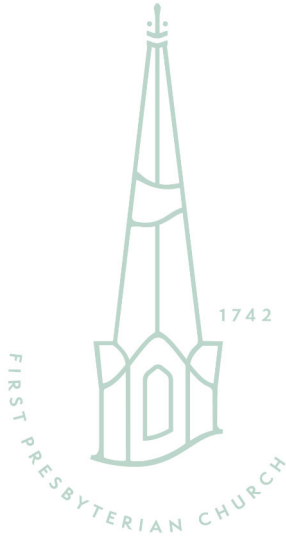


First Presbyterian Church, Lancaster, PA | April 12, 2026
The Second Sunday of Easter | 10:30 a.m.



Elder Sunday

Leading in Worship Today

The Rev. Dan Snyder
The Rev. Claire George-Drumheller

Elders leading in worship today

Mark Williams, preaching
Linda Cushman-Baugh
John Myers

MUSIC

Matt Weaver, Organist
Doug Albert, Trumpet

** Please stand in body or in spirit.*

PRELUDE *Fanfare and Processional*

Douglas Wagner

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Mary's glad tidings signaled hope and summoned joy. With Mary we proclaim,

ALL: We have seen the Lord!

ONE: Jesus greeted the disciples with peace and freed them from fear. With the disciples we declare,

ALL: We have seen the Lord!

ONE: Behold! The Lord is risen in our midst!

ALL: Let us worship God.

*HYMN #239 *Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!*

GELOBT SEI GOTT

*CALL TO CONFESSION

ONE: God shows us the path of life, offering companionship along the way. Therefore we trust in God, knowing that we can admit the ways we struggle to stay on that path. Let us confess our sins together.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: Risen Lord, you give us peace, and you send us to testify to what we have heard and seen. Yet we resist that calling, huddling behind locked doors rather than stepping out with confidence. We yearn for more—more proof, more courage, more guidance, more faith—and we forget that you have given us all we need: the gift of the Holy Spirit. Forgive us, we pray. Free us from fear and send us forth to proclaim, "We have seen the Lord!"

(silent confession)

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS (from 1 Peter 1:3)

ONE: God has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.

ALL: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

ONE: The peace of Christ be with you.

ALL: **And also with you.**

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE *Glory Be to the Father*

Henry W. Greatorex

Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be-
gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A - men, a - men.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is written on a treble clef. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff ends with a double bar line, and the second staff continues the melody and lyrics.

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: Living God, with joy we celebrate the presence of your risen Word. Enliven our hearts by your Holy Spirit, so that we may proclaim the good news of abundant life. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: **Psalm 16** (pg 384 OT in the pew Bible)

After each reading:

ONE: The word of the Lord.

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: **John 20:19-31** (pg 88 NT in the pew Bible)

SERMON

*HYMN #245 *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!*

LLANFAIR

*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.

OFFERTORY *Rhosymedre*

Ralph Vaughan Williams

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.

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 #238 *Thine Is the Glory*

JUDAS MACCABEUS

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Te Deum*

Marc-Antoine Charpentier

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Chancel Flowers

*Today's flowers are given in loving memory of Robert & Jane Cross,
by Barbara Cross, Cathy Cross Roman, and family.*

New Member Class @ FPC

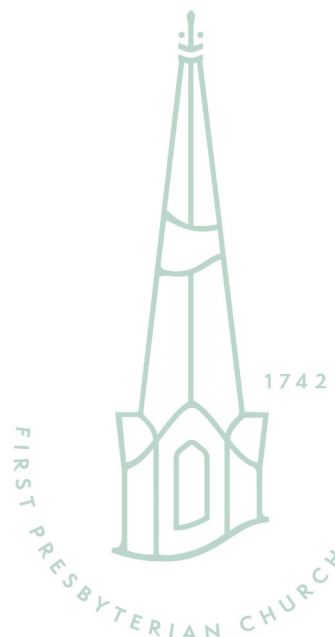
Sunday, April 26

(please note date change)

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 26, 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, May 3.

Please register by Monday, April 20 so that lunch can be arranged. Register on Realm or by contacting the church office (info@fpclancasterpa.org or 717-394-6854).



Ways to Give: Mission Giving

Our second quarter mission giving supports our partners that serve those in the Lancaster community experiencing housing insecurity.

Clare House (344 E. Chestnut St.) is a transitional housing program for mothers and children facing homelessness. Clare House has an employment-focused program that provides safety, housing, and supportive services with the goal of financial stability.

www.clarehouselancaster.org

Tenfold (105 E. King St.) operates TLC, a 52-room shelter that provides temporary housing and support services for individuals, couples, families, and veterans experiencing homelessness.

www.WeAreTenfold.org/TLC

Chestnut Housing (434 E. Chestnut St.) provides affordable rental housing to people experiencing homelessness, and they are committed to supporting affordable housing solutions in the City of Lancaster.

www.chestnuthousing.org



Mission Opportunities

Community Meal

Tuesday, April 14

Food prep help: 3:00 p.m.

Servers: 4:30 p.m.

First Reformed Church, 40 E. Orange St.

Contact Patti Overly to volunteer: patti@fpclancasterpa.org

First Quarter Mission Recap

The first quarter mission giving focused on food insecurity, supporting partners including Power Packs Project, Anchor Lancaster, and Rise Against Hunger. Mission partner support emphasized collaboration and capacity-building through several key events: a Mission Dinner on January 30, with over 50 church members and 25 partners, a Food Collaboration meeting on February 17, leadership and staff-care training in early March, and a “Know Your Rights” presentation to equip partners serving immigrant neighbors. Appreciation lunches were also held for Power Packs and Crispus Attucks Food Pantry staff to recognize their ongoing work.

Hands-on service and donations were central to the mission effort. Mission drives provided sleeping bags and food to the Tenfold overnight shelter and shower kits to the Anchor Program, with youth assembling 176 kits and planning additional kits in April. Volunteers participated in tours, community meals serving 120 neighbors, repeated pantry support days at Crispus Attucks, and food-packing efforts with Power Packs and Rise Against Hunger. Notably, more than 85 volunteers packed over 10,000 meals for global distribution, demonstrating strong engagement across all ages and consistent commitment to combating hunger locally and globally.

Session Meeting Summary March 18, 2026

The Session met on March 18 for its regular meeting, opening with reflection on Romans 12. Several key actions were taken, including the formation of the Community Assistance Team to oversee distributions from the Deacon Fund and participation in the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering (March 29–April 5), supporting denominational efforts.

Barry Bosley was welcomed as a guest to update the session on the upcoming renovation project. Weekly communication will unfold as the project gets underway and throughout construction. The session endorsed the appointment of Caldwell Heckles & Eagan to begin work and authorized funds. Construction will begin after Easter and will last approximately 4 months.

There was continued discussion on developing an anti-racism strategy before monthly reports were given. Highlights from individual committee reports include:

From Worship: New communion option on Easter, other than self service, for those seated in the balcony.

From Mission/Care: Mission day is scheduled for May 30 with one of our local housing partners.

From Formation: 6 Easter small group are about to begin (2 men, 2 women, and 2 existing groups).

Administrative: Building concerns (heating and plumbing) are being addressed. Charlotte, our new church secretary, has started work.

Pastoral: Dan is taking a course on AI. Claire’s responsibilities within the Presbytery are evolving in the coming months.

Upcoming Events:

New Member Class: April 26

Student-Led Worship: May 10

Youth Honduras Trip: June 6-11

Massanetta Trip: June 18-21

Choral Camp: June 22-26

Please keep these ministries, events, and leadership efforts in your prayers.

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Family Ministry Meetup
Sunday, April 19, 4:00-6:00 p.m.
Long's Park Pavilion #2

All ages are invited to enjoy time together with other FPC families and friends. This is a great time to connect with families who may attend a different worship service and to build relationships across our church community. Feel free to bring dinner along. We will provide light snacks and refreshments, plus plenty of space to play, relax, and enjoy the park together at the pavilion and playground.

Chamber Choir Festival Concert

Sunday, April 19 at 4:00 p.m.
in the Sanctuary

First Presbyterian Church, Lancaster

Don't miss this powerful celebration of choral music! This Chamber Choir Festival Concert will showcase 145 singers from Lampeter-Strasburg, Lebanon, Penn Manor, and Pequea Valley. Enjoy individual performances from each choir and an unforgettable combined finale.

*An offering for the Power Packs program of Lancaster County
will be taken during the concert*

Save The Date! ALL CHURCH PICNIC

SUNDAY, JUNE 14
NOON-3:00 P.M.

LANCASTER COUNTY CENTRAL PARK
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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.

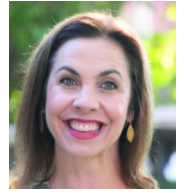
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Family Ministry



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.

April 12-Study and service at FPC, 4:30-6:00 p.m.

April 19-Family Ministry event at Longs Park Pavilion #2, 4:00-6:00 p.m.

April 26-Kayaking with KayakLanCo; RSVP required
(katie@fpclancasterpa.org) by April 15.

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.

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:



Guest WIFI Password:
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