



**First Presbyterian Church, Lancaster, PA | June 28, 2026 | 10:30 a.m.**

### **Leading in Worship Today**

The Rev. Dan Snyder  
The Rev. Claire George-Drumheller  
Cody Smith, Worship Host

#### MUSIC

Dr. William Wright, Director of Music  
Matt Weaver, Organist  
Beatrice Levicoff, Vocalist

*\* Please stand in body or in spirit.*

PRELUDE ***New Era***

Nile Ogden

WELCOME

INTROIT ***Speak, O Lord***

Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

Speak, O Lord, as we come to you, to receive the food of your holy Word.  
Take your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in your likeness;  
That the light of Christ might be seen today, in your acts of love and our deeds of faith.  
Speak, O Lord and fulfill in us all your purposes for your glory.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; help us grasp the heights of your plans for us.  
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time, that will echo down through eternity.  
And by grace we'll stand on your promises; and by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.  
Speak, O Lord, 'til your church is built, and the earth is filled with your glory.

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 89:1)

ONE: This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**ALL: We will forever sing of your love, O Lord.**

ONE: From age to age, we will proclaim your faithfulness.

**ALL: From age to age, we will gather for worship. Let us offer our praise and thanksgiving to God.**

\*HYMN #393 ***O Day of Rest and Gladness***

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\*CALL TO CONFESSION (Romans 6:12-23)

ONE: As we try to grow toward righteousness, we present ourselves to God in a spirit of honesty, naming where we still obey sin and death instead of goodness and life. Let us confess our sins together.

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**ALL: God, you provide for our every need. You have given us countless gifts. You have welcomed us as we are. You have showered us with steadfast love. You have freely given us eternal life in Christ Jesus. We do not deserve these gifts. We take them and squander them. We continue to trust ourselves more than we trust you. We fail to embrace others as you have embraced us. Accept our confession. Transform our hearts and be our strength, our shield, and our deliverer.**

*(silent confession)*

**\*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

ONE: Part of God's provision for all of us is a well of forgiveness that never runs dry.

**ALL: In 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 *O, How God Loves You and Me***

Kurt Kaiser

O, how God loves you and me. Je - sus to Cal - v'ry did go, O, how God loves you and me; His love for us — to show;

8  
Christ gave His life, what — more could He give? O, how He loves you; What He did there brought hope from de - spair:

15  
O, how He loves me; O, how He loves you and 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: 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.**

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18** (pg 89 OT in the pew Bible)

*After each reading:*

ONE: The word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 10:40-42** (pg 8 NT in the pew Bible)

**SERMON**

**\*HYMN #712 *As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought***

FOREST GREEN

**\*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.**

SOLO ***How Great Thou Art***

arr. Dan Forrest

*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 #377 ***I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light***

HOUSTON

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE ***Jubilate***

Roy Douglas

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## ***Chancel Flowers***

*Today's flowers are given in loving memory of D. Peary Lindquist by his family.*

### **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.*

# June 2026, Session Notes

At its June meeting, the Session of First Presbyterian Church of Lancaster devoted most of our time to an energetic workshop led by the Presbytery of Donegal's Congregational Anti-Racism Policy Support (CAPS) Team. These presbytery leaders explained the PC(USA)'s requirement that all church councils adopt an anti-racism policy (G-3.0106). Through Scripture study and discussion, Session members reflected on themes of human dignity, reconciliation, justice, and loving our neighbors. We also named concerns about developing a policy: the lack of racial diversity within the Session as we create it, potential defensiveness around the term "anti-racism," and questions about implementation and accountability. The Session identified challenges related to implicit bias and limited relationships across racial lines. Then we identified congregational strengths: our diverse mission partnerships and a willingness to engage in difficult conversations.

Three areas emerged as priorities for a future policy: education, messaging, and community involvement. We brainstormed ideas for action, including bringing in local speakers, offering educational opportunities, strengthening communication about the church's values and existing efforts, partnering with organizations, and deepening community relationships.

A four-member task force (Dan, Claire, Linda, and Ginny) was appointed to draft a document the denomination requires with concrete, measurable commitments. Our goal is to have a draft ready for the July Session meeting and for the policy to be adopted before the Presbytery's fall minute review.

We also briefly conducted routine business: approving consent items (including minutes, guest recognition, and a marriage request) and adopting the funeral policy on second reading.

Blessings, Cody Smith

Photos from the Massanetta Middle School Conference - June 18-21



FPC Summer Choral Camp - June 22-26



# Ways to Give

## Community Volunteer Opportunities

*Email [info@fpclancasterpa.org](mailto:info@fpclancasterpa.org) if you are interested in volunteering.*

### **Crispus Attucks Food Pantry**

**Wednesday, July 8**

**12:45-3:45 p.m.**

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

## Mission Giving

**Supports our Mission Partners and  
the services they provide to the local Community**



*Our second quarter mission partners 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](http://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](http://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](http://www.chestnuthousing.org)

**FPC Together/Summer Events Hosted by Family Ministry**

# 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**

**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!**

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

*See the Youth Ministry flyer for Youth summer events*

## **Zoom Connect Group**

**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](mailto:beth@fpclancasterpa.org)



July 22



August 26



# Family Ministry

**Katie Kindig**  
Director of Family Ministry

## 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.

### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

**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:

