



# **WELCOME**

to  
**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
OF AMBLER**

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

NOT EVERYONE WHO SAYS

TO ME, "LORD, LORD",

WILL ENTER THE

KINGDOM OF HEAVEN,

BUT ONLY ONE WHO DOES THE

WILL OF MY FATHER IN HEAVEN.

-MATTHEW 7:21

**April 7, 2019**

**PRELUDE**

***Seek Ye First***

Douglas Wagner

**INTROIT**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\* HYMN #463**

***How Firm a Foundation***

**\* CALL TO CONFESSION**

**\* CONFESSION OF SIN**

**\* SILENT CONFESSION**

**\* ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**\* OUR RESPONSE #581**

**\* THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE**

**Matthew 7:21-28**

**MESSAGE**

**"A Strong Foundation"**  
The Reverend Ryan Balsan

**\* HYMN #816**

***If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee***

**THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER AND THE  
PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

We invite you to come forward to receive the elements  
by dipping a piece of bread into the cup.  
There is a gluten free communion station on the right by the organ.

***Celtic Laude***  
**Sanctuary Choir**

Craig Courtney

For fruit of the vine, for harvest of wheat, for bread and for wine,  
the gift of your feast, the cup of thanksgiving I gratefully raise.  
O Lord of my living, my love and my praise.

For dove in the sky, for wind in the trees, for coal in the fire,  
Your Spirit in me. The cup of thanksgiving I gratefully raise.  
O Lord of my living, my love and my praise.

For springtime's green earth, for morning's first light,  
for every new birth, for grace and for life,  
O the cup of thanksgiving I gratefully raise.  
O Lord of my living, my love and my praise.

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**OFFERTORY**

***Give me Jesus***

Mark Hayes

**\*DOXOLOGY #606**

**\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**\* HYMN #353**

***My Hope is Built on Nothing Less***

**\* BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

***Postlude***

William Mathias

**\*Indicates to please stand for those who are able.**

## 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. Room 301 (behind the balcony) has been prepared for nursing moms.



**THE SANCTUARY FLOWERS** are given in loving memory of Walt and Lois Peterson from their children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

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	Edith Kendus	Frank Sabol
Gladys Bunio	Dot Lynch	Rachel Siegmann
Richard & Arlene Crowell	Connie Mann	Rick Stevens
Lois Domm	Dick McNeal	Jeff Stone
Sandy Doubek	Warren McNeill	Betty Surret
Art Elliott	Jeannie Miksch	Tippett family
Falcone family	Bob & Betty Miller	Usha Varughese
Paul Furnival	Peg Morris	Carolyn Wittrock
Ruth Hagmeier	Muriel Resh	Bill Worth
Trey Halkett	John Riley	
Sam & Peggy Kay	Don Rhone	
	Amy Ruhf	

*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):

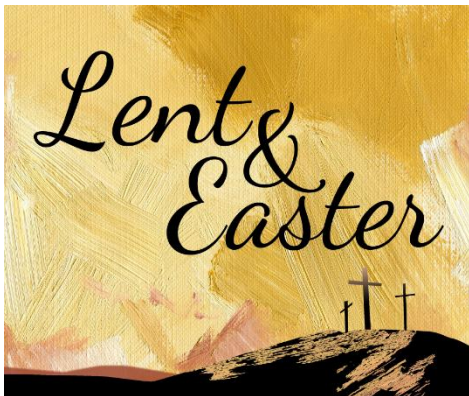
Isaiah, nephew of Carmen and Debbi Ferrarello  
John Olson, friend of Kathy Wandall  
Students of Lauren Keatley struggling with suicidal thoughts  
and panic attacks  
Teresa, aunt of Kate Sachs  
Hildi Baker, friend of the Kooman family  
Gerald Mackey, friend of Dustin Majka  
Wess Hedrick, father of Cheryl Kurpiel  
Rachel Ochotny, daughter of Bob Ochotny  
Family of Holly Stevens  
Valerie's mom, friend of Elizabeth Besteman  
Nicholas Galea, friend of Teri McMasters

**CELEBRATION** for the birth of Max Oliver Wise and Mack David Spinner,  
grandsons of Dave and Leslie Wise.



**Starting Point – New Member Class TODAY.**  
12:30 – 3PM.

We will learn what it means to be a Christian, a Presbyterian, and how you can connect here at FPC Ambler. Lunch and childcare are provided. **Please let us know of your childcare needs by Sunday, March 31.** Register online at [fpcambler.org](http://fpcambler.org) or contact Eric Dorville (215.646.3030 | [eric@fpcambler.org](mailto:eric@fpcambler.org)).



- **Lenten Study** – “Justice in Biblical Perspectives”  
Thursdays 6:30-8PM (4/11)
- **Maundy Thursday Worship (4/18) -7:30 PM**
- **Good Friday Worship (4/19) – 7:30 PM**
- **Easter Sunday – April 21**
  - 8:45 Traditional Worship
  - 10AM Easter Breakfast in Fellowship Hall
  - 11AM South Ridge Worship



Come **“Re-Kindle”** your relationship. Dr. Margaret Peterson, a renowned professor and marriage expert is coming to FPC Ambler to speak on April 26 from 7-9PM and April 27 from 9-11AM. This is a free program and childcare will be available for \$5 per day. Don’t let your relationship fracture – come re-ignite the flame. Register at [fpcambler.org](http://fpcambler.org).





# SUNDAY SCHEDULE

## 9:30 AM

- Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary  
(**Head Usher**, Rich Myers; **Lay Reader**, Marcia Martin  
**Communion Servers**, Bob & Lauri McCallum, Bob Wagner)
- 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 4/7</b>	12:30 PM – New Member Class (Lounge) 6PM – SURGE (room 306)
<b>Mon 4/8</b>	10:30 AM – Staff Meeting (church office) 11:15 AM – Normandy Small Group (Normandy Farms) 7PM – Whitney/Gannon Small group (Whitney home)
<b>Tue 4/9</b>	10AM – Lobley Bible Study (Lounge) 6:45 PM – Deacons (C1) 7:30 PM – Traditional Worship Committee (pastor's office), YKD (Ruhf) Bible Study (Lounge)
<b>Wed 4/10</b>	6:30 AM – Men's Small Group (Lounge) 6PM – Alpha Group (Lounge) 7PM – Joyful Ringers 8PM – Sanctuary Choir
<b>Thu 4/11</b>	6PM – Girl Scouts #748 (room 307) 6:30 PM -Lenten Class (C2), MS Youth Group 7PM – South Ridge Band Rehearsal 7:10 PM – Bible Explorers (Richards home)
<b>Fri 4/12</b>	Yantek Wedding Rehearsal
<b>Sat 4/13</b>	8AM – Youth Leader Training 9AM – MOPS (room 304) 2:30 PM – Alexa Yantek Wedding

## AA Meetings (C1):

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

**EASTER FLOWERS.** We invite you to share in the joy and beauty of the Easter season by providing the financial resources to decorate the Sanctuary with Easter flowers. Dedication forms are available at the Welcome Desk. Please return the completed form with the \$10 minimum donation by Sunday, April 14.

**EASTER OFFERING.** In recent months our world has been ravaged by many natural disasters. From wildfires in California to a Super Typhoon in the Philippines. Every step of the way Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) has had boots on the ground helping communities deal with the aftermath of the destruction. Our Easter offering will benefit the ministry of PDA so they can continue to help those in great need. By putting your offering in the Easter envelopes found in your boxes or in the pew racks you help those who are going through unimaginable circumstances. Thank you for your support.

**ADULT EDUCATION ON SUNDAYS. *Whom shall I serve?*** In ancient times, the Hebrews faced this decision daily – the consequences of their choice are the stories that make up the Old Testament. Our Adult Ed study explores the turbulent history of Israel's prophets and kings. Each class features a short video filmed on location in Israel and taught by teacher and historian Ray VanderLaan.

**EYEGLOSS DONATIONS.** Please help a local group of teens (Teen Vision) by bringing in your old eyeglasses. There is a labeled bin in the alcove by the Welcome Center. Eyeglasses will be donated to Mattie N. Dixon Community Cupboard in Ambler, Face to Face in Philadelphia, Lions Clubs International, Hope for Haiti, New Eyes for the Needy and Liberia, Africa. We can live out our faith together by helping our neighbors in need of glasses to improve their vision. Thank you for your help!

**THE APRIL SESSION NOTES** are available on yellow paper at the Welcome Desk.



**APR  
19&20 SOUP KITCHEN**

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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.

**APR  
21 EASTER BREAKFAST**

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All are invited to join us for Easter breakfast on April 21 at 10:00 AM in Fellowship Hall.

Please let us know if you plan on joining us by responding on the Connection Card, at the Welcome Desk or online at [fpcambler.org](http://fpcambler.org).

**MAY  
14 SPRING TRIP WITH ORELAND EVANGELICAL**

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Oreland Evangelical Presbyterian Church has extended an invitation for a trip to Bird-In-Hand Stage (near Lancaster). The performance "Stolen" is a light-hearted whodunit. The show will be preceded by a smorgasbord lunch. The cost is \$85 and includes deluxe motor coach, smorgasbord lunch, performance, and all gratuities. Reservation forms are available at the Welcome Desk. **Reservation and checks payable to OEPC are due by April 15.**

**MAY  
31 WEST KENSINGTON GOLF OUTING**

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The second annual WKM Golf Outing is scheduled for May 31 at Jeffersonville Golf Club. If you would like to participate in the outing or support it as a volunteer or sponsor please contact Bob Walters, (rdwalters 931@gmail.com) or Chad Pilling (pillingcb@gmail.com).

More information is available at the Welcome Desk.



## **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 April 30!

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

- **No High School Youth Group** Tonight, 4/7
- **Middle School Youth Group** on Thursday, 4/ 11

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

#### **Serve Saturday, May 11**

Save the date for now but we will have a middle school and high school service project on this day! More details coming soon!

#### **Triennium Youth Conference- High School, July 14-20**

Join us at Purdue University this summer for five days of CONVERSATION, RECREATION, LEARNING, WORSHIP AND FUN! Drawing from the rich and diverse theology, history and education of the Presbyterian tradition – the Triennium experience is packed with the information students long to explore! \$200, scholarships available.

#### **The Great Escape- Middle School, July 22- 27**

The Great Escape is a week-long middle school conference with over 400 students. Throughout the week you have tons of fun, fellowship, and grow closer to Christ. The Great Escape is at the University of Pittsburgh and goes from Monday, July 22- Saturday, July 27. \$400, scholarships available.

**Contact Bree Reeder with any questions or to sign up for these events!**



Ministers All baptized members of the congregation

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### THE SESSION

Cindy Reed, Clerk of Session

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Christina Hughes

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Barb Yantek  
Bob Walters  
Sean Ryan

#### Class of 2021

Marilyn Lobley  
Scott Miksch  
Hal Stansfield  
Jan Stephens

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### BOARD OF DEACONS

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Mike Bowman  
Marco Cardillo  
Janessa Davis  
Toby Moyer  
Glen Valentine

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