

ASKING IN FAITH LENTEN CONVERSATIONS WITH JESUS

Jesus' temptation in the desert
prompts us to ask,
what tempts us?

First Presbyterian Church, Lancaster, PA
Sunday, February 22, 2026 | 10:30 a.m.

Leading in Worship Today
The First Sunday of Lent

The Rev. Dan Snyder
The Rev. Claire George-Drumheller
Adrian Lindquist, Worship Host

MUSIC
Dr. William Wright, Director of Music
Michael Groff, Guest Organist
The Chancel Choir

PRELUDE *Two Lenten Elevations*

Paul Benoit

WELCOME

INTROIT *Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth*

Music: Janet Peachey
Text: Jean Janzen (1991)

Based on writings of Julian of Norwich (1343-1416)

Mothering God, you gave me birth, in the bright morning of this world.
Creator, source of every breath, you are my rain, my wind, my sun.

Mothering Christ, you took my form, offering me your food of light,
Grain of life, and grape of love, your very body for my peace.

Mothering Spirit, nurturing one, in arms of patience hold me close,
So that in faith, I root and grow, until I flower, until I know.

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Matthew 4:1-11)

ONE: People of God, on this wilderness journey, what will we eat?

ALL: The word of the Lord is our daily bread.

ONE: In this time of temptation, how will we live?

ALL: Our faith is in the faithfulness of God.

ONE: At this kingdom crossroad, whom will we serve?

ALL: We worship the Lord alone.

ONE: Let us offer God our praise and thanksgiving in worship.

ALL: Let us worship God.

*HYMN #182 *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

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*CALL TO CONFESSION

ONE: When we stay silent—when we do not acknowledge what we need to change—our guilt turns into shame and our hearts become cold to the pain of the world. God calls us to repent and be healed. Together, let us turn to God.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: Merciful One, we are easily tempted. We turn away from you so quickly. We seek anything that claims to save us from discomfort and inconvenience, pain and fear, emptiness and doubt. Forgive us for turning to these false idols. You are our true hope and salvation. Have mercy on us. Cover us with your grace, feed us with the bread of life, and re-create us in your image.

(silent confession)

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS (from Psalm 32:1, 11)

ONE: Happy are those whose sin is forgiven! Be glad in the Lord and shout for joy:

ALL: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. 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 *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*

Traditional Spiritual



I want Je-sus to walk with me;
In my tri-als, Lord walk with me;
to walk with me;
All a-long my pil-grim
Lord, walk with me;
When the shades of life are
jour-ne-y, Lord, I want Je-sus to walk with me.
fall-ing, Lord, I want Je-sus to walk with me.

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: Faithful God, your church is listening. Send us your Spirit to give us courage to ask honestly, humility to listen deeply, and faith to trust what you reveal, that we may follow Jesus more closely. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: **Matthew 4:1-11** (pg 2 NT in the pew Bible)

ONE: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

*HYMN *When We Are Tested*

SLANE



1 When we are test-ed and wres-tle a-lone,
2 When in the des-ert we cry for re-lief,
3 When we are tempt-ed to bar-ter our souls,
4 When we have strug-gled and searched through the night,
fam-ished for bread when the world of-fers stone,
plead-ing for paths marked by cer-tain be-lief,
trad-ing the truth for the power to con-trol,
sort-ing and sift-ing the wrong from the right,
nour-ish us, God, by your word and your way,
lift us to love you be-yond sign and test,
teach us to wor-ship and praise on-ly you,
Sav-ior, sur-round us with cir-cles of care,
food that sus-tains us by night and by day,
trust-ing your pres-ence, our on-ly true rest,
seek-ing your will in the work that we do,
an-gels of heal-ing, of hope, and of prayer.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Adapted from the Barmen Declaration (8.11, 14-15)

ALL: We believe Jesus Christ is God's assurance
of the forgiveness of all our sins;
in the same way and with the same seriousness,
Christ is also God's mighty claim upon our whole life.
Through Christ we are delivered from the godless fetters of this world
for a free and grateful service to God's creatures.
We reject the false doctrine
that there are areas of our life that do not belong to Jesus Christ,
or in which we do not need his grace.
Jesus Christ, as he is attested for us in Holy Scripture,
is the one Word of God
which we have to hear, to trust, and to obey. Amen.

ANTHEM ***Set Me As a Seal*** **René Clausen**

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.

Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm, for love is strong as death.
Many waters cannot quench love; neither can the floods drown it.
Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm, for love is strong as death.

ORISON ***Precious Lord*** Thomas A. Dorsey

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Thomas A. Dorsey

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 #165 *The Glory of These Forty Days*

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*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Lead Me, Lord*

Samuel Sebastian Wesley

Lead me, Lord, lead me in Thy righteousness, make Thy way plain before my face.
For it is Thou, Lord, only, that makest me dwell in safety.

POSTLUDE *Postlude in D Minor*

Charles Villiers Stanford

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Chancel Flower Dedication

*Today's flowers are given in loving memory of our granddaughter,
Hallie Jackson, by Sally and Bob Schwabe.*

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.

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 today 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.



Palm-Passion Sunday, March 29

**9:00 a.m. Shirk Hall & 10:30 a.m. FPC Sanctuary
LCTV & YouTube**

Palm-Passion Sunday is a day of drama and paradox, triumph and tragedy as we hear the crowd's shouts of "Hosanna!" turn to demands for Jesus to be crucified. Even during the triumphal entry into Jerusalem, the cross is in sight.

Holy Week

Maundy Thursday, April 2

7:00 p.m., FPC Shirk Hall

On Maundy Thursday, we remember the new commandment that Christ gave us, that we love one another as Christ has loved us. We also celebrate the Lord's Supper, remembering the final meal Christ shared with his disciples before his death.

Good Friday Tenebrae, April 3

7:00 p.m., FPC Sanctuary

Good Friday marks the day Jesus was crucified. "Tenebrae" means shadows, and as we hear the story of Jesus' journey towards death, the shadows lengthen and the lights grow dim.

Resurrection of the Lord

Easter Sunday, April 5

**9:00 a.m. Shirk Hall &
10:30 a.m. FPC Sanctuary
LCTV & YouTube**

On Easter Sunday we celebrate the great mystery of our faith—that Jesus Christ is risen from the dead.

FPC's Director of Music, Dr. William Wright and friends will perform a concert for the benefit of TENFOLD Community Services of Lancaster, featuring wonderful choral music, a surprise, GRAMMY-award winning soloist, and an African drumming ensemble.

**TODAY
at 3:00 p.m. In the Sanctuary**

Donations to Tenfold will be accepted at the concert

ADMISSION IS FREE

HEARTS AND VOICES, TENFOLD!

A BENEFIT CONCERT FOR TENFOLD

PERFORMING ▾

William Wright, Pianist and Conductor

**The Franklin & Marshall College
Chamber Singers**

**A Lancaster-based African Drumming
Ensemble**, Tammi Hessen, Director

**Members of the Lancaster Symphony
Chorus**

**Members of the First Presbyterian
Chancel Choir**



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CARE MINISTRY



POTLUCK

Tuesday, March 17 | 5:30-7:30 p.m.
in the FPC Chapel

Join us for an evening of food, fellowship, and meaningful conversation.

Mary Schreiber of Willow Valley Communities will help us explore, "What does a church community look like when it effectively supports families who are walking alongside a loved one with dementia?"

Whether you're already part of our Care Ministry or simply interested in learning more, this is a wonderful opportunity to connect, share, and grow together. All are welcome!

Use the QR code to RSVP or Contact Beth Horst: beth@fpclancasterpa.org



EASTER LILY FLOWER DEDICATIONS



PLANTS WILL BE DISPLAYED ON EASTER SUNDAY, IN BOTH THE SANCTUARY & SHIRK HALL.

YOU CAN TAKE YOUR PLANT(S) FOLLOWING THE SERVICES THAT DAY.



PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

YOU CAN ALSO EMAIL YOUR DEDICATION TO INFO@FPCLANCATERPA.ORG

GIVEN BY: _____

IN MEMORY OF _____

OR

IN HONOR OF _____

\$20 PER PLANT DEADLINE: MARCH 20

PAYMENT:

CHECKS SHOULD BE MADE OUT TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ("EASTER LILY" IN THE MEMO LINE)

ONLINE PAYMENTS MAY BE MADE THROUGH REALM: UNDER THE "GIVING" TAB SELECT
"FLOWER FUND" IN THE FUND DROP-DOWN LIST AND "EASTER LILY" IN THE MEMO LINE.

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.

Power Packs Project

We need 15-20 volunteers to help pack bags.

Join us and bring a friend!

Tuesday, March 10

9:00-11:00 a.m.

Greenfield Park

1915 Olde Homestead Lane, Suite 102

Lancaster

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



Ways to Give: Mission Giving

Power Packs, based in Lancaster, provides free ingredients and recipes for weekend meals 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

SUMMER CHORAL CAMP

For rising 3rd-12th grade students
(2026/2027 school year)

JUNE 22-26 / 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

at First Presbyterian Church / 140 E Orange St / Lancaster



A day camp for
students who
love music and want to
explore and develop
their musicality
in a fun
choir setting



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.

Guest WIFI Password:
Welcome2FPC

Family Ministry

Katie Kindig
Director of Family Ministry



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.

February 22—Event Sunday, *And Then There Were None* at the Fulton Theater

Online prayer
request here:



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