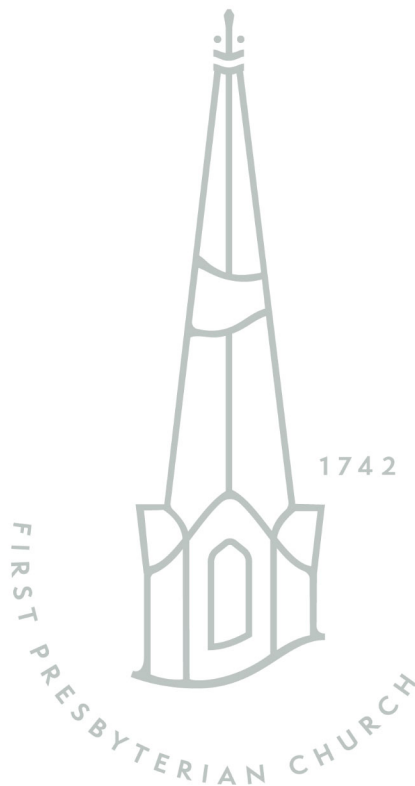


First Presbyterian Church, Lancaster, PA | August 2 , 2026 | 10:30 a.m. | in the Sanctuary



Leading in Worship Today

The Rev. Claire George-Drumheller
The Rev. Guy Dunham, Worship Host

MUSIC

Matt Weaver, Organist
Anne & John Meeder, Vocalists

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 loving memory of Dorothy Smoker on her birthday (August 2), by her children, Cynthia Smoker-Johnston and Alison Smoker.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

** Please stand in body or in spirit.*

PRELUDE **Franciscan Pastorate on *All Creatures***

Franklin Ashdown

WELCOME AND BACK-TO-SCHOOL BLESSING

INTROIT ***Behold a Sower!***

Theodore Parker Ferris

Behold a Sower! From afar he goeth forth with might;
the rolling years his furrows are, his seed, the growing light;
for all the just his word is sown, it springeth up alway;
the tender blade is hope's young dawn, the harvest, love's new day.

Shine forth, O light, that we may see, with hearts all unafraid,
the meaning and the mystery of things that thou has made;
shine forth, and let the darkling past beneath thy beam grow bright;
shine forth, and touch the future vast with thine untroubled light.

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21)

ONE: The Lord is gracious and merciful.

ALL: God is slow to anger and rich in love.

ONE: The Lord upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.

ALL: God opens his hand, and the desire of every living thing is satisfied.

ONE: We will praise the Lord forever and ever.

ALL: Let us worship God.

*HYMN #664 ***Morning Has Broken***

BUNESSAN

*CALL TO CONFESSION

ONE: When we call upon God, God answers. Even when our steps stray from God's path, even when our feet slip, God listens to us and answers our prayers. Let us offer our prayer of confession.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: Generous God, you freely provide all we need. You offer us the bread of life, so we may never be hungry again. You offer us living water, so we will never thirst. But we scoff at your gifts, wasting our money, time, and energy on things that do not satisfy. Forgive us and call to us again, reminding us of your gifts of new life that are ours if we would only accept them.

(silent confession)

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

ONE: Incline your ear and listen: God makes an everlasting covenant with us. God forgives us, renews us, and leads us onward.

ALL: 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: Holy God, send your Spirit to move in our hearts. Breathe through the words we hear, the songs we share, and the prayers we raise, until we discover our purpose in your liberating love. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: **Matthew 14:13-21** (pg 12 in the pew Bible)

ONE: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

*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.

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 ***Feed Us, Lord***

Greg Scheer & African American Spiritual
 Arr. Matthew Weaver

Feed us, Lord. Feed us, Lord.
 In the broken bread, be revealed again. Come and feed our hearts, O Lord.
 Quench us, Lord. Quench us, Lord.
 On this thirsty ground, may your love flow down. Come and quench our hearts, O Lord.
 Let us break bread together on our knees. Let us drink wine together on our knees.
 When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising son, O Lord, have mercy on me.
 Fill us, Lord. Fill us, Lord,
 With the bread and wine of the risen Christ. Come and fill our hearts, O Lord.
 Lead us, Lord. Lead us, Lord,
 Nourished here by Christ, given strength for life. Come and lead our hearts, O Lord.

Prayer after Communion

*HYMN #498 ***Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken***

BEACH SPRING

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE ***O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing***

arr. Jason D. Payne

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

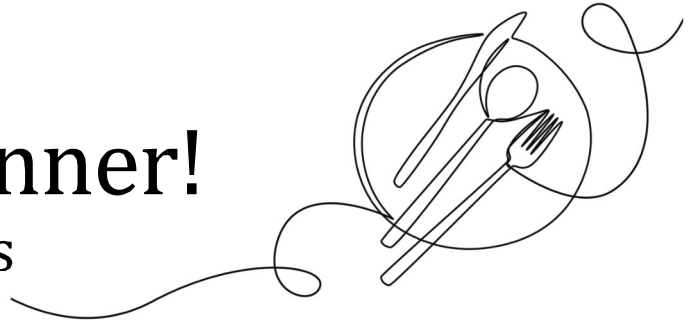
Lancaster YWCA, based in Lancaster, strives to eliminate racism, empower women, and promote peace, justice, freedom, and dignity for all. www.ywcalancaster.org



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.

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

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



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.

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, 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:

