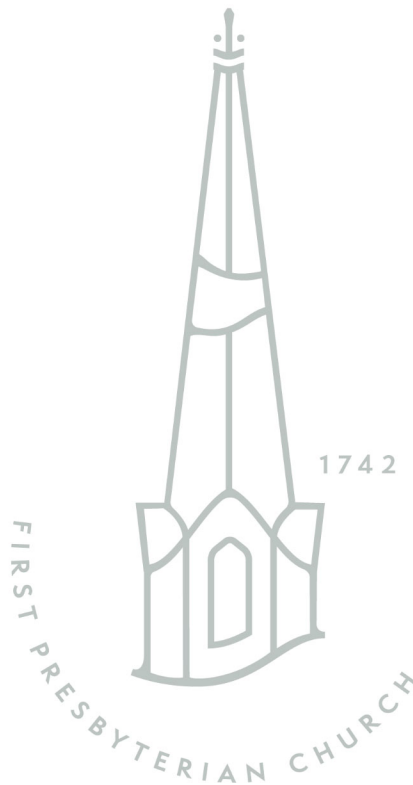


First Presbyterian Church, Lancaster, PA | July 19, 2026 | 10:30 a.m. | in the Sanctuary



Leading in Worship Today

The Rev. Dan Snyder

Mark Williams, Worship Host

MUSIC

Dr. William Wright, Director of Music

Matt Weaver, Organist

Gianna Miranda, Vocal Soloist

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.

Chancel Flowers

Today's Chancel flowers are dedicated in loving memory of Helen I. & Imre J. Barsy by their daughter and son-in-law, Louise & Sean Colgan.

** Please stand in body or in spirit.*

PRELUDE *Air*

Gerre Hancock

WELCOME

INTROIT *Parable of the Sower*

William J. Kirkpatrick

A sower went forth with precious seed, beside the wayside sowing,
He hoped that a harvest rich indeed would soon be growing, growing.
Sowing, sowing, scatter the seed both here and there,
Sowing, sowing, surely 'twill yield a harvest fair.

O some fell upon good ground, we're told, O happy, happy story,
Rich fruitage they bear, a hundred-fold, unto the master's glory.
Sowing, sowing, scatter the seed both here and there,
Sowing, sowing, surely 'twill yield a harvest fair.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: We come. We wait.

ALL: We long. We hope.

ONE: We suffer. We pray.

ALL: We rejoice. We sing.

ONE: We know we are children of God.

ALL: We wait for Christ to set all things right. Let us worship together.

*HYMN #612 *We Praise You, O God*

KREMSER

*CALL TO CONFESSION (from Matthew 13)

ONE: There is goodness within us that grows like fresh wheat. There is also sin within us that
chokes that wheat like weeds. Let us bring all of who we are to God, who can separate out
what is good, so that we are not overcome by our brokenness. Let us pray together.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**ALL: Ever-present God, there is no place where you are not with us. You see us at our worst
and at our best. There is much we would hide from you—the ways we harm your
creation, the ways we mistreat others, the ways we turn away when we should turn
toward you. Forgive us. Guide our thoughts, our words, and our actions, that you may
delight in us as we delight in you.**

(silent confession)

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

ONE: Beloved, hear the good news: God knows us and forgives us and leads us in the way of
everlasting life.

ALL: Thanks be to God! Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

ONE: The peace of Christ be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

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; Christ gave His life, what — more could He give? O, how He loves you; What He did there brought hope from de - spair: 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: Loving God, send your Spirit to help us hear your word. Equip and inspire us, that your love may be at the center of our lives. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: **Psalm 86:11-17** (pg 418 OT in the Pew Bible)

After each reading:

ONE: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: **Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43** (pg 11 NT in the Pew Bible)

SERMON

*HYMN #341 **O God, Show Mercy to Us**

THAXTED

*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 **Domine Deus (from "Gloria")**

Antonio Vivaldi

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.

Translation of the Latin text:

Lord God, heavenly king,
God, the Father almighty.

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 #761 *Called as Partners in Christ's Service*

BEECHER

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Voluntary on "Thaxted"*

arr. Jeffrey Blersch

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Mission Giving

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

***Our third quarter mission partners are nonprofits that support
women and vulnerable populations.***

Church World Service, based in Lancaster, helps refugees and asylum seekers from around the world get resettled in the U.S. www.cwsglobal.org

North Star Initiative, based in Lititz, helps survivors of human trafficking make the transition to a healthy, sustainable, and independent life. www.northstarinitiative.org

Lancaster YWCA, based in Lancaster, strives to eliminate racism, empower women, and promote peace, justice, freedom, and dignity for all. www.ywcalancaster.org



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



July 22



August 26

New Member Class @ FPC

Sunday, September 13

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 September 13, 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, September 20.

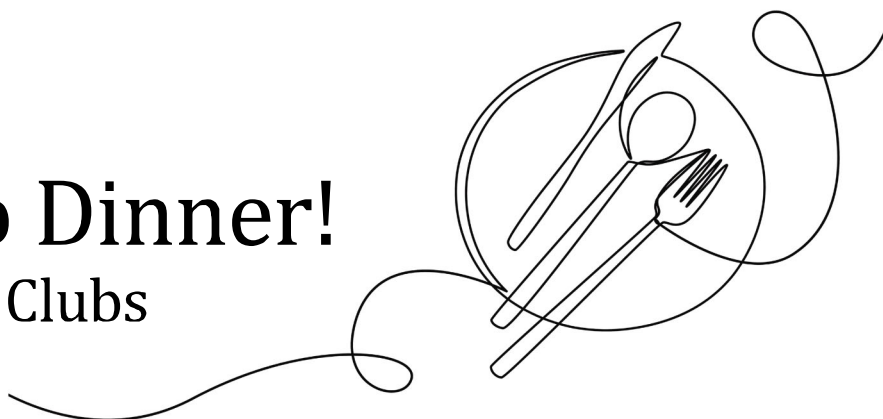
Please register by Monday, September 7 so that lunch can be arranged. Register on Realm or by contacting the church office (info@fpclancasterpa.org or 717-394-6854).



REGISTER

Come to Dinner!

FPC Supper Clubs



In the Book of Acts, the early church "broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts" (2:46). The first generation of Christians discovered that faith grows not only in worship, but also around the dinner table. FPC Supper Clubs is an opportunity to meet new people, to strengthen existing friendships, and to share a meal together. Groups of 6–8 adults will gather once a month for three consecutive months (September, October, and November). Please register by August 23.

What is the commitment? Three meals—one each month in September, October, and November.

What's the agenda? Good food. Good conversation. New friendships.

Who hosts? Each group decides what works best. Many take turns hosting potluck meals, while others gather at a restaurant or another location.

Can children come? Yes! When you register, let us know whether you prefer a family-friendly group or an adults-only group.

What about dietary needs? Tell us about any allergies or dietary preferences when you register. Groups should be able to accommodate all needs.

What if we can't find a date that works for everyone? Groups will do their best to accommodate all schedules, but a Supper Club may have to move forward with a date, even if it does not work for everyone.

Will I be with the same people as last time? Expect to connect with new friends this time around!



REGISTER



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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.

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, 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

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:

