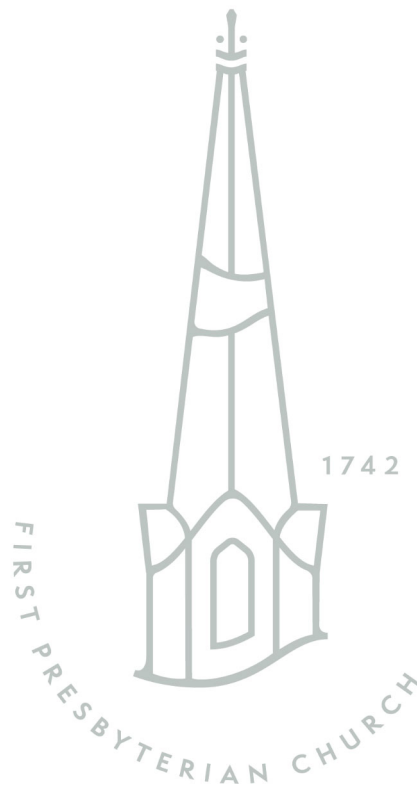


First Presbyterian Church, Lancaster, PA | September 6, 2026 | 10:30 a.m. | in the Sanctuary



Leading in Worship Today

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

MUSIC

Dr. William Wright, Director of Music
Matt Weaver, Organist
Stephan Englehart, 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 John and Sally Jarvis, on the 77th anniversary of their wedding, September 1, 1949, from their children.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Please stand in body or in spirit.*

PRELUDE *Benedictions*

George McKay

WELCOME

INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Matthew 18:20)

ONE: Jesus says, "Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

ALL: Christ is here.

ONE: Calling us to the water, beckoning us to the feast,

ALL: Christ is here.

ONE: Speaking to our souls, listening to our prayers,

ALL: Christ is here.

ONE: Binding us as one body, sending us out in service,

ALL: Christ is here. Let us worship the Lord.

*HYMN #644 *Give Thanks, O Christian People*

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*CALL TO CONFESSION

ONE: Among the countless things that human beings cannot fully comprehend about God, there stands this: God so loves us as to bathe us with grace and feed us with mercy and forgive us our sins. Confident in the love of God, let us confess together.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (from Romans 13:8-14)

ALL: God our Savior, you have made your law clear: love one another, owe one another nothing but love, and do no wrong to a neighbor. But we have not mastered what it is to love. We have fallen short, causing harm to others through careless action and thoughtless lack of action. Forgive us. Teach us how to love more fully, more perfectly, as generously as you love, following your law and fulfilling your will.

(silent confession)

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

ONE: Christ does not judge us harshly, but forgives all our sin and leads us into new life.

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.

The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: 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!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

ALL: Awaken our hearts and minds to your word, O God. Give us understanding so that, by the power of your Holy Spirit, we are able to do all that you command for love's sake. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: **Matthew 18:15-20** (pg 15 NT in the pew Bible)

ONE: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

SOLO *Holy Manna*

William Moore, arr. Nicholas Palmer

Brothers, sisters, come to worship, and adore the Lord our God.

Will you pray with all your power while we try to preach your word?

All in vain unless the Spirit of the Holy One comes down;

Let us pray that Holy Manna will be showered all around.

Brothers, see poor sinners 'round you trembling on the brink of woe;

Death is coming, doom is moving, can you bear to let them go?

See our fathers, see our mothers and our children sinking down;

Brothers, pray and Holy Manna will be showered all around.

Sisters, will you join to help us? Moses' sisters aided him.

Will you help the trembling mourners who are struggling hard with sin?

Tell them all about the savior, tell them that he will be found;

Sisters, pray and Holy Manna will be showered all around.

Let us love our God supremely, let us love each other too.

Let us love and pray for sinners, till our God makes all things new.

Then he'll call us home to heaven, at his table we'll sit down.

Christ will gird himself and serve us with sweet manna all around.

Let us pray that Holy Manna will be showered all around.

*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.**

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.

Sanctus **Holy, Holy, Holy**

Richard Proulx

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

Prayer after Communion

*HYMN #306 ***Blest Be the Tie That Binds***

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*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE ***Toccata on "Old Time Religion"***

W. Patrick Alston

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New Member Class @ FPC

Sunday, September 13

11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at FPC



REGISTER

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).

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!



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.*

Zoom Connect Group

Wednesday, September 23 & October 28 | 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
SEPTEMBER



REGISTER
OCTOBER

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.

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 6

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

Designed for grades 6-12 (unless otherwise noted) and led by Family Ministry staff and volunteers. Direct questions to katie@fpclancasterpa.org

Confirmation Class (9th-11th grade) Confirmation is an opportunity for youth to discover their purpose and to join the church. Students learn and grow as a group with classes led by our pastors, family ministry staff, and youth volunteers. Gatherings are on Monday evenings from 7:00-8:00 p.m. (October 5, November 2, January 11, and February TBD), plus an overnight retreat at Gretna Glen, April 16-17. Contact Katie to learn more, and register through Realm.

Sunday, Sept. 12, 4:30-6:00 p.m. High school senior dinner at Crazy Pupusas (300 W James St.). Bring your schedules so we can find opportunities for connection this fall.

Sunday, Sept. 20, 4:00-6:00 p.m. Kayaking at Speedwell Forge. Registration is required. Rain plan: bowling.

Sunday, Sept. 27, 4:30-6:00 p.m. Youth group study & parent meet-up. Meet at West Art (816 Buchanan Ave.). Youth will walk to the Lytches' house for their study, while families hang out at West Art.

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:

