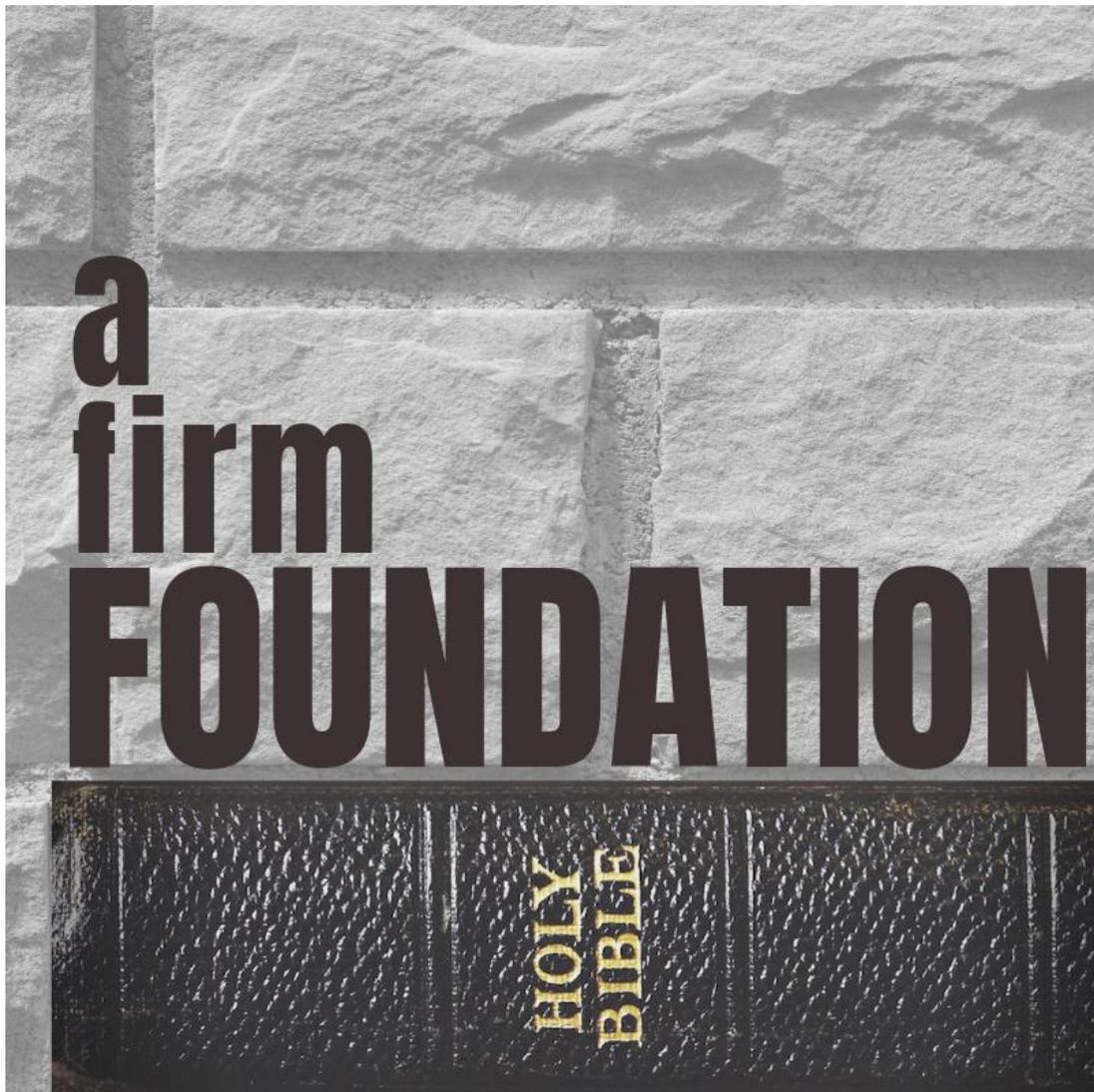




**WELCOME**  
to  
**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
OF AMBLER**

**A place where lives are changed by Christ  
and we live out our faith together.**



**February 17, 2019**

## PRELUDE

## *Spirit of the Living God*

Emma Lou Diemer

## INTROIT

## CALL TO WORSHIP

How beautiful is the word of the Lord!

