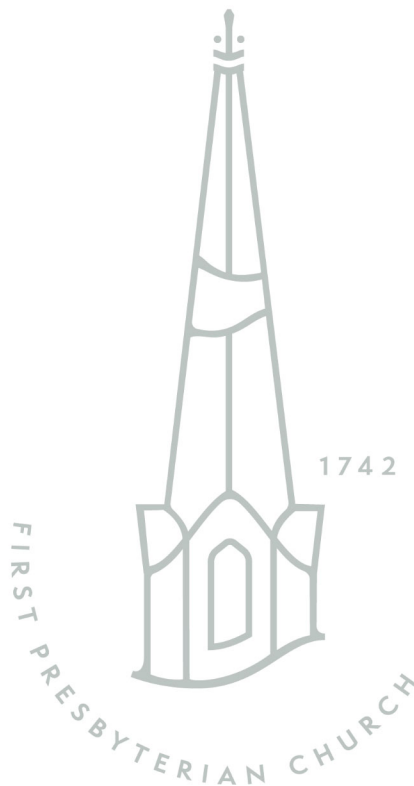


First Presbyterian Church, Lancaster, PA | July 26 , 2026 | 10:30 a.m. | in the Sanctuary



Leading in Worship Today

The Rev. Dan Snyder

The Rev. Claire George-Drumheller

MUSIC

Dr. William Wright, Director of Music

Matt Weaver, Organist

Ashlyn Frederick, Vocalist

Judith Kruse, Guitarist

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 flowers are given in honor of his birthday and in loving memory of
Milton K. Morgan Jr., by Lois and family.*

** Please stand in body or in spirit.*

PRELUDE ***Be Thou My Vision
Morning Has Broken***

arr. Michael A. Wood
arr. Mark Hayes

WELCOME

INTROIT ***Come and Find the Quiet Center***

Music: B. F. White
Text: Shirley Erena Murray

Come and find the quiet center in the crowded life we lead.
Find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are freed:
Clear the chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes, that we can see
All the things that really matter, be at peace and simply be.

In the Spirit let us travel, open to each other's pain.
Let our loves and fears unravel, celebrate the space we gain:
There's a place for deepest dreaming, there's a time for heart to care,
In the Spirit's lively scheming there is always room to spare!

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52)

ONE: We seek the kingdom of God:

ALL: Where the smallest seeds turn into great plants.

ONE: We seek the kingdom of God:

ALL: As precious as pearls or treasure.

ONE: We seek the kingdom of God:

ALL: Where joy and abundance reign. Let us worship God.

*HYMN #33 ***Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show***

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*CALL TO CONFESSION (from Psalm 105:8)

ONE: Sisters, brothers, siblings in Christ, God never forgets his promises. God's covenant endures
in each new generation. We are free to speak the truth about our lives because God is faithful.
Let us confess together.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ONE: Spirit, intercede...

**ALL: when we fall short of your glory,
when we do not deserve your promises,
when we do not act like those who have been called your family.**

ONE: Spirit, intercede...

**ALL: when our words wound,
when our silence speaks volumes,
when our actions are not what you would have us do.**

ONE: Spirit, intercede...

**ALL: break forth into our lives
and form us into the image of your Son,
that we might never feel separate from you again.**

(silent confession)

***DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS** (from Romans 8:26-39)

ONE: Beloved, hear this good news: God is for us. Not even our sins can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

ALL: Glory be to God! Alleluia! 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. O, how God loves you and me;
Je - sus to Cal - v'ry did go, 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: 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 105:1-11, 45b (pg 427 OT in the pew Bible)

After each reading:

ONE: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52 (pg 11 NT in the pew Bible)

SERMON

***HYMN #175** *Seek Ye First*

LAFFERTY

***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 *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*

Music: Sebastian Temple
arr. Mark Hayes
Text: St. Francis

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.

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred let me bring your love.
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord
And where there's doubt, true faith in you.
Make me a channel of your peace
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope
Where there is darkness, only light
And where there's sadness, ever joy.
Oh, Master grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console
To be understood as to understand
To be loved as to love with all my soul.
Make me a channel of your peace
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned
In giving of ourselves that we receive
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.

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 #774 *There Is Now a New Creation*

STUTTGART

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *All My Hope on God Is Founded*

arr. Michael Burkhardt

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Zoom Connect Group

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



Mission Volunteer Opportunities

Those interested in volunteering, please email: info@fpclancasterpa.org

Crispus Attucks Food Pantry

(every second & fourth Wednesday of the month)

Next opportunity: Wednesday, Aug 12 & Aug 26 | 12:45-3:45 p.m.

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

A free choice food distribution pantry at 404 S. Duke St.
Neighbors register for a scheduled shopping time.

Volunteers needed to stock shelves and serve as shopping assistants to those visiting the pantry.

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

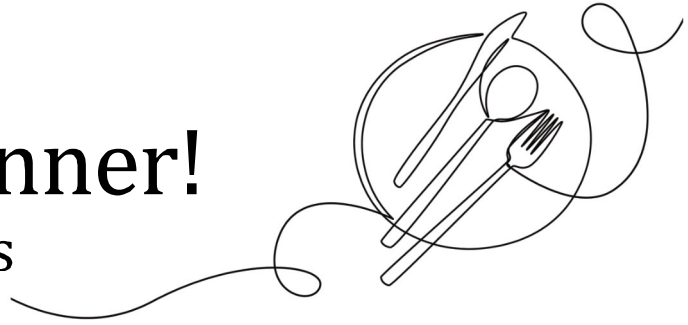
North Star Initiative, based in Lititz, helps survivors of human trafficking make the transition to a healthy, sustainable, and independent life. www.northstarinitiative.org

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



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

July 2026, Session Notes

At its July meeting, Session opened their time with reflections on God's abundance, inspired by Psalm 65. We approved a special PCUSA offering for October's World Communion Sunday, along with the consent agenda.

We welcomed ordination candidate, Jen Eisenberg, for her annual report to Session. Jen shared that she is ending her ordination candidacy to pursue doctoral studies in practical theology. Prayers for Jen as she continues to seek God's path and calling.

We reviewed and celebrated the good progress being made to our anti-racism policy, with plans to have revisions by Labor Day and a draft for review to the presbytery in late September. Watch for more information about this work in late autumn.

Thanks to the generosity of the congregation, giving is pacing ahead of our goals and the church operating budget is in a healthy position. Construction remains on track for completion by the end of August.

Session heard updates on "Radiant Light," the summer family ministry programming.

Pastor Dan gave a brief preview of his 2027 sabbatical proposal, which is expected to come before Session for an approval in September.

Since Session recesses in August, the next Session meeting is scheduled for September 16.

We are grateful for the prayers and supportive love and joy of this congregation!

Blessings,
Cody Smith, Elder

New Member Class @ FPC

Sunday, September 13
11:30 a.m.-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



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.

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

Tuesday/Wednesday, August 4-5—24-hour Downtown Misson. Students will explore the city, serve neighboring mission partners, and hear from experienced speakers.

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:

