



The Wall in Nogales

Photo by Jonathan McIntosh

Welcome to FPCY. We're glad you joined us today and hope that you grow in your connection with God, with us, and with God's work through you in the world.

Children are always welcome. Please see an usher for a Children's Worship Bag with resources to aid your child's engagement with the service.



Please silence all devices so as not to disrupt worship.

Today's hymns are printed from the *Glory to God* unless otherwise stated.

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▲ Please rise in body or spirit



PRELUDE "Come, Let us Use the Grace Divine" by Charles Wesley
8:00 Garrett Artman, Organ 10:30 FPCY Choir

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING OURSELVES

Be still & aware of God's presence within & among us...

▲ **CALL TO WORSHIP** (adapted from Psalm 71:1-6)

*One: In you, O Lord, let us take refuge,
All: so we might never be put to shame.
One: In your righteousness, O Lord, let us find deliverance,
All: so we might experience your saving power.*

One: *In your presence, O God, let us place our trust,*
All: **so we might find confidence in you alone.**
One: *You are our rock and our refuge, our fortress and shield.*
All: **We turn to you again this day. Amen.**

▲HYMN #PH 426 “Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak”

▲PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Generous God, when we set our tables, we imagine who belongs. We are satisfied to welcome those who we call our own. Our boundaries are drawn for our own family, our own congregation, our own neighborhood. We limit the seating to those who make us comfortable, and lay out the welcome mat for those who we choose to welcome. But your kingdom has no boundary. Before our birth you have known, loved, and claimed each and every one. Soften our hearts to those we rage against. Restore us to your vision of who belongs at the table. Renew us with your abundant mercy and love, which know no end.

[silent reflection]

▲ASSURANCE OF GRACE

One: *Jesus Christ satisfies each of our shortcomings.*
All: **It is in God we are given the full vision of love, peace, and justice.**
One: *This good news is for you:
God claims you, Christ welcomes you,
and the Spirit draws up your seat at the welcome table.*
All: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and restored.
Thanks be to our God now and forever.**

▲RESPONSE TO GRACE #G2G 399 (next page) “God Welcomes All”

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Guiding Light, as you shone in the life of Jesus,
so shine through your Living Word to us today.
May we listen and learn, may we embrace and answer your call
to shine your love and show your presence
in our lives and our world. Amen.

Live-streaming:
Each week, we livestream the 10:30 service on Facebook and YouTube. It is possible that people besides the pastors are in the video momentarily. If you are unable to join us in person on Sundays, please join us on Facebook or YouTube:
@FPCYorktown

Welcome Visitors
If you are visiting today, please fill out the contact card found in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate during the service or give it to an usher.

God Welcomes All

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Today's
Worship Leaders

God wel - comes all, strang - ers and friends;
God's love is strong and it nev - er ends.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'God Welcomes All'. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The first system of music has a vocal line with lyrics 'God wel - comes all, strang - ers and friends;' and a piano accompaniment. The second system of music has a vocal line with lyrics 'God's love is strong and it nev - er ends.' and a piano accompaniment. The piano accompaniment features chords and single notes, with some rests indicated by the number '8'.

Ushers/
Communion
Servers

8:00
Katharine Frase
Karen Gerth
Ian Spence

10:30
Kithara Buccarelli
Beth Gruber
Nathan Perry
Lynda Spring

Preacher
Casey Carbone

Liturgists
Tami Seidel
Chip Low

FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Now the word of the Lord came to me saying,

‘Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
and before you were born I consecrated you;

I appointed you a prophet to the nations.’

Then I said, ‘Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak,
for I am only a boy.’ But the Lord said to me,

‘Do not say, “I am only a boy”;

for you shall go to all to whom I send you,
and you shall speak whatever I command you.

Do not be afraid of them,

for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord.’

Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth;
and the Lord said to me,

‘Now I have put my words in your mouth.

See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms,
to pluck up and to pull down,
to destroy and to overthrow,
to build and to plant.’

TIME WITH CHILDREN

SECOND LESSON

Luke 4:21-30

Then he began to say to them, ‘Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.’ All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, ‘Is not this Joseph’s son?’ He said to them, ‘Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, “Doctor, cure yourself!” And you will say, “Do here also in your home town the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.”’ And he said, ‘Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet’s home town. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up for three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.’ When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

One: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

With God on Our Side

▲HYMN #PH 335

“Though I May Speak”

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND OUR LIVES TO GOD

OFFERTORY

8:00 “Poor Wayfaring Stranger” traditional folk *Garrett Artman, Organ*

10:30 “Ascension Prayer” by Thomas Keesecker *FPCY Choir*

RESPONSE #PH 535

“Go With Us Lord”

4 Ways to Give to FPCY

1.) **In-person** via the Offering Plate on Sundays (or drop it in the locked mailbox near the office entrance)

2.) **Text** MYFPCY to 73256 followed by your gift amount

3.) **Online**—set-up a one-time or recurring gift at www.tinyurl.com/FPCYgive or scan the QR code



4.) **Mail**—send checks to FPCY at 2880 Crompond Rd, Yorktown Heights NY 10598

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

JOYS & CONCERNS Please send your requests to prayer@fpcyorktown.org.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Adapted from *Enfleshed*, by the United Church of Canada.)

One: *The Holy One be with you.*

All: **And also with you.**

One: *Open your hearts to the One who is Love.*

All: **We open our hearts to you, O God.**

One: *Let us give thanks to God, our Creator.*

All: **For the courage of the Holy that lives in us, we give thanks.**

One: *[prayer continues...]*

In remembering the life of Jesus, we remember what he showed us:

All: **The love of God is public.**

The love of God is intentional.

The love of God is explicit.

One: *[prayer continues...]*

But still, your love persists.

*Through beauty, compassion, and truth,
you lure us into laying down our need to control.*

You move us. Free us. Embrace us.

Holding these things close to our heart

we join in saying this prayer together...

All: **The Lord's Prayer (adapted from *the Iona Community*)**

Loving God in heaven,

Divine Spark at the source of all life,

Hallowed be your name.

**As we plan
for the future,
we invite you
to join us in
making a Giving
Covenant to
FPCY for 2025.**

You can find
the 2025 Giving
Covenant Form
by visiting:
[https://
tinyurl.com/
FPCYcove-
nant2025](https://tinyurl.com/FPCYcovenant2025) or
by scanning
the code.



Your kingdom come,
Your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil;
For the kin-dom, the power and the glory are yours,
now and forever,
Amen.

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

One: The gifts of God for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (unison)

We praise and thank you, Lord God,
for the majesty of your work,
the wisdom of your word,
and the generosity of your grace and limitless love
which we have tasted around your Table this day.

Filled with your good gifts, use us to proclaim your good news,
heal the broken, and extend your love to all,
especially those we struggle to accept.

Transform our lives and our church into a beacon of hope
and welcome that reflects the boundless love of Christ
in every corner of our community and world,
for we pray in his name. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

HYMN #STF 2130

“Will You Come and Follow Me”

Please come forward to receive a piece of gluten-free bread and a cup of juice.

You may partake of the elements at that time or when you return to your seat.

BLESSING AND SENDING

One: May the blessing of the Lord our God, the grace of Jesus Christ, and the power of the Holy Spirit be with you now and forever.

All: Alleluia!

One: In the name of Jesus, bring good news to the poor.

All: Amen.

POSTLUDE (*please be seated*)

“Toccatà on EIN” FESTE BURG

Garrett Artman, Organ

Join us for Coffee Hour following each service.

About Our Guest Preacher

The Rev. Casey Carbone serves as the Director for Congregational Connection for Hudson River Presbytery. Two of his favorite hobbies include coffee/coffee roasting and music.



TO THE PARENTS OF YOUNG CHILDREN, MAY WE SUGGEST. . . Relax! God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house! All are welcome! Sit toward the front where it is easier for little ones to see and hear what's going on. They tire of seeing the backs of others' heads. Quietly explain the parts of the Service and actions of the pastor, ushers, musicians, etc. Sing the hymns, pray, and voice the responses. Children learn liturgical behavior by copying you. If you have to leave the service with your child, feel free to do so (the Child Care room is always open), but please come back. As Jesus said, "Let the children come to me." Remember, the way we welcome children in church directly affects the way they respond to the church, to God, and to one another. We want them to know that they are at home in this house of worship.

TO THE MEMBERS OF OUR CHURCH The presence of children is a gift to the Church and one of the ways we live our baptismal promise to them, remembering that the Body of Christ is always intergenerational, especially as we gather together to worship the God who loves and welcomes all. Please welcome our children and give a smile of encouragement to their parents.

*Today's
Flowers
are given
in loving
memory of
Jim Gerth
by Karen*

ANNOUNCEMENTS



New Accessible Parking Spaces

Three new spots have been created in front of Fellowship Hall to supplement the four already existent spots. Three new spots will be available in the main lot as well as two new spots in the gravel lot. Even with these eight new additions, we would still ask you to carefully consider your needs when choosing where to park.

Help Keep Our Heating Expenses Down

In order to save on energy costs, particularly during this period of extreme cold, we ask that all building users ensure that classroom doors are closed behind them after their activities are concluded. This will prevent thermostats in heated spaces from trying to compensate for cooler hallways and the like which in turn results in higher energy consumption.



PANTRY NEWS



Tackle Hunger — In 1990, Souper Bowl of Caring began with a simple prayer from a single youth group: *“Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those without a bowl of soup to eat.”* Since then, close to \$200 million has been generated for local charities across the country through **Souper Bowl of Caring**. It has become a powerful movement that transforms the time around the Big Game into the nation’s largest celebration of giving and caring for those in need. Through this mission, people learn they

can make a positive difference in the world as they collect food, raise money and serve at hunger-relief charities and show caring and compassion in local communities across the country. Share in God’s love for our neighbors in need and give generously on Souper Bowl Sunday. FPCY will be participating by collecting the items most needed for our pantry right now. So on February 9, we ask you to bring cans of fruit, vegetables, or healthy breakfast cereals to donate to our pantry. As always, monetary donations are also welcome: <https://tinyurl.com/FPCYpantry>

Pantry Volunteering

If you are interested in volunteering, sign up here:

February 8

<http://tinyurl.com/Feb8-Pantry>

February 22

<http://tinyurl.com/Feb22-Pantry>



Pantry Donation Item of the Month:

We thank you for bringing in

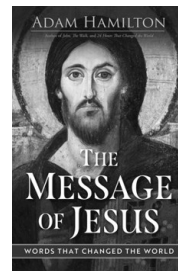
Healthy Breakfast Cereal



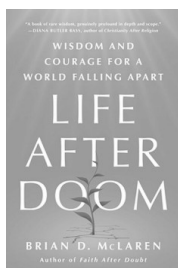
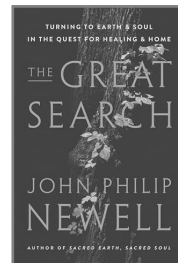
FAITH4LIFE CLASSES

Welcome to 2025! Start the year with Faith4Life.

On Sunday mornings at 9:15 (and Thursday mornings at 10:30), Connie will be leading a discussion of Adam Hamilton's book *The Message of Jesus*. Books are available for a suggested donation of \$12; as always you are welcome to join us whether you are reading the book or not. Hamilton has a video for each chapter that we will be watching.

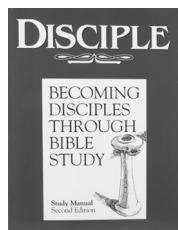


Sunday evenings Chip and Tami are leading a discussion of *The Great Search* by John Phillip Newell. Books are available for a suggested donation of \$20.

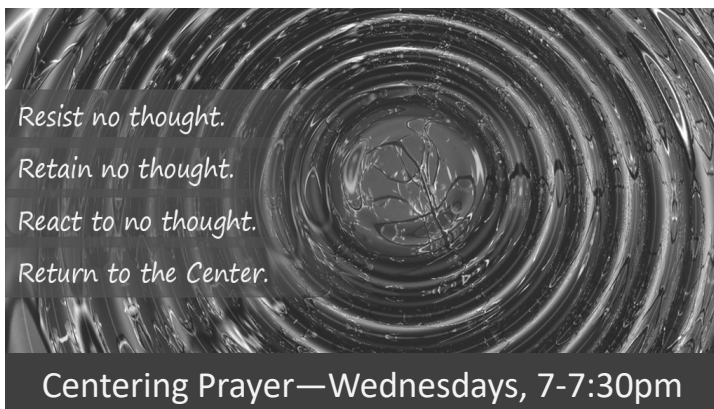


Tuesday mornings at 10 am we are reading and discussing Brian McLaren's latest book *Life After Doom: Wisdom and Courage for a World Falling Apart*. Although the title sounds like a downer, this book explores the complexity of hope and the need for new ways of thinking, becoming and belonging in turbulent times. Book are available in the office for a suggested donation of \$20.

Our two *Disciple* groups continue, with one meeting on Wednesday at 2 PM and a second group meeting on Wednesday evening. Connie, Lynn, and Tami are rotating leading these groups.



Abby continues to lead us in *Centering Prayer* every Wednesday from 7 to 7:30 PM. Drop-ins are welcome!



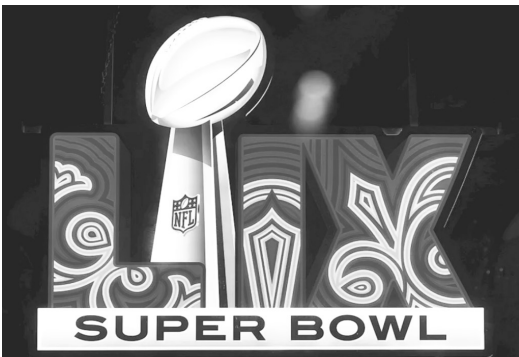
On Thursday mornings at 10:30, Connie will be leading a second group in a discussion of Adam Hamilton's book *The Message of Jesus* (see Sunday above for full description).

All of these studies take place both in person and online. All meet in the library except for the Disciple classes, which meet in the board room. All are welcome! These discussion groups are open to everyone, not just church members, so invite a friend to come with you.

Questions? Email Connie@fpcyorktown.org.

YOUTH NEWS

YOUTH MINISTRY



Join us in the Library after the 2nd service (around 11:45 am) for an informational meeting with youth and parents who are interested in this summer's youth trips to Massanetta Springs or Triennium. We have lots of exciting info to share, including lower costs than we originally anticipated! Please let us know if you can attend in person or if you need a Zoom link to add you in virtually, thanks! See below for more information about each event, and we'll share more details on February 9. All costs will be shared between families and the church, so please do not let money be a deterrent to participation.



Super Bowl Party—February 9, 6-8pm

Let's Kick off the New Year with our first Youth Group Meeting and a Super Bowl Party!!! Even if you don't like football, come and play games, critique the ads and eat typical Super Bowl food (pizza & wings)!

We will watch the game until 8pm or the halftime show is over, which ever is the later. (We won't force you out till halftime is done.)

Here's what you can bring: Snacks for sharing and a donation for the Souper Bowl of Caring hunger drive (see page 8). Hope to see you there!

Informational Meeting for Youth & Parents about the Summer 2025 Youth Trips—February 9 after Worship

Youth Trips—Summer 2025

Massanetta Springs 2025 Middle School Conference

This youth conference is a transformational program welcoming hundreds of middlers and their leaders from all over the country to Virginia each summer. Participants attend keynotes, workshops, recreation, and worship designed by the Advocates (high school leaders) with them in mind.

Dates: July 10-13

Estimate Cost: \$400 per participant (Includes Lodging & Meals)

For students who will be rising 6th, 7th, and 8th graders.

YOUTH NEWS



Presbyterian Youth Triennium

In July 2025, the Presbyterian Church (USA) will welcome thousands of its high school age youth and their adult youth workers to Louisville, Kentucky for four days of worship, recreation, bible study, outreach, and faith formation all around the theme of “As If We Were Dreaming”.

Dates: July 28 - 31

Estimated Cost: \$300 per participant

For students who are entering freshmen year through graduated seniors.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! UPCOMING DATES:

Sunday, February 9, after worship — Information Meeting for Summer Youth Trips

Sunday, February 9, 6-8pm — Souper Bowl Party

Sunday, February 23 — Youth Group, 5:30-7:30 pm

March 9-10 or March 15-16 (please let us know which one works better) — Lock-In/Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser

Sunday, March 23 — Confirmation Sunday in Worship and Youth Group Celebration, 5:30-7:30 pm

Sunday, April 6 — Youth Group, 5:30-7:30 pm

Saturday April 26th — Prepare and Serve Jan Peek Meal

Everyone had so much fun doing it last year and it was requested by many to do it again, so we are all signed up.

As we get closer to the date we will send out emails about what time and what foods we will prepare.

Sunday, May 4th — Youth Group, 5:30-7:30 pm

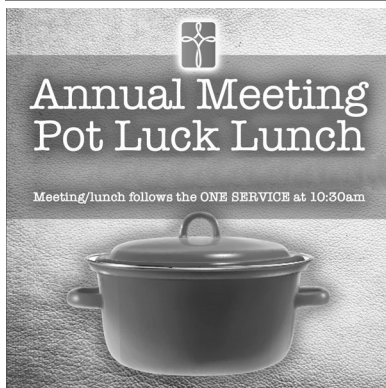
Sunday, May 18th — Youth Group, 5:30-7:30 pm

PLEASE NOTE: Most dates/times are subject to change, except for April 26.

We are excited for these 2025 events and hope your kids will be able to join us!

Annual Meeting Potluck, February 23 after ONE SERVICE at 10:30 AM

ANNUAL MEETING & POTLUCK — SAVE THE DATE — FEB 23, 10:30AM



Annual Meeting Potluck—Sunday, February 23rd after our one service at 10:30 AM.

We'll receive our annual report and vote on business matters.

All members are encouraged to attend.

Help set up, host, or clean up. Bring a dish to share.

You can register here: <https://tinyurl.com/FPCY-AL25> and let us know how you will be helping and what you will bring.



The Congregational Connections Commission

THIS WEEK AT FPCY

Please check your email, the website, or call the church office for updates.

TODAY—Sunday, February 2

- 8:00am Worship (in-person)
9:15am Classes for all ages
10:30am Worship (in-person & online)
11:45am Coffee Hour (in person & online)

FPCY Music

- 2:00pm Sweet Dreams Quilting
7:00pm F4L—*The Great Search*

Monday, February 3

- 10:00am Bereavement

Tuesday, February 4

- 10:00am F4L—*Life After Doom*
7:30pm Session

Wednesday, February 5

- 10:30am Women's Circle Bible Study
2:00pm F4L—Disciple
7:00pm Centering Prayer
7:30pm F4L—Disciple

Thursday, February 6

- 10:00am F4L—*The Message of Jesus*
6:45pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
8:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Friday, February 7

- 2:00pm Pantry Set-up
3:00pm Congregational Connections

Saturday, February 8

- 8:00am Pantry Distribution

Sunday, February 9

- 8:00am Worship (in-person)
9:15am Classes for all ages
10:30am Worship (in-person & online)
11:45am Coffee Hour (in person & online)
Info Meeting for Summer Youth Trips
FPCY Music
6:00pm Youth Group Super Bowl Party
7:00pm F4L—*The Great Search*



If you don't save your bulletin, please recycle it or leave it with an usher following the service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Help us change the game and tackle hunger!

Sunday, February 9th

Bring in canned goods (especially vegetables and fruit) or breakfast cereal.



Sign-up to Receive Weather Notices Via Text—Sign-up to receive notices of weather delays or cancellations via text. Simply text “START” to: (315) 897-5858.

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