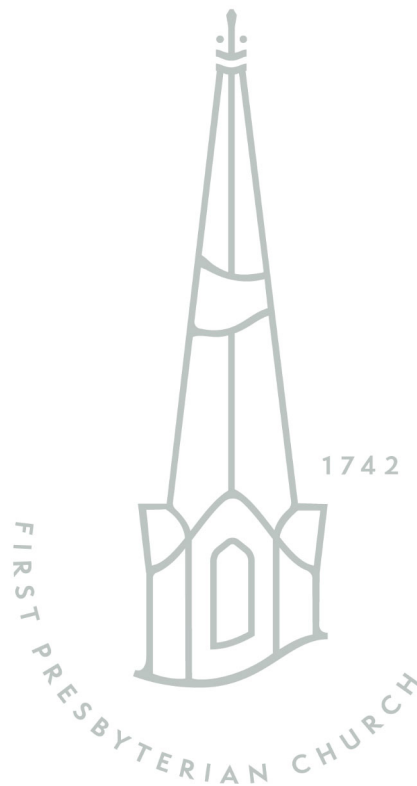


First Presbyterian Church, Lancaster, PA | August 30, 2026 | 10:30 a.m. | in the Sanctuary



Leading in Worship Today

Jennifer Diaz, Guest Preacher
The Rev. Dan Snyder
The Rev. Claire George-Drumheller

MUSIC

Dr. William Wright, Director of Music
Matt Weaver, Organist
All-Comers Choir

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 daughter, Mikayla, and parents, Phyllis & Glenn Spangler, from Kathy Spangler.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

** Please stand in body or in spirit.*

PRELUDE ***O Jesus, I Have Promised
Jesus Loves Me***

arr. Carolyn Hamlin
arr. Marianne Kim

WELCOME

INTROIT ***Gloria***

Carl Haywood

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 26:7-8)

ONE: Sing a song of thanksgiving.

ALL: Declare God's wonderful deeds.

ONE: For the Lord dwells among the people.

ALL: The glory of the Lord abides with us. Let us worship God.

*HYMN # 366 ***Love Divine, All Loves Excelling***

HYFRYDOL

*CALL TO CONFESSION

ONE: Trusting in the power of God to save, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (from Matthew 16:24-25)

ALL: Sometimes it sounds too hard: deny ourselves, take up our crosses, lose our lives? Forgive us, Lord, when we would rather you do it for us. Forgive us when we are overwhelmed with what you ask of us. We long to see you come in glory, but fear the road we must take. Have mercy on our weakness. Be patient with our stumbling. Do not leave us behind, even when we are slow to follow, and lead us in your ways of peace.

(silent confession)

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

ONE: Christ does not abandon us, but died for us, was raised for us, and loves us still. This is the good news that prevails! In Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, we are forgiven!

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

The musical score is written for a single voice part in treble clef, with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 3/4 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The score is divided into three systems, with measure numbers 8 and 15 indicated at the start of the second and third systems respectively.

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;

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!

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: **Romans 12:9-21** (pg 124 NT in the pew Bible)

After each reading:

ONE: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING:

Matthew 16:21-28 (pg 14 NT in the pew Bible)

SERMON

*HYMN #720 ***Jesus Calls Us***

GALILEE

*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.**

ANTHEM ***Risen Indeed!***

Victor C. Johnson

Risen indeed, risen indeed! The Lord Jesus Christ is risen indeed!
Risen indeed, yes, risen indeed! Oh, Shout "Hallelujah" he is risen indeed!
The strife is over, the battle done, Shout "Hallelujah" he is risen indeed!
The victory of life is won! Oh, Shout "Hallelujah" he is risen indeed!
Risen indeed, risen indeed! The Lord Jesus Christ is risen indeed!
Risen indeed, yes, risen indeed! Oh, Shout "Hallelujah" he is risen indeed!

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 #724 *O Jesus, I Have Promised*

ANGEL'S STORY

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE *The Lord Bless You and Keep You*

Peter Lutkin

POSTLUDE *Toccata on "Hyfrydol"*

Joel Raney

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About our guest preacher today

Jennifer Diaz led the 2026 Officer Retreat at FPC, and we are blessed to have her in worship today. Jennifer brings a deep understanding of the human experience and a wealth of experience in organizational leadership and team development to her role as the Executive Director for Leadership Lancaster. Jennifer's dedication to empowering individuals and building partnerships within the community is further exemplified through her work as a motivational speaker, storyteller, and facilitator of empowerment retreats. Please welcome her warmly and offer your gratitude for her witness.

Celebration for Pastor Claire Sunday, September 6



The congregation is invited to an ice cream social to celebrate Pastor Claire George-Drumheller's fifth anniversary as Associate Pastor, here at FPC. We will gather in the Activities Room (lower level), between Worship services, approximately 9:45-10:20 a.m. All are welcome!

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



FPC *Together* Family Hayride & Fun!

Saturday, September 12

9:00 a.m. | Cherry Hill Orchards | 400 Long Lane, Lancaster

We'll kick off the fun with a special hayride just for our group! This year, our tractor-pulled vehicle has been upgraded to accommodate up to 50 riders, giving everyone plenty of room to relax, enjoy the ride, and make memories together. Please note, in consideration of allergies, there will be no actual hay on the vehicle. After the hayride, everyone is invited to explore the Fun Area! Pet and feed adorable baby goats and mini Highland cows, play, and enjoy time together in a safe, enclosed space. We ask that grown-ups stay and supervise their children while enjoying the Fun Area. You and your family are welcome to stay, play, and visit the shops for as long as you'd like!

This event is especially designed for families with young children, but friends and extended family members are always welcome to join the fun.

Please register your entire party through Realm under "Events" so we can plan accordingly.

Suggested donation: \$10 per participant

We can't wait to enjoy this special day together!



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: gaycox.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

Stay tuned for the fall calendar and read the Family Ministry Updates email for the most up-to-date information.

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:

