



Baptism of the Lord

Leading in Worship Today

The Rev. Dr. Erin Cox-Holmes, Guest Preacher | The Rev. Dan Snyder

MUSIC

Dr. William Wright, Director of Music

Matt Weaver, Organist

The Chancel Choir

*Please stand in body or in spirit.

PRELUDE *Shall We Gather at the River*
An Old Melody

arr. Robert J. Powell
Clay Christiansen

WELCOME

INTROIT *Gloria in Excelsis*

Carl Haywood

*CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: In the waters of baptism, the Holy Spirit marks us as kindred in God's name.

ALL: In the waters of baptism, the heavens open up and the Spirit pours out love.

ONE: In the waters of baptism, God names us Beloved.

ALL: In the waters of baptism, we are claimed as God's own. Let us worship together.

*HYMN #409 *God Is Here!*

ABBOT'S LEIGH

*CALL TO CONFESSION

ONE: Let us be bold and confess our sins, for God is gracious and always ready to forgive.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: God of grace, you claim us as beloved children and call us to follow you, but we do not always live out this calling. We stifle the gifts you have given us, rather than using them for your glory. We sidestep opportunities to offer kindness, rather than showing love to our neighbors. We pretend we can do nothing to further your justice in the world, and we shy away from taking risks for the sake of the gospel. Forgive us, Lord. Wash us again with the waters of baptism and transform us by your grace, so that our lives may be pleasing in your sight.

(silent confession)

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

ONE: The good news has been passed down by prophets and priests: everyone who believes in Christ receives forgiveness in his name. Wherever you are on your journey, believe this good news:

ALL: We are redeemed, forgiven, and loved. Thanks be to God! Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

ONE: The peace of Christ be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE *Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining*

Graham Kendrick

Lord, the light of your love is shining, in the midst of the
As we gaze on your king - ly bright - ness, so our fac - es dis -
dark - ness, shin - ing: Je - sus Light of the World, shine up - on us;
play your like - ness; ev - er chang - ing from glo - ry to glo - ry,
set us free by the truth you now bring us. Shine on
mir - rored here may our lives tell your sto - ry. Shine on
me; shine on me. Shine, Je - sus, shine; fill this
land with the Fa-ther's glo - ry. Blaze, Spir - it, blaze; set our hearts on
fire. Flow, riv - er, flow; flood the na - tions with grace and mer - cy.
Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.

WORSHIP ARTS BLESSING

Children through 7th grade can meet their Worship Arts teachers at the front of the sanctuary.

God be with you here.

God be with you there.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

ALL: Holy God, we trust that you are still speaking. Send us your Spirit so that your love will be revealed to us. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: **Isaiah 42:1-9** (pg 511 OT in the pew Bible)

After each reading:

ONE: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: **Matthew 3:13-17** (pg 2 NT in the pew Bible)

SERMON

*HYMN #475 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

NETTLETON

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed

ALL: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

ANTHEM *Let Us Light a Candle*

Richard Shephard

During this time of music, you are welcome to come forward to present your offerings, to leave a prayer request, or to light a candle as a symbol of your prayer.

In a world where people walk in darkness, let us turn our faces to the light,
To the light of God revealed in Jesus, to the daystar scattering our night.
For the light is stronger than the darkness and the day will overcome the night,
Though the shadows linger around us, let us turn our faces to the light.

In a world where suffering of the helpless casts a shadow all along the way,
Let us bear the cross of Christ with gladness and proclaim the dawning of the day.
For the light is stronger than the darkness and the day will overcome the night,
Though the shadows linger around us, let us turn our faces to the light.

Let us light a candle in the darkness, in the face of death, a sign of life,
As a sign of hope where all seemed hopeless, as a sign of peace in place of strife.
For the light is stronger than the darkness and the day will overcome the night,
Though the shadows linger around us, let us turn our faces to the light.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

ALL: 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.

*HYMN #11 *Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud*

ABERYSTWYTH

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Day By Day*

Henry Biggs

Day by day, dear Lord, of thee three things I pray:
to see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly,
follow thee more nearly, day by day.

POSTLUDE *Chorale and Variation on "Come, Thou Fount"*

Albert L. Travis

Chancel Flower Dedication

*Today's flowers are given in loving memory of Isabelle V. and Alfred J. Kohler
by Julie Kohler, Beth Kohler, and Cindi Kohler Hendricks.*

Welcome, Visitors!

We would love to reach out and say hello! Write your contact information on the back of the orange prayer cards or leave your email address at the Visitor's Table. We are grateful you have joined us for worship and hope you will come back again soon and often.

Online prayer
request here:



*Large-print hymnals are
available. Please alert an usher
or greeter if you would like one
for today's service.*

Guest WIFI Password:
Welcome2FPC



2026 Per Capita

Each year, FPC participates in Shared Proportional Giving (known as “Per Capita”) with the Presbytery of Donegal. Per Capita is how Presbyterians mutually share the costs of ministry.

Our participation in this part of our Presbytery’s ministry provides the often unseen and crucial support for congregations and ministries—like ours at First Presbyterian—to flourish. Per Capita participation (\$37 per member) funds the backbone operations of the Presbytery, from which all of us at FPC benefit. And we need you to help. If each of us gives our share of Per Capita (\$37 per member), we collectively save FPC money from FPC’s budget that can instead be used to fund important elements of the church’s mission.

Write “Per Capita” on your check or choose Per Capita when you give online or via Realm.

Thanks for supporting your share with your contribution.

Sunday, January 25

Installation of Officers during worship and

**Annual Meeting of the Congregation
at 4:00 p.m. via Zoom.**

Mission Opportunities

Crispus Attucks Food Pantry

Wednesday, January 14, 2026 | 12:45 - 3:34 p.m.
Carpool from the FPC parking lot

Tenfold Overnight Winter Shelter

The shelter is in need of:

Instant-cup style ramen/noodles/rice
Creamer (shelf-stable packets or powder)
Sugar packets
Sleeping bags (big and tall, 0-degree)

Donations can be brought to the church lobby.

Ways to Give: Mission Giving

Our Mission Partners in the first quarter are nonprofits that support those of our community experiencing food insecurity.

Power Packs, based in Lancaster, provides free ingredients and recipes for weekend meals, as well as pantry staples such as peanut butter and cereal, to low-income students and their families.

www.powerpacksproject.org

Anchor Lancaster, based in First United Methodist Church in downtown Lancaster, provides free, hot breakfasts, showers, laundry services, a day shelter and other services to low-income people.

www.anchorlancaster.org

Rise Against Hunger, based in Raleigh, NC, provides free meals to the needy in 41 foreign countries, including Honduras, where it works with the Lancaster-based Central American Relief Effort (CARE), which has close ties to FPC.

Money raised for Rise Against Hunger via this quarterly offering will go toward the cost of a Rise Against Hunger food-packing event at FPC on Sunday, March 22, following the 10:30 a.m. service.

www.riseagainsthunger.org





Opening Windows of Belonging in Our Community

The 2026 Annual Officers Retreat

Each year, the officers and leadership of FPC gather for a weekend of training, shared planning, and discernment as we prepare for the year ahead. As part of this retreat, we host a community-oriented evening dedicated to collaboration, fellowship, and shared purpose, celebrating the many ways our collective work helps others find belonging within our community.

Once again, we have invited our community mission partners to join us for the evening. We are pleased to welcome Jennifer Diaz of Leadership Lancaster as our keynote speaker and facilitator for the evening. Over a shared meal, participants will have the opportunity to connect, learn together, and exchange updates on the vital ministries and work taking place across our local nonprofit and faith-based organizations. This gathering is designed to strengthen partnerships, spark new ideas, and renew our shared commitment to generosity and compassion in service.

The officers and leadership of FPC warmly invite members of the congregation with an interest in mission to join them for this community-focused portion of FPC's Annual Officers Retreat.

**Friday, January 30, 2026
at 5:00 p.m.
First Presbyterian Church, Lancaster, PA
140 East Orange Street**

If you are interested in joining us for this event,
please RSVP by January 17, to our Mission/Care Specialist,
Patti Overly: 717-394-6854 patti@fpclancasterpa.org,
or use the QR code to register on Realm.



Family Ministry



Katie Kindig
Director of Family Ministry

Celebrating Children at FPC

Dear parents of young children,

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, 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. Let them know they are at home in this house of worship.

Dear church members,

The presence of children is a gift to the church and they are a reminder that our congregation is growing.

Please welcome our children and give a smile of encouragement to their parents.

Sunday Mornings

The Nursery

Suggested for 6wks up to 4yrs

Second Floor, open 9:00-11:30 a.m. / Professional Staff

Nursery students engage in free-play, a short Scripture lesson and organized activity time.

We ask that you assist with your student's hand-washing upon arrival. We have hand sanitizer stations as well.

A nut-free snack is provided. Please bring a labeled water bottle and alternative snacks if needed. A changing table, with quiet room are also available.

Worship Arts Faith Formation

Suggested for 4yrs through grade 7

Worship Arts begins with a combined lesson and then splits to separate age-appropriate groups to study. A peanut free snack is offered.

Taught by FPC volunteer teachers, we study Scripture through reading, dramatic play, storytelling, and song.

Students begin worship in Shirk Hall (9:00 a.m.) OR the sanctuary (10:30 a.m.) with their families.

Teachers will escort students who wish to participate in Worship Arts to the upper level following the "Worship Arts Blessing."

Parents attending the 9:00 a.m. service - Students will be escorted back to you before the end of the service.

Parents attending the 10:30 a.m. service - Students will return to the sanctuary at the end of worship or can be picked up in the lobby.

Youth Ministry

Designed for grades 7-12 and led by Family Ministry staff and volunteers.

January 11-Study at the Schrecengost family home, 4:30-6:30 p.m.
Snacks, games, study, and prayer.

January 18-Study-*location TBA*-4:30-6:30 p.m.

January 25-Event Sunday. *Details TBA*