**How wise are God's commandments!**

Through the Lord's instructions, we gain understanding.

**Through God's wisdom, we find truth.**

The Lord is our God; we are God's people.

**God's word lives within us,  
for it is written on our hearts.**

Living Word, Great Teacher, lead us and guide us!

**Amen!**

## \* HYMN #386

## *Come, Worship God*

## \* CALL TO CONFESSION

## \* CONFESSION OF SIN

**From the least of us, to the greatest, Lord,  
we want to know you;  
we yearn to follow where you lead us;  
we need your guidance.**

**But even as we listen for your direction,  
other voices compete for our attention  
with teachings that suit our desires.  
Our thoughts drift so far from your truth,  
that fables and fancies begin to seem real.**

**Holy One, open our hearts and minds.  
By your Spirit, convince, rebuke, and encourage us as only  
you can; teach, correct, and inspire us  
in the ways of your salvation. Amen.**

**\* SILENT CONFESSION**

**\* ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**\* OUR RESPONSE #581**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
And to the Holy Ghost:  
As it was in the beginning,  
Is now, and ever shall be,  
World without end. Amen, Amen.**

**\* THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**ANTHEM**

***What a Friend We Have in Jesus*** (Hymn #465)

arr. Gilbert Martin

Sanctuary Choir

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE**      **Psalm 119:105 | 2 Timothy 3:10-17**

**MESSAGE**

**“Equipped for Life”**  
The Reverend Eric Dorville

## **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

(taken from the Second Helvetic Confession)

**We believe and confess the canonical Scriptures  
of the holy prophets and apostles  
of both Testaments to be the true Word of God,  
and to have sufficient authority of themselves, not of men.**

**For God himself spoke to the fathers, prophets, apostles,  
and still speaks to us through the Holy Scriptures.**

**And in this Holy Scripture, the universal Church of Christ  
has the most complete exposition  
of all that pertains to a saving faith,  
and also to the framing of a life acceptable to God.**

**\*HYMN #463**

*How Firm a Foundation* (vs. 1, 2, 5)

## **THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy  
kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts,  
as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the  
power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**OFFERTORY**

*Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*

Howard Helvey

**\* DOXOLOGY #606**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**\* HYMN #757**

***Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples***

**\* BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

***Finale***

Healey Willan

\*Indicates to please stand if you are able.

**I will pour out my spirit on all flesh;  
your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
your old men shall dream dreams,  
and your young men shall see visions.**

**-Joel 2:28**

The Prophet Joel promised that when the Lord pours out His Spirit, God's people will see visions and dream dreams. These visions and dreams are gifts from God, fulfilling God's commission to his people to be a blessing to the nations. One of the privileges church leaders have is to dream dreams and catch glimpses of a vision that God has for us in our community and in the world.

The Session of FPC Ambler believes that our congregation is called to be a place where lives are changed by Christ and we live out our faith together. We also believe that, to do that, we are continually being called out into the world to serve in Jesus' name. We have been dreaming about expanding our ministry and living into our vision. Starting with our Stewardship Team, we began working on a "Dream List" that would be funded through increased revenue. Below you will see a few ideas, but hardly an extensive list. We want to know your hopes and dreams of where God will lead us in 2019 and beyond.

### **What if . . .**

- We could prepare and send 10,000 meals 4 times per year?
- We could fully fund a new water system in Haiti every year?
- We could expand our mission presence internationally, sending people from FPC Ambler to work with mission partners around the world?
- We could provide the snacks at the Ambler tutoring program at the Borough Hall for the whole year?
- We could update our third floor to make our Christian Education space as nice as the rest of our building?

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- We could renovate our kitchen to make it more usable for and by our community?
- We could invest in the front lawn of our church to make our property more inviting?

