

ASKING IN

FAITH

LENTEN CONVERSATIONS WITH

JESUS

First Presbyterian Church, Lancaster, PA

Sunday, March 22, 2026 | 10:30 a.m.

The Fifth Sunday of Lent

Leading in Worship Today

The Rev. Dan Snyder

The Rev. Claire George-Drumheller

John Meeder, Worship Host

MUSIC

Dr. William Wright, Director of Music

Matt Weaver, Organist

The Chancel Choir

Lazarus's death raises the question,
Where is Jesus when things go wrong?

** Please stand in body or in spirit.*

PRELUDE *His left hand is under my head, and his right hand doth embrace me* Marcel Dupré
Jesus comforts the women of Jerusalem (from Stations of the Cross) Marcel Dupré

WELCOME

INTROIT *Bless the Lord, O My Soul* Andrae Crouch
Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless his holy name.
He has done great things, bless his holy name!

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Romans 8:6-11)

ONE: Children of God, where do we dwell?

ALL: We dwell in the Spirit, and the Spirit dwells in us.

ONE: Where will we set our minds?

ALL: To set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.

ONE: In humility and faith, we come to worship the One who gives us life, hope, and healing.

ALL: God has brought us to this moment and will guide us still. Let us worship God.

*HYMN #459 *O Word of God Incarnate*

MUNICH

CALL TO CONFESSION

ONE: Christ is nearer to us than we can imagine. Jesus' power is not just for a distant past and a far-off future; Jesus is here for us here and now. Because there is forgiveness with God, let us call upon the Lord.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: Holy One, we have set our minds on the wrong things. We focus on selfish gain instead of generous service. We fill our days with pursuits that distract, not inspire. We put energy into tasks that diminish, rather than give life. We long to set our minds on your way of mercy. We want to follow your paths of justice and peace. We yearn to live as people of hope. Give us grace when we fall short. Transform our hearts, renew our minds, and set us free to follow you faithfully.

(silent confession)

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS (from Ezekiel 37:1-14)

ONE: Thus says the Lord, You shall know that I am the Lord when I open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live. In Christ we are forgiven.

ALL: We believe the good news! Thanks be to God. Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

ONE: The peace of Christ be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

I want Je - sus to walk with me; I want Je - sus
 In my tri - als, Lord walk with me; In my tri - als,
 to walk with me; All a - long my pil - grim
 Lord, walk with me; When the shades of life are
 jour - ney, 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: **John 11:1-45** (pg 80 NT in the pew Bible)

ONE: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

*HYMN #785 *In Deepest Night*

ROSE MARY

*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

O Savior of the World

John Goss

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.

O Saviour of the world, who by thy Cross and precious Blood hast redeemed us: Save us, and help us, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord. Amen.

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 #167 *Forty Days and Forty Nights*

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*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE *The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ*

John W. Peterson

POSTLUDE *Voluntary on "Antioch"*

Dale Wood

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Chancel Flower Dedication

Today's flowers are given in loving memory of Don Goldstrom by his grandchildren.

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.

LENT

Palm-Passion Sunday, March 29

9:00 a.m. Shirk Hall & 10:30 a.m. 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., 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., 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. Sanctuary

LCTV & YouTube

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

Zoom Connect Group

March 25 | 7:00 p.m.

Join Tom and Connie Paisley during Lent for a 60-minute Zoom gathering featuring Lenten conversation and reflection.

Use QR codes to register or email Beth in the church office: beth@fpclancasterpa.org



Easter Small Groups

Great is the mystery of faith: Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again. This Easter season, engage Scripture and build community by joining one of our 4-week Small Groups. Groups will meet during the weeks of April 5, April 12, April 19, and April 26, and discussions will focus on Scripture passages for the upcoming Sunday and the impact of Easter on our lives of discipleship.

In order to receive communication from your leaders, please sign up for the Small Group of your choice by following the QR code (below), or by contacting the church office (info@fpclancasterpa.org).

Men's Group @ the Richards'

The Richard Family Home (address will be sent to registrants)
Mondays, 6:00 p.m. (4/6, 4/13, 4/20, 4/27)
Josh Richard and Dan Snyder, co-leaders

Women's Small Group

Thornhill Winery Tasting Room (1945 Fruitville Pk.)
Tuesdays, gather at 6:30 p.m.; study at 7:00 p.m. (4/7, 4/14, 4/21, 4/28)
Carol Aastad, Linda Cushman-Baugh, Carol Lytch, & Jan Masland, co-leaders

Thursday Morning Men's Group

FPC Library
Thursdays, 7:00-8:00 a.m. (4/9, 4/16, 4/23, 4/30)
Dan Snyder, Leader

Women's Bible Study

FPC Community Arts Annex (Room 1)
Thursdays (4/9, 4/16, 4/23, 4/30)
9:30-10:00 a.m., gathering; 10:00-11:00 a.m., study
Alison Mekeel & Donna Wilcox, co-leaders

Willow Valley

North Activity Room & North Auditorium
Thursdays, 1:00-2:00 p.m. (4/9, 4/16, 4/23, 4/30)
Claire George-Drumheller and Beth Horst, co-leaders
*Open to all! Group communications will include location details

Thursdays on Zoom

Thursdays, 7:00 p.m. (4/9, 4/16, 4/23, 4/30)
Millard & Carolyn Fisher, co-leaders



Mission Opportunities

Today in Shirk Hall Rise Against Hunger Food Packing Event

11:35 a.m.

All ages welcome! We will combine rice, soy, dehydrated vegetables, and a packet of 20 vitamins and minerals into 10,000 life-changing meal packages that will be transported to schools in Honduras.

Crispus Attucks Food Pantry

Wednesday, March 25

12:45-3:45 p.m.

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

Contact Patti Overly to volunteer: patti@fpclancasterpa.org



On March 10, a group of FPC volunteers spent the morning packing bags for the Power Packs Project, one of our first quarter mission partners.



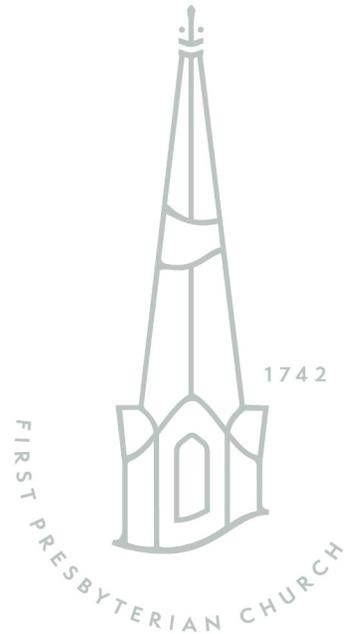
New Member Class @ FPC

Sunday, April 19

11:30-1:30 p.m. at FPC

The New Member Class is for those who want to learn more about how we live out our faith at FPC and would like to become members. We will begin with lunch after the 10:30 worship service on April 19, and participants will have the opportunity to join the church as members at the end of class. Childcare can be provided if requested at registration. New members will be introduced in worship on Sunday, April 26.

Please register by Monday, April 13 so that lunch can be arranged. Register on Realm or by contacting the church office (info@fpc Lancaster pa.org or 717-394-6854).



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.
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



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.

March 22—Service Sunday: *Rise Against Hunger*, in Shirk Hall, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Pizza provided

March 29—Event at Urban Air, 4:30-6:00 p.m. Pick-up & drop-off at venue, 2040 Bennet Ave., Lancaster. Suggested cost: \$40/pizza and drink provided. RSVP to katie@fpclancasterpa.org

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.

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

**Guest WIFI Password:
Welcome2FPC**

Online prayer request here:



Sarah Barton: Deacon to Family Ministries



A note from Sarah:

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve as Deacon to Family Ministries and to walk alongside the families of our congregation. Supporting families has long been close to my heart, and I am thankful to serve in a role that allows me to do so more intentionally.

As Deacon to Family Ministries, my hope is to be a supportive presence for families of all ages during seasons of celebration, transition, and need. I look forward to getting to know you and serving our church community together.

Contact: sarahbarton@gmail.com