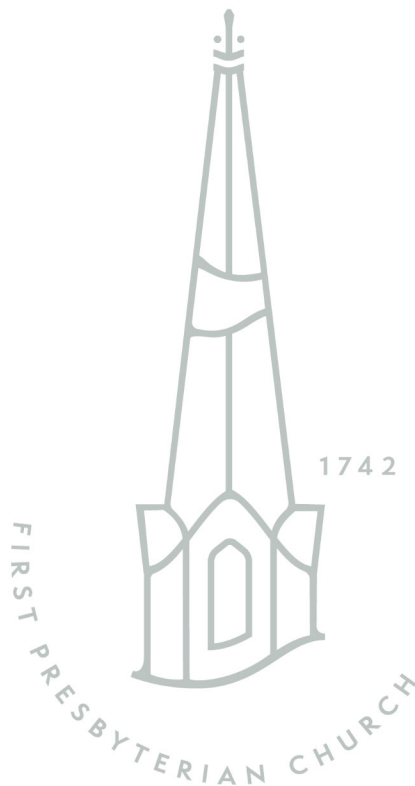


First Presbyterian Church, Lancaster, PA | August 9, 2026 | 10:30 a.m. | in the Sanctuary



Leading in Worship Today

The Rev. Claire George-Drumheller
Tim Brendler, Worship Host

MUSIC

Dr. William Wright, Director of Music
Matt Weaver, Organist
Kellen Mikesell, Violinist

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 by Jill Grant,
in loving memory of her parents, Nancy & John Grant.*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

** Please stand in body or in spirit.*

PRELUDE ***How Beautiful***

Twila Paris, arr. Joshua Evanovich

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Children of God, come to the waters.

ALL: We gather to be restored and renewed.

ONE: Come, with your faith and your doubt.

ALL: We respond to the One who claims and calls us.

ONE: Come, Christ summons us to draw near.

ALL: Let us worship God with joy and thanksgiving!

*HYMN #449 ***Show Us, O Lord, Your Steadfast Love***

MENDON

*CALL TO CONFESSION

ONE: We come seeking God's voice, a voice that loves us, cares for us, but also challenges us to do better—to love more fully and to trust more completely. We can be honest with God about where we are on our journey. Let us confess our sins together.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (from 1 Kings 19:9-18)

ALL: Holy God, it is easy to confess with our voices that you are Lord, but it is much harder to believe with our hearts, living in a way that puts you first. We are quick to trust in idols. We depend on what we can see, touch, and control, instead of waiting to hear your still, small voice. Forgive us, Lord, and help our unbelief, so that what we confess, we may truly believe in our hearts.

(silent confession)

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS (from Romans 10:13)

ONE: Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. There are no prerequisites, no disqualifications, and no exceptions.

ALL: We are saved, we are forgiven, and we are freed! 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

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in treble clef, key of D major (two sharps), and 3/4 time. It consists of three staves of music. The first staff contains measures 1 through 7. The second staff begins with a measure rest (marked '8') and contains measures 8 through 14. The third staff begins with a measure rest (marked '15') and contains measures 15 through 21, ending with a double bar line. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words spanning across measures.

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;

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: 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.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: **Psalm 85:8-13** (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 14:22-33** (pg 12 NT in the pew Bible)

SERMON

*HYMN # 620 ***Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven***

LAUDA ANIMA

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH **Philippians 2:5-11**

**ALL: Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form
he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.
Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess to the glory of God:
Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.**

OFFERING OF MUSIC ***Joybells–Heaven Came Down***

William Kirkpatrick, John Peterson,
arr. Edward Burckart

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 #837 *What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine*

SHOWALTER

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Voluntary in D*

George Dyson

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All-Comers Choir!

On Sunday, August 30, we will be gathering an All-Comers Choir to sing at the 10:30 a.m. service. Anyone interested in a one-morning singing experience is invited to join us for a 9:30 a.m. rehearsal in the sanctuary, in advance of the service. No robes, no procession, no fuss! All are welcome. For more information, please email William Wright at: Music@fpclancaster.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.

Household Goods Drive for North Star Initiative August 16-30

As a continuation of our support for our Mission partners at North Star Initiative, we will collect household supplies and snacks. Items from the list below may be dropped off in the dedicated collection bins in Shirk Hall and the narthex (just outside the sanctuary).

Household Items: toilet paper, paper towels, disinfecting wipes (non-bleach, please), laundry detergent (for sensitive skin), trash bags

Snacks (packaged in individual servings): popcorn, veggie chips, protein bars, roasted edamame, protein snack mix

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

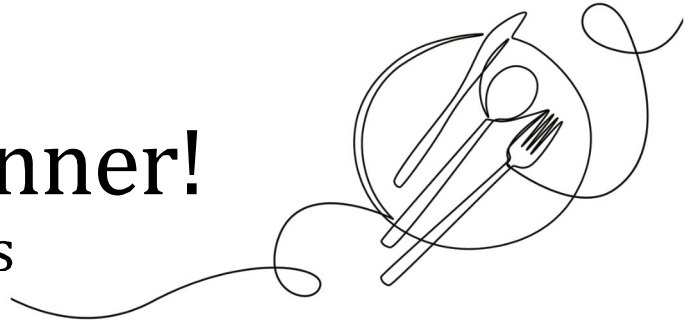
North Star Initiative, based in Lititz, helps survivors of human trafficking make the transition to a healthy, sustainable, and independent life. www.northstarinitiative.org

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

Zoom Connect Group

Wednesday, 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 code to register or email Beth in the church office: beth@fpclancasterpa.org



REGISTER

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

Hospitality

Volunteers Needed

As we near the completion of the new Commons area, we would like to form a Hospitality Committee to oversee Sunday morning refreshments. Volunteers will be responsible for helping with set-up, serving, clean-up, etc. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Gaye Cox: gaye@gbcox.com or (717) 575-4497.



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

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:

