



First Presbyterian Church, Lancaster, PA | May 3, 2026
The Fifth Sunday of Easter | 10:30 a.m.

Leading in Worship Today

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

MUSIC

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

** Please stand in body or in spirit.*

PRELUDE *Two Settings on "Westminster Abbey"*

I. Jerry Westenkuehler
II. Charles Callahan

WELCOME

INTROIT *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks to the Risen Lord*

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (from 1 Peter 2:2-10)

ONE: Christ is a living stone, precious in God's sight.

ALL: On Christ we build our lives.

ONE: We are God's people, and we proclaim God's mighty acts;

ALL: For we have been called out of the shadows and into the light.

ONE: Once we were not a people, but now we are God's people.

ALL: Once we had not received mercy, but now we have received mercy.

ONE: We lift our hearts in praise.

ALL: We come to worship God.

***HYMN #645 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above**

MIT FREUDEN ZART

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

ONE: Jesus taught us mercy by praying for the forgiveness of those who killed him. This miraculous grace assures us that no matter what we have done, no matter the words we have left unsaid, we can come to Christ with our honest confession.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (from 1 Peter 2:2-10)

ALL: Almighty God, your word offers freedom from sin, but we confess that we have not obeyed your word. We have harbored malice toward our enemies. We have been deceitful in our relationships. We have been insincere in our witness. Forgive our sins and lead us to genuine repentance. Help us to grow into the joy of salvation through Jesus Christ.

(silent confession)

***DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

ONE: Jesus prepares a place for us, Jesus brings us close to him, and Jesus answers us even in our unbelief. Beloved, receive and believe the good news:

ALL: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Amen.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

ONE: The peace of Christ be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

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.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

ALL: Holy God, guide us as we hear your word. Send us your Holy Spirit that we may follow the path of life and hear your call to discipleship. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: **John 14:1-14** (pg 83 NT in the pew Bible)

ONE: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

ANTHEM *I Am the Way*

Dan and Heidi Goeller

I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.
In my Father's house are many dwellings; I go to prepare a place for you.
I will come again and receive you to myself; that where I am you may be also.
I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.
If you hold to my teaching, you truly are my disciples.
Then you will know the truth and the truth will set you free.
Let not your heart be troubled. You trust in God, trust also in me.
I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

*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.**

THE EUCHARIST

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

ONE: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

ONE: Lift up your hearts.

ALL: We lift them to the Lord.

ONE: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

ALL: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, —
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry, Ho-san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. — Ho-
 san - na in the high - est, ho-san - na in the high - est.

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.

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

*Come forward to receive communion elements; the server at the center has gluten-free bread. Let ushers know if you prefer to remain seated, and communion will be brought to you.
 You may take communion as soon as you have received the elements.*

Music during Communion **Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us** William B. Bradbury, arr. Larry Shackley

Prayer after Communion

*HYMN #546 **Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing**

SICILIAN MARINERS

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE **Shepherd of Souls**

John B. Dykes

Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless thy chosen pilgrim flock
 With manna in the wilderness, with water from the rock.
 Be known to us in breaking bread, but do not then depart;
 Saviour, abide with us, and spread thy table in our heart.

POSTLUDE

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Chancel Flowers

*Today's flowers are given in loving memory of Lester N. and Verna K. Witmer,
 by their daughter Charmaine Zercher.*

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.



Chestnut
Housing

FPC Service Project—Saturday Edition! with Chestnut Housing Saturday, May 30 | 9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

Please save the date for a special Saturday service project with Chestnut Housing, one of the recipients of this quarter's mission giving. In early 2024, Chestnut Housing was awarded control of the site now known as Dinah's Hill (formerly the Strawberry Hill Restaurant), with the plan to create affordable apartments, as well as office and meeting space for the organization and local neighborhood groups. FPC volunteers will help with light cleaning and setup; this opportunity is appropriate for ages 13 and older. More details will be shared as the date gets closer.

Save The Date! ALL CHURCH PICNIC

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

LANCASTER COUNTY CENTRAL PARK
PAVILION 1



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.clarehouse Lancaster.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

Loose Offering Plate Collection- On communion Sundays, the loose offering plate collections go to the Deacons' Emergency Relief Fund, which is used to support at-risk individuals in our church and community.

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
- 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

Contact Patti Overly for more info or to volunteer: patti@fpclancasterpa.org

Power Packs Project

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

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

Crispus Attucks Food Pantry

Wednesday, May 13 & 27 | 12:45-3:45 p.m.

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

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, 128 W Strawberry St., Lancaster)



Welcome, New Members!

From left to right: Steve Hargan, Carol Hargan, Delaney Mattos, Joey Mattos, Devon Groff, Matthew Groff, David Bowen, Melynda Holmes, Susan Dunham, Clay Wardrop, Guy Dunham, Treva Clark, Marsha Bowen

Faithful God, you work in us and for us even when we do not know it. We thank you for calling these new members to the fellowship of this congregation.

Renew in them the covenant you made in their baptism. By the power of your Spirit, strengthen them in faith and love, that they may serve you with joy, to the glory of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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


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



SCHOLARSHIPS NEEDED

Please consider a financial gift to support our Children & Youth Ministries this summer. Summer Choral Camp needs seven scholarships at \$225 each, and the Honduras Youth Mission Team is raising \$3,000 to add a fifth clinic day to their week of service. Donations can be made through the QR code or by check, indicating Honduras or Choral Camp in the memo line.



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.

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

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.

No Worship Arts today. Students are encouraged to worship with their families on communion Sundays.

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.

May 3—Senior brunch, 12:00 p.m.

May 10—Family Ministry Sunday/student-led worship (9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., and online)

May 17—Youth study, location TBA, 4:00-6:00 p.m.

May 30—Chestnut Housing service project at Dinah's Hill, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Online prayer request here:



Guest WIFI Password:
Welcome2FPC