

First Presbyterian Church, Lancaster, PA | June 7, 2026 | 10:30 a.m.

Leading in Worship Today

The Rev. Claire George-Drumheller
The Rev. Dr. Steve Lytch, Worship Host

MUSIC

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

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.

** Please stand in body or in spirit.*

PRELUDE

WELCOME

INTROIT ***When in Our Music God Is Glorified***

Text: Fred Pratt Green
Music: Charles Villiers Stanford

When in our music God is glorified,
And adoration leaves no room for pride,
It is as though the whole creation cried: Alleluia!
How often, making music, we have found
A new dimension in the world of sound,
As worship moved us to a more profound Alleluia!
Let every instrument be tuned for praise!
Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!
And may God give us faith to sing always: Alleluia!

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 33:1-12)

ONE: People of God, shout with joy to the Lord!

ALL: Let us sing a new song!

ONE: Praise God with the harp, the lyre, and our voices.

ALL: Praise God with the organ, the piano, and drums.

ONE: Play your best with joy!

ALL: For the word of the Lord is upright, and God's faithful love fills the earth. Let us worship together.

*HYMN #156 ***Sing of God Made Manifest***

SALZBURG

*CALL TO CONFESSION (from Matthew 9:12)

ONE: It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick, says Jesus. Together we confess the afflictions that separate us from God's love so that we can receive the care of the ultimate physician.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: Merciful God, we seek your forgiveness. Your steadfast love fills the world, but we have refused to love others and ourselves. You call us, but we prefer to ignore your invitations, turning our backs to your will. Forgive us and give us the confidence and the hope that we need to follow when you call.

(silent confession)

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

ONE: People of God, hear and believe the good news: Christ came to bring healing, forgiveness, and new life to all who sin and suffer.

ALL: In the name of 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 *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 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The second staff continues the melody with quarter and eighth notes, ending with a double bar line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

ALL: Holy God, send us your Spirit to teach us to obey your voice and to keep your covenant, so that we might live as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: **Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26** (pg 7 NT in the pew Bible)

ONE: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

ANTHEM *Sing Alleluia Forth*

Eric H. Thiman

Sing Alleluia forth in duteous praise, ye citizens of heaven: O sweetly raise an endless Alleluia.
Ye powers, who stand before the eternal light, in hymning choirs reecho to the height an endless Alleluia.
The holy city shall take up your strain, and with glad songs resounding wake again, an endless Alleluia. In blissful antiphons ye thus rejoice to render to the Lord with thankful voice an endless Alleluia.
Ye who have gained at length your palms in bliss, victorious ones, your chant shall still be this, an endless Alleluia.
There, in one grand acclaim, forever ring the strains which tell the honor of your king, an endless Alleluia.
While thee, by whom were all things made, we praise forever, and tell out in sweetest lays an endless Alleluia.
Almighty Christ, to thee our voices sing glory for evermore; to thee we bring an endless Alleluia. Amen.

*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.

Sanctus

Richard Proulx

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.

Post-Communion Anthem ***Lord, in All My Earthly Labors***

Text: Bruce Wittmaier
Tune: C. Hubert H. Perry
Setting: Matthew Weaver

Lord, in all my earthly labors may I see your presence clear;
May I be attending your bless'd voice to surely hear.
Human praise for my endeavors is but fleeting, never sure;
Doing all because I love you brings the peace that does endure.

Lord, to you my life I offer, Lord, my hope, my strength, my all.
Every moment I am waiting for the sound of your sweet call.
Though my strength may often fail me and I can but draw a breath,
Ever shall my soul be faithful till my eyes shall close in death.

Prayer after Communion

*HYMN #435 ***There's a Wideness in God's Mercy***

IN BABILONE

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord lift his countenance upon you, and give you peace.
The Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you. Amen.

POSTLUDE

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Chancel Flowers

*Today's Chancel flowers are given in loving memory of Marjorie Jarrett by her daughter,
Susan Moedinger, and her family.*

Zoom Connect Group

June 24, July 22, August 26 | 7:00 p.m.

Join Tom and Connie Paisley for some good conversation and
reflection on that week's Sunday Scripture.

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



June 24



July 22



August 26

Worship and Picnic in the Park!

Lancaster County Central Park Pavilion #1

(1049 Rockford Road, Lancaster)

Sunday, June 14

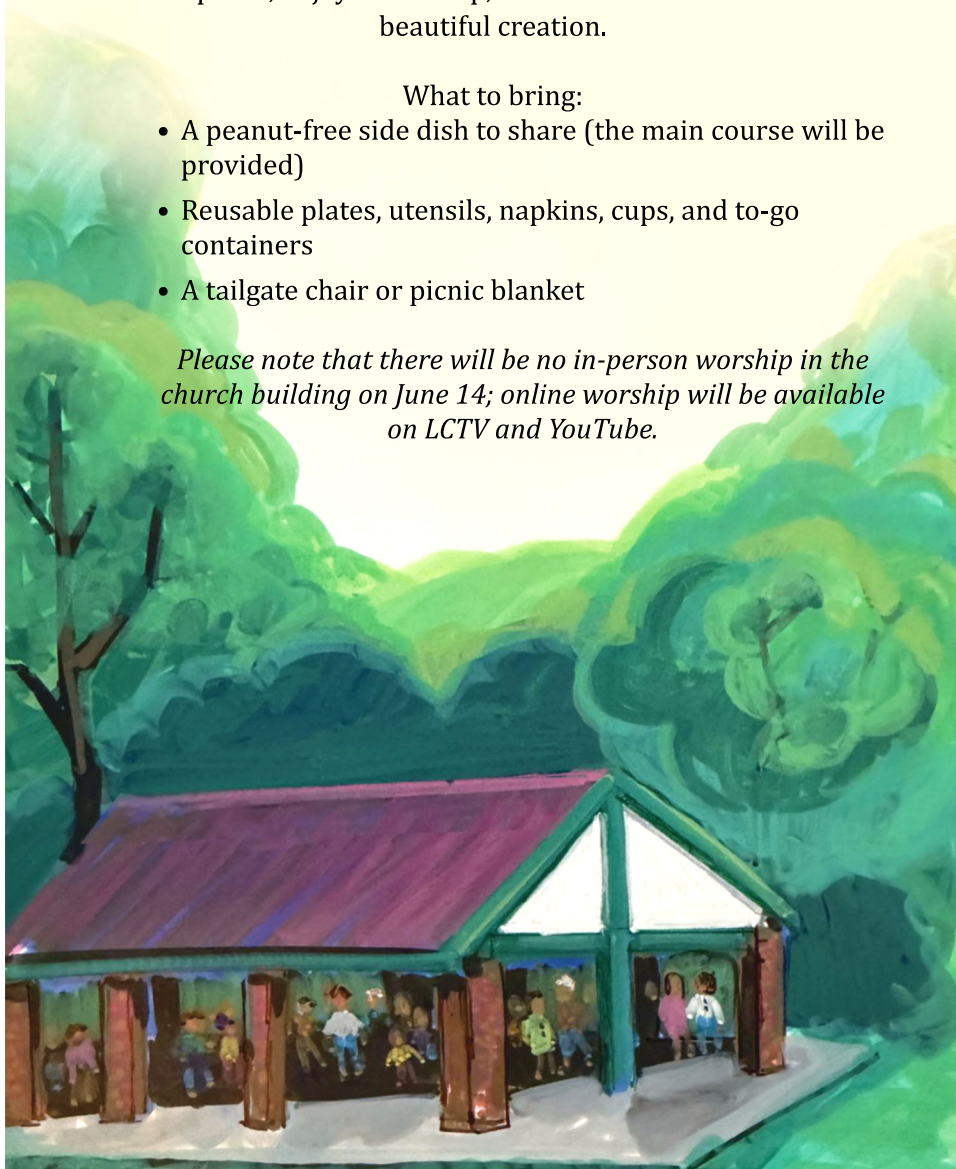
11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Let's take a break from construction and spend a joyful morning together! We will gather in County Park for one combined worship service at 11:00 a.m., followed by the annual church picnic. Join us for this special gathering as we worship God, enjoy fellowship, and share a meal—all in God's beautiful creation.

What to bring:

- A peanut-free side dish to share (the main course will be provided)
- Reusable plates, utensils, napkins, cups, and to-go containers
- A tailgate chair or picnic blanket

Please note that there will be no in-person worship in the church building on June 14; online worship will be available on LCTV and YouTube.



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 Volunteer Opportunities

Those interested in volunteering, please contact Patti Overly: patti@fpclancasterpa.org

Community Meal

Tuesday, June 9 | Food prep help: 3:00 p.m. | Servers: 4:30 p.m.

First Reformed Church, 40 E. Orange St.

Crispus Attucks Food Pantry

Wednesday, June 10 | 12:45-3:45 p.m.

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

Pictured below: The Chestnut Housing Service Project

Members of FPC came together on Saturday, May 30 to help Chestnut Housing clean and prepare their newly acquired Dinah's Hill property. The site is being developed into affordable apartments, as well as office and meeting space for the the Chestnut Hill organization and local neighborhood groups.



2026 Family Ministry Summer Series

Radiant Light

Inspired by Scripture, the intention is to provide a space for students and families to explore that they are each a bright gift from God, to begin to think about their purpose, and to illuminate their gifts and the gifts of others. This will be reflected in the Nursery, Worship Arts, Youth Group, Choral Camp, and summer Family Ministry events.

Family Ministry Events

Sunday, June 14—Picnic and worship

Wednesday, July 1, 8:30-9:30 p.m.—Night of the Fireflies, at the Lancaster Department of Parks and Recreation's Environmental Center (1 Nature's Way, Lancaster). All ages welcome. Register and pre-pay (\$2) by noon, Tuesday, June 30 with the Environmental Center (call 717-295-2055).

Saturday, July 11, 7:15 p.m.—Open House at the Ryan Observatory, Muddy Run (172 Bethesda Church Rd. W, Holtwood). All ages welcome. No registration required.

Save the Dates!

Friday, June 26, 2:00 p.m. in the sanctuary—Choral Camp Concert!

Tuesday/Wednesday, August 4-5—24-hour Downtown Mission at FPC for students, grade 7-12. Pre-registration required: katie@fpclancasterpa.org.

See the Youth Ministry flyer for Youth summer events

FPC to take part in celebrating America's 250th in Lancaster

As part of Lancaster's ongoing celebration of America's 250th anniversary of its independence, First Presbyterian, along with the other pre-Revolution Churches in the city, will keep their doors open to the public on two Sundays, June 7 and July 12, for a walking tour. Our doors will remain open to guests, and hosted by volunteers, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. on those two Sundays.

Session Meeting Recap

The May Session meeting began with a reflection and prayer centered on the faith statement "Practicing Transforming Worship."

The following items were reported and discussed:

- An updated Wedding Policy was reviewed and adopted; and updated Funeral Policy received its first reading, including discussion on the creation of a Hospitality Host as a reception support role.
- Pastor Dan gave a recap of the Presbytery meeting, which included an update on the Presbytery's responses to local disasters and the recognition of Erin Cox-Holmes for more than 15 years of service as Executive Presbyter.
- Mission & Care reported positive feedback received regarding gestures of appreciation from mission partners.
- Formation reported Easter small groups were well attended. The Youth Mission trip to Honduras is underway. Consideration will be given to traveling internationally every other year due to significant increases in travel costs.
- Family Ministry will focus on the theme of "Radiant Light" this summer.
- Administration reported on the renovation of the Commons along with the formation of a needed Furniture Committee. Some new roof concerns on the east side of the building are being addressed.
- Pastor Claire updated the session on her time in Richmond and Pastor Dan gave an update on some appropriate concerns regarding unhoused neighbors around the church.

Blessings,

Cody Smith, Elder

The next Session meeting is Wednesday June 17, 2026



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.

Summer 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 Summer Adventures

Direct questions to katie@fpclancasterpa.org

Suggested ages: 6th-9th grade

Monday, July 13—Glow Croquet, Meet at West Art, 816 Buchanan Ave., Lancaster, 8:30 p.m. Students & Youth Group leaders will walk to the Lytches' backyard down the street for an epic game of croquet! Parents, you're invited to gather in community at West Art. We'll walk the students back to you afterward.

Monday, August 17—Sunset & Ice Cream, Pine View Dairy, 2225 New Danville Pike, Lancaster, 7:00-8:00 p.m. The students and youth leaders will gather for a brief check-in, yummy ice cream, and time with baby cows.

Suggested ages: 9th-12th grade

Monday, July 6—*Project Hail Mary*, backyard viewing, at the Richard family home, 8:30-10:00 p.m. Students and their families welcome.

Sunday, August 16—Sunrise Kayak at Conejohela Flats, Wrightsville, 6:30-8:00 a.m. Coffee and donuts will be provided, and we will join the 9:00 a.m. worship service following the event. Please register: katie@fpclancasterpa.org.

**Guest WIFI Password:
Welcome2FPC**

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

Online prayer request here:

