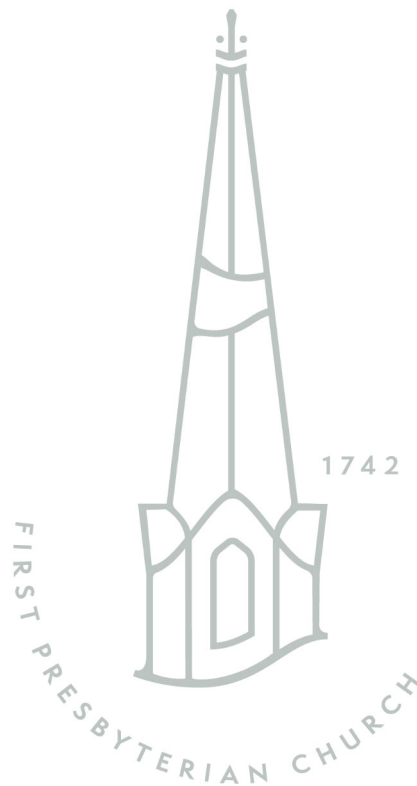


First Presbyterian Church, Lancaster, PA | August 16, 2026 | 10:30 a.m. | in the Sanctuary



Leading in Worship Today

The Rev. Dan Snyder
The Rev. Claire George-Drumheller

MUSIC

Dr. William Wright, Director of Music
Matt Weaver, Organist
Allison Fund, 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 flowers are given in loving memory of Arthur & Gladys Wilson
and George & Kathryn Campbell, by Jim and Kathy Wilson.*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

** Please stand in body or in spirit.*

PRELUDE ***Great Is Thy Faithfulness***
 Blessed Assurance

arr: Dan Miller
arr: J. Bert Carlson

WELCOME

INTROIT ***I Asked the Lord***

Johnny Lange and Jimmy Duncan

I asked the Lord to comfort me when things weren't going my way.
He said to me, "I will comfort you, and lift your cares away."
I asked the Lord to walk with me when darkness was all I knew.
He said to me, "Never be afraid, for I will see you through."
I didn't ask for riches, He gave me wealth untold;
The moon, the sun, the stars, the sky, and gave me eyes to behold.
I thank the Lord for everything, and I count my blessings each day.
He came to me when I needed Him, I only had to pray,
And He'll come to you if you ask him to, He's only a prayer away.

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 133 and Romans 11:30-31)

ONE: How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity.

ALL: A family formed by faith, we gather to worship the Living Lord.

ONE: We are lifelong followers seeking sustenance and new disciples searching for grace.

ALL: A family fashioned by faith, we gather to worship the Giver of Mercy.

ONE: Children of God, come!

ALL: The Lord gathers us in and calls us his own. Let us praise God!

*HYMN #267 ***Come, Christians, Join to Sing***

MADRID

*CALL TO CONFESSION

ONE: We call to God, saying, "Have mercy on us!" We call to God, saying, "Lord, help us!" We call to God even in the midst of our sin, knowing that God is gracious and just. Let us confess together.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: God of goodness, we do not want to face all that is in our hearts. We want to focus on the good—on the love, the compassion, the care. We would prefer to ignore the bad—the greed, the envy, the cruelty. Before you, God, we must face it all. Forgive the ways we have allowed evil to take hold of our hearts. Cleanse us, help us face our own brokenness, and empower us to live a Christlike life.

(silent confession)

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

ONE: We have been disobedient to God, but we have received mercy. Let us live our lives as those transformed by the abundant mercy of God!

ALL: In 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.

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: 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: **Psalms 67** (pg 408 OT in the pew Bible)

After each reading:

ONE: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: **Matthew 15:10-28** (pg 13 NT in the pew Bible)

SERMON

*HYMN #39 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

FAITHFULNESS

*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.**

SOLO *God's Mercy*

Larry Shackley

There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea,
There's a kindness in his justice which is more than liberty.
There is welcome for the sinner, and more graces for the good,
There is mercy with the Savior, there is healing in His blood.

For the love of God is broader than the measure of our mind,
And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.
Was there ever kinder shepherd, half so gentle, half so sweet,
As the Savior who invites us, come and gather at His feet?

If our love were yet more simple, we should take Him at His word,
And our lives would be all sunshine in the sweetness of our Lord.
There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea,
There's a kindness in his justice which is more than liberty.
O Lord, have mercy on me.

*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 # 394 *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

arr. Carolyn Hamlin

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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. 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

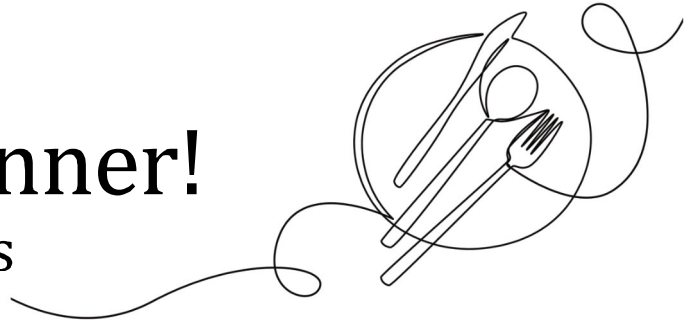
North Star Initiative, based in Lititz, helps survivors of human trafficking make the transition to a healthy, sustainable, and independent life. www.northstarinitiative.org

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.

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:

