



First Presbyterian Church, Lancaster, PA | July 5, 2026 | 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
Betsy Swartz, Violinist

** Please stand in body or in spirit.*

PRELUDE ***Here I Am, Lord***

Daniel Schutte, arr. Mark Hayes

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Matthew 11:28-30)

ONE: Jesus says,

ALL: Come to me.

ONE: All who are weary,

ALL: Come to me.

ONE: And you, who carry heavy loads,

ALL: Come to me.

ONE: For I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

ALL: Let us draw near to Jesus, whose yoke is easy and whose burden is light. Let us worship together.

*HYMN #182 ***I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say***

KINGSFOLD

*CALL TO CONFESSION (from Psalm 145:8)

ONE: God is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Knowing that God is compassionate to all, let us confess our sins.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: Faithful God, despite our best efforts, we have not lived up to what we can do or who we can be. Even when our intentions are good, our actions cause harm. Even when we want to follow you more closely, we end up turning away. We are at war with ourselves, and only you can bring peace. Still our minds, order our steps, and guide our feet back to your way.

(silent confession)

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS (from Psalm 145:14)

ONE: God upholds all who are falling and raises up those who are bowed down.

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!

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.

SCRIPTURE READING: **Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30** (pg 9 NT in the pew Bible)

ONE: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

MUSIC OFFERING *Méditation from Thaïs*

Jules Massenet

*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 ***Holy, Holy, Holy***

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.

Music during Communion ***Salut d'Amour***

Edward Elgar

Prayer after Communion

*HYMN #337 ***My Country, 'Tis of Thee***

AMERICA

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE ***Voluntary in D Minor***

William Herschel

Washington Post March

John Philip Sousa

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Chancel Flowers

Today's flowers are given in loving memory of Jeff Alexander and in celebration of his July 4 birthday, by the Alexander and Spangler families.

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.

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, FPC, along with the other pre-Revolution Churches in the city, will keep their doors open to the public on Sunday, 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.

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

FPC Summer Choral Camp students performing at the Choral Comp concert, Friday, June 26.



Students from the FPC Summer Choral Camp, performing for Willow Valley residents, Monday, June 29.



Ways to Give

Community Volunteer Opportunities

Email 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 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

Loose Offering Plate Collection Today

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.

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

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.

See the Youth Ministry flyer for Youth summer events



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.

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.

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:

