

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS (from 1 Peter 1:17-23)

ONE: Beloved, hear this good news: through Christ we have come to trust in God, who raised Christ from the dead and gave him glory, so that our faith and hope are set on God. Our sins are forgiven, and we are born anew, through the living and enduring word of God.

ALL: Alleluia! 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 *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 first staff contains the melody for the first line of the text, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The music is written in a simple, accessible style with clear lyrics underneath.

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.

SCRIPTURE READING: **Luke 24:13-35** (pg. 69 NT in the pew Bible)

ONE: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

*HYMN #257 *The Risen Christ*

WOODLANDS

*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 ***With a Voice of Singing***

Martin Shaw

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.

With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia!

Utter it even unto the ends of the earth.

The Lord hath delivered His people, Alleluia!

O be joyful in God, all ye lands.

O sing praises to the honor of His name; make His praise to be glorious.

With a voice of singing, declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia!

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 #244 ***This Joyful Eastertide***

VRUECHTEN

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE ***By Early Morning Light*** (verse 3)

arr. Reimann-Dickinson

Shine forth, Oh glorious ray, o'er all the world today!

The Lord is risen! He lives on high!

Joy bring to those that mourn, hope to the sorrow-worn.

Fear not, for Christ the Lord is risen!

POSTLUDE ***Toccata in Seven***

John Rutter

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Chancel Flowers

*Today's flowers are given by Annie and Bobbie Carmitchell,
in loving memory of their parents, Charlotte and Robert.*

Welcome, Visitors!

We would love to reach out and say hello! Write your contact information on the back of an orange prayer card and place it in the offering plate or hand it to any volunteer with a nametag.

We are grateful you have joined us for worship and hope you will come back again soon and often.

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 Donation Opportunity

SDOL Families in Transition

This program serves students from the School District of Lancaster who are living with housing insecurity. Their goal is to have a student's education continue as uninterrupted as possible.

We can help by donating the following items. Look for a drop off tub in the narthex (adjacent to the sanctuary) and Shirk Hall.

- Shampoo and conditioner
- Body wash (unisex)
- Body lotion
- Toothpaste
- Teen/adult socks (no shows or calf length)
- Underwear (kids and adult sizes)
- Deodorant (men and women)
- Gift cards to our local CommunityAid Thrift Store

Volunteer Opportunities

Crispus Attucks Food Pantry

Wednesday, April 22 | 12:45-3:45 p.m.

Volunteer parking lot- 412 Locust Street
or carpool from Wegman's lot.

Power Packs Project

Monday, May 11 | 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Greenfield Park, 1915 Olde Homestead Lane, Suite 102, Lancaster

Chestnut Housing Service Project

Saturday, May 30 | 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Service project at Dinah's Hill site (former Strawberry Hill restaurant)
Light cleaning and setup. Appropriate for ages 13 and older.

Chamber Choir Festival Concert

TODAY

**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*



Park Meetup

An All FPC Family Ministry Event

TODAY

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.

New Member Class @ FPC

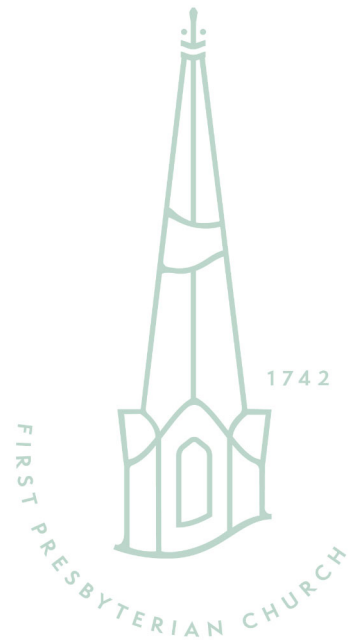
Sunday, April 26

(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).



Save The Date!

ALL CHURCH PICNIC

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

LANCASTER COUNTY CENTRAL PARK
PAVILION 1



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

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.

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

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

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:

