



## Leading in Worship Today

The Rev. Dan Snyder  
The Rev. Claire George-Drumheller  
Tim Brendler, Worship Host

### MUSIC

Dr. William Wright, Director of Music  
Matt Weaver, Organist  
The Chancel Choir

*Today at 9:00 we celebrated the Sacrament of Baptism of  
Kennedy Rose Mattos, child of Joseph and Delaney Mattos.*

\*Please stand in body or in spirit.

### PRELUDE *Two Settings of "Beautiful Savior"*

I. David Cherwien  
II. Diane Bish

### WELCOME

### INTROIT *Shining As the Sun*

Mark Hayes

He climbed the high mountain with Peter, James and John.  
He ascended to heights beyond the unknown.  
Below there were valleys and peoples and nations,  
all at his command, all that his love could command.  
Gathering the light of both Father and Son,  
Jesus, Creator, white garments adorned,  
seen throughout all ages, current and past,  
His brilliance transfigured, His body transformed.  
Shining as the sun, shining as the sun,  
the disciples could see Moses and Elijah, and the King of all kings.

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: God speaks to us in cloud and flame, in mysterious words and dazzling visions.

**ALL: We witness the glory of Christ!**

ONE: The Lord loves justice and equity. The Lord is exalted over all people.

**ALL: We witness the glory of Christ!**

ONE: Let us praise God's great and awesome name!

**ALL: Let us worship God.**

### \*HYMN #339 *Lift Every Voice and Sing*

LIFT EVERY VOICE

### \*CALL TO CONFESSON

ONE: Standing in the light of Christ, we see the shadows hidden in our hearts. Let us tell the truth about ourselves, trusting in God's grace, that we might receive mercy and be renewed.

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSON

**ALL: Magnificent God, we cannot stand before the glory of your presence. You shine with divine light, and we are overwhelmed by your goodness. Lift us in your mercy, release us from our fear, and fill us with your Spirit, that we might reflect your light and share your love, for the sake of Jesus, our Savior.**

*(silent confession)*

### \*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

ONE: Children of God, hear the good news: we are forgiven, again and again, by our gracious God.

**ALL: 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  
me; shine on me.  
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: God our light, make your Word shine in our hearts like a lamp that shines in the shadows, that seeing your truth we may live faithfully. Amen.**

## FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: **Exodus 24:12-18** (pg 54 OT in the pew Bible)

*After each reading:*

ONE: The word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: **Matthew 17:1-9** (pg 14 NT in the pew Bible)

## SERMON

**ALL:** We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ. We believe that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world; that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker; that the church is witness to the new heaven and earth in which righteousness dwells.

We believe that God's lifegiving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity; that God's lifegiving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world.

We believe that the credibility of this message is seriously affected and its beneficial work obstructed when the enforced separation of people on a racial basis promotes and perpetuates alienation, hatred, and enmity.

We believe that any teaching which attempts to legitimate such forced separation out of prejudice, fear, selfishness, and unbelief, denies in advance the reconciling power of the gospel, and must be considered ideology and false doctrine.

Therefore, we reject any doctrine which sanctions in the name of the gospel the forced separation of people on the grounds of race and color and thereby in obstructs the ministry of reconciliation in Christ. Amen.

**ANTHEM** *River in Judea*

Jack Feldman, arr John Leavitt

*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.*

1. Oftentimes I dream of music, of the river that freely flows,  
And it sings a song sweeter than honey, one everybody knows.  
Late at night I hear it singing, then again when I wake at dawn,  
And it fills me up with hope and goodwill, the will to go on.

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There is a river in Judea that I heard of long ago,  
And it's a singing, ringing river that my soul cries out to know.

2. I believe it keeps on travelling, but it rests on the Sabbath day,  
And the time when it pauses in stillness, I almost hear it pray.  
When I'm weary and downhearted, how I long for the song it sings,  
For the calm within its gentle blue, the peace that it brings.

REFRAIN

3. May the time not be too distant when we meet by the river shore.  
"Til then dream of that wonderful day, as we sing once more:

REFRAIN

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.

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### ***Chancel Flower Dedication***

*Today's flowers are given by the Cox family,  
in memory of Denny's parents, Jim & Eleanor Cox, and  
Gaye's parents, Mack & Gladys Blevins.*

### **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.



**Join us February 18 at 7:00 p.m.  
in the FPC Sanctuary**

Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent with a public act of confession and contrition. The imposition of ashes reminds us of our mortality, and through the Sacrament of Communion, we receive the grace of Christ.

### **Community News**

The congregation of Highland Presbyterian Church has called The Rev. Matt Drumheller, Pastor Claire's spouse, to serve as their installed Associate Pastor for Discipleship and Mission. With joy and gratitude, you are invited to attend the service of installation on Sunday, February 22 at 3:00 p.m. in the sanctuary at Highland (500 E Roseville Rd.). Pastor Claire will be preaching, and a time of fellowship will follow the service.



# **FPC PARENTS NIGHT OUT & MOVIE NIGHT IN**

**DATE**

**15 FEB 2026**

**TIME**

**5:00-7:00 p.m.**

**PLACE**

**SHIRK HALL**

**Students of ALL ages**

Bring your sleeping bags and pillow and join for a movie, pizza, popcorn, trivia games, and conversation. The event will be supervised by the Director of Family Ministry, volunteers, and nursery staff. The movie is G-rated and is loved by all ages.

*\*7-12th grade students will have the opportunity to help serve (and earn a discount toward their February Fulton show event), and they will be able to relax and enjoy the night with friends.*

**Grown-ups**

Park at FPC, and after signing in your students in Shirk Hall, you are welcome to venture downtown to enjoy one of Lancaster's amazing restaurants. Maybe you want a romantic Valentine's dinner. Maybe you would like to join other FPC parents for a shared meal. The decision is yours! There will be conversation "date cards" you are welcome to take with you, as well as a date night scavenger hunt with a prize if you complete it.

# Mission Opportunities

## Community Meal at First Reformed

Tuesday, February 24

2:30-4:30 p.m. help with Food Prep

4:30-6:30 p.m. help with Food Service

## Crispus Attucks Food Pantry

Wednesday, February 25

12:45-3:45 p.m.

Carpool from the church at 12:30 p.m.

## Anchor Program Shower Kits

The Anchor Program offers showers five days a week starting at 6:00 a.m., for their guests experiencing homelessness providing a much-needed opportunity for guests to clean up and regain their dignity.

Each guest receives a shower kit containing soap, shampoo, deodorant, Q-tips, toothbrush and toothpaste, and socks.



We will be collecting the supplies for the kits and assembling them here at church on Sunday, March 8. It's important that everything fits inside a one quart-size bag, so please click on the QR code (Amazon) to see exactly what to get.

Thank you!

## Re-Cap of the tour of the Anchor Program on February 10

by Chuck Manners

Kelly Gibbel, office assistant at Anchor Lancaster, offered a glimpse behind the scenes on a busy Tuesday morning to FPC members Alison and Tim Mekeel, Beth and Chuck Manners, and Mission and Care Specialist Patti Overly. As volunteers hustled around the second-floor kitchen of First United Methodist Church on East Walnut Street, Gibbel explained how Anchor (an FPC non-profit mission partner) serves breakfast to 150 to 200 guests each weekday. All are welcome.

Anchor guests arrive for a variety of reasons and come from diverse backgrounds. In addition to a hot breakfast, some access on-site shower and laundry services. Some are also referred to Anchor's day program, now co-located with another FPC mission partner, Tenfold, where case management services (such as employment opportunities) are also available.

Anchor has been based at First UM for about a decade and sustains its mission with a staff of 6 and a volunteer corps of about 65. Kelly says coordinating the volunteers and their skillsets is big job, as is managing donations of food and toiletry items they are able to use in their programs. (Patti Overly will be organizing some FPC donations of items on the Anchor wish list, so watch for that).

Kelly says she and her colleagues are motivated by the success stories among Anchor's guests. People may show up at a difficult time, and because of the services Anchor provides they get a new hold on life and a chance to move forward. The FPC group was inspired to see some of this work first hand.

## 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](http://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](http://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](http://www.riseagainsthunger.org)

Director of music William Wright and friends will perform a concert here at FPC  
for the benefit of Tenfold Community Services of Lancaster.

Listeners will enjoy wonderful choral music, an African drumming ensemble,  
and surprise guest soloists.

**Sunday, Feb. 22**  
**3:00 p.m.**

Donations to Tenfold  
Will be accepted at the concert

**ADMISSION IS FREE**

# **HEARTS AND VOICES, TENFOLD!**

**A BENEFIT CONCERT FOR TENFOLD**

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**William Wright**, Pianist and Conductor

**The Franklin & Marshall College  
Chamber Singers**

**A Lancaster-based African Drumming  
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# 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.

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### Youth Ministry

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

February 15—Movie night in Shirk Hall, 5:00-7:00 p.m. (Youth will have the opportunity to help serve and earn a discount towards the February Fulton show)

February 22—Event Sunday, *And Then There Were None* at the Fulton Theater; RSVP to Katie by February 15

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**