



First Presbyterian Church, Lancaster, PA

Sunday, August 17, 2025

10:30 a.m.

Leading in Worship Today

The Rev. Dan Snyder

The Rev. Claire George-Drumheller

MUSIC

Dr. William Wright, Director of Music

Michael Groff, Guest Organist

Beatrice Levicoff, Soloist

** Please stand in body or in spirit.*

PRELUDE Toccata in F BuxWV 157

Dietrich Buxtehude

WELCOME

INTROIT *Let There Be Peace on Earth*

Sy Miller and Jill Jackson

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God as our Father, brothers all are we.
Let me walk with my brother in perfect harmony.
Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

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***CALL TO WORSHIP**

ONE: Our soul waits for the Lord, who is our help and shield.

ALL: Our hearts are glad because we trust in God's holy name.

ONE: Let your steadfast love be upon us, O God, even as we hope in you.

ALL: Let us worship together.

HYMN #403 *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

UNSER HERRSCHER

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

ONE: Even in our faithlessness, God loves us still and waits in mercy to forgive us. Trusting in the promises given at our baptism, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

ALL: Holy God, you promise us a life full of blessing, but we do not always believe. You incite us to hope, but we fall back into fear. You urge us to give freely, but we cling to what we have. You call us to watch for you at all times, but we grow weary or self-absorbed. Forgive us. Increase our hope, break open our hearts, and keep us alert to the wonders you work in the world every day.

(silent confession)

***DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

ONE: Jesus endured the cross and disregarded its shame for the sake of the joy that was set before him. That joy is our salvation. Believe the good news:

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 *Glorify Thy Name

Donna Adkins

Fa - ther, we love you, we wor - ship and a - dore you,
Je - sus, we love you, we wor - ship and a - dore you,
Spir - it, we love you, we wor - ship and a - dore you,
Glo - ri - fy Thy name in all the earth. _____ Glo - ri - fy Thy name,
Glo - ri - fy Thy name, Glo - ri - fy Thy name in all the earth. _____

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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, overwhelm us with your word, that we may know you more fully, love you more passionately, and follow you more closely. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING *Jeremiah 23:23-29* (pg 553 OT in the pew Bible)

After each reading:

ONE: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING *Luke 12:49-56* (pg 57 NT in the pew Bible)

SERMON

HYMN #725 *O Jesus, I Have Promised

NYLAND

***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.

SOLO ***Come to Me***

Dan Forrest

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.

Come to me, all you who labor, come to me and I will give you rest.

Come to me, all who are weary and burdened, and you will find rest for your souls.

Come my child, learn my heart, for I am gentle and lowly.

See how great my love for you, that I have called you my child.

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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 #299 ***You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim***

HANOVER

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE **Chorale improvisation on NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT**

Sigfried Karg-Elert

Chancel Flower Dedication

*Today's flowers are given in loving memory of
Arthur & Gladys Wilson and George & Kathryn Campbell
by Jim & Kathy Wilson.*

Welcome, Visitors!

We would love to reach out and say hello! Write your contact information on the back of the orange prayer cards or leave your email address at the Visitor's Table.

We are grateful you have joined us for worship and hope you will come back again soon and often.

Our Mission Action team, through their partnership with the School District of Lancaster, will be collecting hygiene products for the students in the Milestones Program.

The Milestones program offers personalized academic curricula, combined with therapeutic support, for students aged 5-21 (kindergarten through grade 12) who face social, emotional, educational, and behavioral challenges.

Previously known as DASH, Milestones is a specialized program designed for students in the School District of Lancaster who benefit from an academic setting integrated with behavior support services.

The following Hygiene Products can be dropped off in the designated collection bins in the foyer or in Shirk Hall through August 25.

- Shampoo/Conditioner
- Body wash
- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Deodorant
- Wash cloth/ body loofah
- Tissues
- Clorox wipes
- A pair of socks

Contact Patti Overly with questions: patti@fpclancasterpa.org

Zoom Connect Groups

August 20 & September 17

Join Tom and Connie Paisley for 60-minute Zoom gatherings in August and September, at 7:00 p.m., featuring conversation and reflection on that following Sunday's Scripture! Please register on Realm if you would like to attend or email the church office at info@fpclancasterpa.org.

REGISTER

AUGUST



SEPTEMBER



Upcoming Mission Opportunities

Volunteers Needed

Crispus Attucks Food Pantry

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.

Wednesday, August 27, from 12:45-3:45 p.m.

Carpool available to the Crispus Attucks Center from our church parking lot.

*Contact Patti Overly, Mission/Care Specialist,
if you would like to volunteer for any of these opportunities:
patti@fpclancasterpa.org*

Ways to Give: Mission Giving

Our third quarter mission giving supports non-profit organizations serving those in the Lancaster community experiencing housing insecurity.

Clare House (344 E. Chestnut St.) is a transitional housing program for mothers and children facing homelessness. Clare House has an employment-focused program that provides safety, housing, and supportive services with the goal of financial stability. www.clarehouselancaster.org

TLC (105 E. King St.) provides temporary housing and support for individuals, couples, families, and veterans who are experiencing homelessness. Their building, a hotel built in 1910, is currently undergoing a \$15.3 million renovation. Formerly known as the Transitional Living Center, this program of Tenfold serves about 200 individuals annually. www.WeAreTenfold.org/TLC

Chestnut Housing (434 E. Chestnut St.) provides affordable rental housing to people experiencing homelessness, and they are committed to supporting affordable housing solutions in the City of Lancaster. www.chestnuthousing.org



Online prayer
request here:



*Large-print hymnals are
available. Please alert an usher
or greeter if you would like one
for today's service.*

Guest WIFI Password:
Welcome2FPC



September, October, November

Jesus spent time with people eating and drinking, and the first Christians met over a shared supper. FPC Supper Club provides the opportunity to meet new people and to strengthen ties among people you know, all while sharing a meal. Groups will consist of 6-8 adults who plan their own meals and gather once a month for three consecutive months (September, October, and November). Please register by August 24.

What is the time commitment?

Participants commit to three evenings together—once a month for three consecutive months (September, October, and November).

What's the agenda?

The only agenda is friendship!

Who hosts? Who cooks the meals?

It's potluck! We suggest you take turns hosting and providing the main dish, inviting other participants to bring sides, desserts, and/or drinks. You are welcome to have multiple meals at the same home or to make plans to eat at a restaurant.

What about families with children? Indicate on your registration if you would like your children to join you! All participants can specify their preference for groups with families or adults only.

What about dietary restrictions? Include any allergies or dietary restrictions/preferences in your registration. A small group of 6-8 should be able to accommodate all needs.

What if a Supper Club cannot find a date to meet? 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 my Supper Club be the same group as last time? No! A new round of Supper Clubs calls for a new group! While there may be some overlap, you will have the chance to connect with new friends this time around.



REGISTER

Full Roster of FPC Officers for 2025

ELDERS

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Anne Kiscaden
Tom & Connie Paisley

Financial Update & Invitation

As of August 1, 2025, we're about \$37,500 behind our year-to-date giving goals. This reflects broader economic challenges, and we're responding thoughtfully—drawing on Legacy Gifts and spending carefully. Still, we want to stay strong together.

If you're in a position to give a little extra, thank you.

If you've fallen behind, now is a great time to catch up.

If you've never given, will you consider starting today?

And if you're stretched thin, know you are not forgotten.

We care for one another. Always.

Let our giving reflect hope—not pressure—but our shared joy in God's work through FPC.



Katie Kindig
Director of Family Ministry

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.

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

Suggested for grades 7-12

Aug. 17-Edible Classroom garden care at Hamilton Elementary, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Aug. 17-Ice cream for rising 7th & 8th graders, 4:30- 6:00 p.m. (drop-off and pick-up at Shirk Hall)