wet and gray. The dim lights in the lounge and the bleak conditions outside made me fear we would all struggle to stay awake. But quite the opposite happened. The day was, at least for me, invigorating and inspiring.

We began with an exercise that allowed us to share with one another aspects of our faith journeys, as we each remembered the places and the people that had shaped our faith over the years. We were honest. We were authentic. We were vulnerable. It was a holy time. Like Moses before the burning bush, I felt at times that I should slip off my shoes.

We spent the rest of the morning discussing the book Unbinding the Gospel to help us dig in to the first area of our church’s purpose statement that says we invite and welcome all people into a life with God and into a caring fellowship of faith. With so many churches like ours in serious decline, we wanted to explore the challenges and possibilities of claiming this area of our purpose as a matter for the front-burner.

We even discussed the word evangelism. Some of us were honest about the negative connotations of the word. We think of evangelists trying to scare people into heaven by threatening them with hell. We imagine determined strangers knocking at our door on a lazy Saturday morning, thrusting religious literature into our hands. Or we simply realize how unsure we are about our own faith and can’t imagine sharing our uncertainties with others.

But many of us found the book disarming. The author offered a succinct, non-threatening definition of evangelism: Evangelism, she said, is “anything you do to help another person move closer to a relationship with God, or into Christian community.” That sounds remarkably like the first area of our purpose statement above, doesn’t it? It should be no surprise that the word evangelism comes from the Greek word that simply means “good news.”

This Sunday begins Holy Week, the week in the church year where God’s good news finds its most vivid display: Christ enters Jerusalem, eats a final meal with his disciples, suffers their betrayal, drags his own cross up a hill to where he’ll be crucified, and then rises again to unending life. It’s the story of the wondrous, sacrificial love of God.

And it is good news for all. Which makes this a good week to think about your own friends, acquaintances, and family members who do not attend a church and to pray about whether you might be the person to invite them to one of our three Easter services. Do you know anyone who needs to hear and experience the joy of resurrection? If so, consider offering them a gentle invitation to attend a worship service with you on Easter. If the new life that Christ’s resurrection makes possible matters to you, it might make a difference to them as well. If you do, you can be confident that you are helping our church live out its purpose to invite and welcome all people. But more importantly, you’ll be participating in the mission of a God who loves, heals, and makes all things new.

Peace,
L. Roger Owens
Co-Senior Pastor

FCPC YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Summer Youth Trips—Save the Dates!

Chicago July 1-7. This trip is open for students 9th grade through college age. We’ll be serving and exploring the Windy City.

Surf City August 6-11. This trip is open for students 6th-9th grade. We’ll be enjoying the sweet soft sands of Michigan.

See more info/register for both trips on the youth ministry page of the website at www.fcpc.us/youth-ministry.

MAKING ALL THINGS NEW: A CHURCHWIDE SPIRITUAL LIFE RETREAT

EXPERIENCING SPIRITUAL PRACTICES THAT INVITE US INTO DEEPER LIFE WITH GOD

SATURDAY, APRIL 22 AT FCPC
8:30AM - 2:00PM
LED BY PASTORS GINGER AND ROGER

OR CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE 412-963-8243
CHILDREN’S SUNDAY PROGRAMS

8:15 AM Worship  No children’s programing though all are welcome to attend worship with their loved ones.

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

9:30 AM & 11 AM Nursery Care  Room 109, for ages (0-3) in room 109. Staffed by two adult professionals.

9:30 AM & 11 AM Comfort Space  Room 107. A place to comfort or feed a child and watch the worship service.

10:15-10:55 Children’s Choir  Choir Room. For age 5 to 5th grade. Directed by Miss Hannah Roux.

11:00 AM Kids Church  For age 3 to 5th grade. Children are signed in prior to worship and begin the service with loved ones. Following the Children’s Message, children are led to the lower level Kids’ Space. Parents/guardians can pick up their children in the lower level unless otherwise indicated.

Questions/Concerns? Contact our Director of Children and Family Ministry, Pastor Lori: call/text 412-737-1412 or email lori@fcpc.us.

NEW

CHORAL CONCERT:

FRIDAY, APRIL 28
7:30 PM

Johann Sebastian Bach’s Mass in B Minor
Bach’s monumental masterpiece

Resonance Works
Choral Ensemble and Orchestra
Maria Sensi-Sellner, director

Tickets available at the door,
www.resonanceworks.org/bach-b-minor-mass,
or 412-501-3330

THOUGHTS TO LIVE BY

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

CURRENT/RECENT ILLNESS OR HOSPITALIZATION:
Astrid Bitzer, June White, Joan Sieber, Mary Lou Mielecki, Joe Stephenson, Sarah Crittendon, David Fowler, Matt Scott, Scott Miller, Bob Ball

Prayer Concerns:
Lili Rosenthal and her family, Norma Roylance

Sympathy:
The Steere family on the death of Blyth on March 9, 2023. Her memorial service will be May 20th, here at FCPC.
The Russo family on the death of Gary Glass, Audrey’s father.
The Happel family on the death of Nancy on March 14, 2023.
The family and friends of Nancy Becker who died on March 27, 2023.

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 with any changes.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK
April 2: John Campbell II, Mimi Loeffler, Benjamin Ringeisen, Jeff McIlroy, Molly Delaney, Gene Pecci, Bennett Brown
April 3: Debra Schmidt, Marilyn Noll, Conor Brown
April 4: Julie Power, Stephen Sliger, Lois Reuter, Quintin Virginius
April 5: Patricia Huss, Julie Lawson, Ian Bell, Graham Childs, Debbie McBride
April 7: Robyn Thomson, Kathryn Rockwell, Griffin Annegan
April 8: Keith Haw, Mike Connor, Trip Goehring III, Kim Chivinsky, Jenny Ward, Violet Eberhart, Brooke Anderson

KEEP US INFORMED
Please let us know about illness, hospitalization, prayer concerns or other needs for pastoral care by calling the church office (412-963-8243) or emailing 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

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

CHANCEL FLOWERS
The chancel flowers today are given for the glory of God and in memory of dear Wife/Mother/Grandmother Gracemary Sweringen, by Jon Sweringen.

There are summer and fall 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 sarah@fcpc.us or 412-963-8243.

Submissions for “HIGHLIGHTS” are due to Sarah, at sarah@fcpc.us by 5:00 PM on Monday.
MISSION PARTNER OF THE MONTH

Off the Floor
Pittsburgh Furniture Bank

Our April 2023 Mission Partner of the Month is Off the Floor, a Pittsburgh Furniture Bank. Off the Floor began in 2004 to alleviate furniture poverty in southwestern PA. In 2022, they provided gently used furniture for 738 families in our community. Their goal in 2023 is to reach 1,000 families.

Furniture poverty is an issue that affects many low-income families in our community. Not having a bed to sleep in makes it difficult to get a good night’s rest. Lack of sleep makes everyday tasks much more difficult. Not having a couch to sit on means families must eat their meals on the floor, which can further feelings of shame and isolation.

FCPC financially supports the work of Off the Floor from our mission budget. We give to help offset the cost of operating their warehouse on the North Side. Off the Floor also receives most of the furniture leftover from our annual Harvest Fair. Last year following the Harvest Fair we worshipped on several of these leftover couches during the contemporary service, which were then donated to Off the Floor and distributed to families in need.

As you are cleaning your home for spring, maybe you have gently used furniture, lamps, area rugs, wall art/ décor, mirrors and bed linens you’re looking to donate. You can request a pick-up from Off the Floor here: https://offthefloor.furniturebank.net/public/pickup
Or you can drop your items at their warehouse at 901 Allegheny Avenue, Monday to Friday from 9am to 3pm.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES THIS MONTH

Peace and Justice Team Meeting — TODAY, April 2, 12:30-2:00pm in the Lounge. The mission committee would like to invite anyone interested in learning about peace and justice to an informational meeting. During this meeting we will discuss what peace and justice ministry is and what area of peace and justice ministry we want to focus on in the coming year. All are welcome. Light refreshments will be provided. Please sign up at https://tinyurl.com/msh229xx. Questions? E-mail Pastor Rebecca at rebecca@fcpc.us.

Sign up for Circles Sharpsburg dinners for 2023! Circles Sharpsburg is a comprehensive anti-poverty program to empower participants to achieve personal and community goals. Our church has committed to providing dinner for 15 people on the first Tuesday of each month. We are looking for people to provide various dishes for the dinner each month. Contributions can be dropped off in Sharpsburg at Roots of Faith at 5:15pm at 800 Main Street. If you are able please consider signing up at https://tinyurl.com/Circles2023. For more information, please contact JoEllen Leech at leechjoellen@gmail.com.

Second Harvest Community Thrift Store Needs Volunteers! They especially need volunteers on Fridays to help sort, price, and organize donations. Pastor Rebecca will be going on the third Friday of the month, from 9:00-11:00am, if you want to go with her. Volunteers sign up for two hour shifts. You can sign up online to volunteer at www.secondharvestthrift.com/volunteer/schedule-now/
April 2023
Service Opportunities

Peace and Justice Team Meeting
April 2, 2023, 12:30pm-2pm, Lounge

Dinner @ Neighborhood Table
April 13, 2023, 5:30pm-7pm
800 Main St. Sharpsburg, PA 15215

Volunteer @ Second Harvest
Fridays in April 9-11, or 11-1

Volunteer @ FCPC Garden
April 15, 2023, 9am-11am

Register by scanning the QR code,
or e-mail Pastor Rebecca
(rebecca@fcpc.us)