These are only a few hopes and dreams. We invite you to pray with your Session as we dream dreams, so that we grow and serve together as the Lord leads us.

If you have a vision, or a dream we want to hear all about it!

Let one of our pastors know, so that they can share your dreams and visions with the Session:

Ryan Balsan (ryan@fpcambler.org)

Eric Dorville (eric@fpcambler.org)

## CHILDCARE AND SUNDAY SCHOOL



Our **Nursery** (located on the main floor) welcomes infants to three-year-olds ten minutes before the worship service.

Our **Pre-K & K Sunday School** (room 307 on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor) welcomes children three years old through kindergarten age, 10 minutes before both the 9:30 AM and 11:00 AM worship services.

- **During 9:30 AM worship, Sunday School (grades 1-5)** is offered. Children begin in worship with their families. After the children's sermon, children will be dismissed to meet their teachers in the back of the Sanctuary.
- **During the 11:00 AM worship, Joyful Noise (grades 1-5)** offers a chimes and vocal choir. Drop-off **BEFORE WORSHIP** in room B3 (located on the lower level under the Sanctuary.) **Students are dismissed from the game room on the third floor.**



**PARENTS**, you are welcome to feed your babies wherever you feel comfortable. A few more private spaces are: room 301 behind the balcony, room 303 (youth room), and the "nook" area in the Lounge.



**THE SANCTUARY FLOWERS** are given by Mary Woodland in remembrance of my husband, Dr. Horace S. Woodland.

If anyone has a joy or concern to include in the **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**, please fill out the **yellow Prayer Request Card** found in the pew rack and give it to an usher or one of the pastors at any time.

## **MEMBER PRAYER CONCERNS**

Barbara Albright  
Bill Baker  
Gladys Bunio  
Richard & Arlene  
Crowell  
Lois Domm  
Sandy Doubek  
Art Elliott  
Falcone family  
Paul Furnival  
Trey Halkett  
Melissa Jones

Sam & Peggy Kay  
Wendy Kazen  
Edith Kendus  
Dot Lynch  
Connie Mann  
Dick McNeal  
Jeannie Miksch  
Bob & Betty Miller  
Peg Morris  
Muriel Resh  
John Riley  
Don Rhone

Frank Sabol  
Rachel Siegmann  
Holly Stevens  
Rick Stevens  
Jeff Stone  
Betty Surret  
Tippett family  
Usha Varughese  
Bill Worth

*If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, contact the church office  
(Info @FPCAmbler.org/215-646-3030).*

*The church staff prays for concerns during our weekly staff meeting.*

### **Prayer requests from extended family and friends**

(listed in the order received):

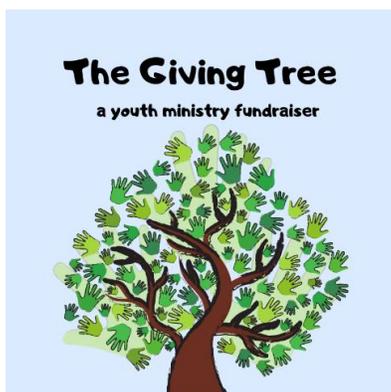
Those who struggle with addiction, Judy Seidel  
Family of Nate Buono, friends of the Bowman and McMasters families  
Jeffrey Schaefer, step-grandson of Howard and Ruth Forster  
Roselyn, friend of Bill and Marcia Martin  
Rena Kracka, friend of Liz Ferry  
Karen, mother of Kate Sachs  
Mother of Jeff Depuyt  
Lou Spiegellberg, brother of Lauren Keatley  
Brian Harrington and family, friends of Christina Hughes  
Haiti Mission team  
Janet, friend of Wendy Flickinger  
Those struggling with mental health or addiction  
Rose Hrosik-Rivera, friend of Carol and Rick Kocher  
Barbara Graham, friend of Marianne Watters  
Jim and Donna Buckley, friends of Jerry and Peggy Brooke

# SPOTLIGHT events



## Family Drive-In Movie Saturday, March 2, 4-7PM

Don't miss this family favorite evening of creative fun! Make the vehicle of your dreams out of cardboard boxes and watch a movie from your new ride while enjoying dinner and snacks. This free event is a great way to fellowship with other families while bonding with your own! Register at [fpcambler.org](http://fpcambler.org)



## The Giving Tree – Youth Fundraiser

Our youth fundraiser this year is the annual giving tree! Stop by the tree in the Narthex to catch a “leaf” with a number on it that you wish to donate to the youth ministry. Return these “leaves” in the offering plate, or to the church office. Thank you supporting our youth ministry.



## Hymn Sing & Potluck - March 31 at 4PM

We will continue our celebration of *Glory to God*, our new hymnal, and the dedication of our sanctuary piano with a Hymn Sing! You will have an opportunity to call out your favorite hymns as we sing old favorites together led by Chris Titko. We will also learn a few new hymns and hear some special music. Following the Hymn Sing we will have a **Potluck in Fellowship Hall**.

You can sign-up on the Connection Card, at the Welcome Desk, or at [fpcambler.org](http://fpcambler.org). This promises to be a fun afternoon and a meaningful expression of our faith. ***This is a safe and easy way to invite someone new to church.***



# SUNDAY SCHEDULE

## 9:30 AM

- Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary  
(**Head Usher**, Glenn Rodgers; **Lay Reader**, Connie Morgenson)  
Nursery care for infants to three-year-olds (main level)
- Sunday School for Pre-K through High School (3<sup>rd</sup> floor).  
**(1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade students should be picked up in room 306.)**

## 10:30 AM

Coffee Fellowship in Welcome Center

## 11:00 AM

- South Ridge (Contemporary) Worship in the Sanctuary
- Nursery care for infants to three-year-olds (main level)
- Adult Education, conference room 1
- Sunday School for Pre-K and K (3<sup>rd</sup> floor, room 307)
- Joyful Noise Music Ministry (grades 1-5). **(Students are dismissed from the game room on the third floor.)**

## This week at FPC Ambler:

<b>Sun</b> <b>2/17</b>	6:30 PM – HS Youth Group
<b>Mon</b> <b>2/18</b>	<b>President's Day - Church Office Closed</b> 11:15 AM – Fleischmann small group (Normandy Farms) 7PM – Ruth Circle, Lounge
<b>Tue</b> <b>2/19</b>	10AM – Lobley Bible Study (Lounge) 7PM – Deeper Dive (Anderson home), Youth Committee (youth room)
<b>Wed</b> <b>2/20</b>	6:30 AM – Men's Group (Lounge) 6PM – Alpha (Lounge) 6:30 PM – Buildings & Grounds (office) 8PM – No Regrets Small Group (C2)
<b>Thu</b> <b>2/21</b>	6PM – Girl Scouts #748 (room 307) 7:10 PM – Bible Explorers Small Group (Richards home)
<b>Fri</b> <b>2/22</b>	7PM – Soup Kitchen Ministry (F.H.) Youth 30 Hour Famine
<b>Sat</b> <b>2/23</b>	10:15 AM – Soup Kitchen (Frankford) Youth 30 Hour Famine

## AA Meetings:

Sun 5PM	Mon 5PM	Tues 5PM	Wed 6PM (women)	Thu	Fri 6PM	Sat
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# Announcements and *UP*coming Events

***FORTENITER'S THANK YOU.*** The deacons would like to say a big thank you to all those who contributed food and assistance for the February 7 Forteniter's Dinner. The Forteniter's Club members were blessed and appreciate the continued support provided by our congregation. All participants enjoyed an evening of shared dinner and fellowship. Special thanks to Adam Baker, who graciously shared his musical talents as entertainment for the evening.

***ADULT EDUCATION TODAY.*** Wendy Flickinger will lead a class on God's promises to His people and how God's faithfulness was manifest in the gift of the land of Israel. We will also explore how we see God's fellowship in our own lives. Plan to join us in Conference Room 1 (it's the one on the left, at the end of the hall past the offices.)

***ALPHA SMALL GROUP.*** Alpha is an opportunity to explore the Christian faith in a friendly, open, and informative environment for anyone who is curious or questioning the Christian faith. The group will meet Wednesday evenings (7-9PM) from February 13 – April 7, 2019. Dinner is included and will be served at 7 PM in Fellowship Hall. The group will be led by Don and Sandy Price (donpricepa@gmail.com.) If you would like more information check Alpha Group on the Connection Card.

***THE JANUARY SESSION NOTES*** are available on blue paper at the Welcome Desk.

***FEBRUARY MISSION OFFERING.*** Over the last few years we have sent many teams to Haiti to help bring clean water to three communities. This is all possible because of your faithful generosity. In your offering envelopes box there are designated envelopes for mission. Throughout the year the donations in these envelopes will go to one of our mission partners. In February these mission offerings will go towards our Haiti Water projects and will enable members from our church to travel to Haiti. The cost of installing a clean water system is no small feat, but because of your faithfulness we can help our brothers and sisters in Haiti have clean water who would not be able to otherwise. Thank you in advance for your support.



**INCLEMENT WEATHER.** In case of bad weather please check social media and our website (fpcambler.org) or call the church office (215.646.3030) for closure or cancellation notices. ***Please use your own good judgment about whether or not it is safe for you to travel.*** Our sermons are always available on our website and app!

**FEB**

**22 & 23 SOUP KITCHEN MINISTRY**

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Sign up at the Welcome Desk for our next Soup Kitchen. You can be part of this effort by helping to prepare the meal Friday night at our church, serving the meal in Frankford on Saturday morning, or both. Contact Mark and Barb Yantek (215-641-4928/myantek@verizon.net).

Clothing items are also needed: sweatshirts, coats, small blankets, socks and sneakers (new or clean/used in good condition). Items can be left in the container marked SOUP KITCHEN CLOTHING DONATIONS, by the Fellowship Hall coat racks.

**On Sunday, March 10 we will welcome our new South Ridge Worship Director, Dan Myers.**



Dan Myers is a graduate of Rowan University's Maynard Ferguson School of Jazz and after having earned his Bachelor of Music in Jazz Studies on saxophone he turned his attention to pursuing a career in education. He began his career as a music educator working in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia where he spent seven years working at Nativity of Our Lord in Warminster. In the summer of 2018 he received his Master of Education in Educational Leadership from Immaculata University. He is currently the Band and Jazz Director at Unami Middle School in the Central Bucks School District. When he

isn't teaching or performing you can find him out enjoying time with his wife Lisa and daughter Lindsey.



## **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Middle School and High School classes meet during the first worship service (9:30 - 10:30 AM).

Middle School: Room 303

High School: Room 304

Confirmation: Conference Rm 1

**YOUTH GROUP.** Youth Groups meet regularly on Sunday (High School) and Thursday (Middle School) from 6:30 – 8:00 PM.

A night of combined Youth Groups - **FUSION** - happens once a month in place of regular Youth Groups. FUSION starts at 2:30 PM with Homework Club, dinner at 5:30 PM, games, lesson and worship from 6:30-8:00 PM (come when you can, stay as long as you are able). Our Next FUSION is February 26!

### **Here's our upcoming schedule:**

- **High School Youth Group** tonight, **2/17**
- **Middle School Youth Group** on Thursday, **2/21**

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

#### **Giving Tree Fundraiser!**

Our youth will be fundraising for their summer trips for the next 4 weeks! You can find us by the tree in the Narthex for more information, thank you all for your support!

#### **30 Hour Famine, February 22- 23**

WHAT: For 30 hours, we'll skip meals to raise funds that will help feed hungry children around the world.

WHY: Every five seconds, a child under 5 dies - and nearly half those deaths are from hunger-related causes. That's why we're taking action now!

WHEN: Feb 22- 23, sign up on our Instagram page or through our weekly email. Once you sign up, be sure to get your fundraising packet from Bree.

CONTACT: Bree Reeder for questions or to sign up.



Ministers ..... All baptized members of the congregation

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