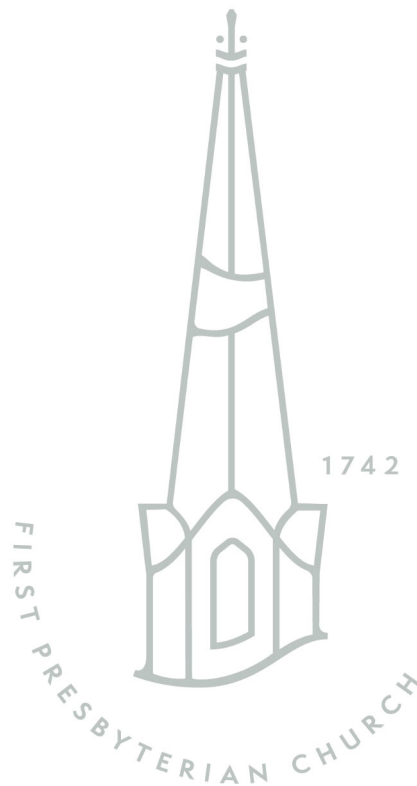


First Presbyterian Church, Lancaster, PA | September 13, 2026 | 10:30 a.m. | in the Sanctuary



Leading in Worship Today

The Rev. Dan Snyder
The Rev. Claire George-Drumheller
Mark Williams, Worship Host

MUSIC

Dr. William Wright, Director of Music
Michael Groff, Guest Organist
The Chancel 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 by Janet Collins Larson in loving memory of her parents, Harry & Harriett Collins, on their upcoming shared birthday, October 2.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Please stand in body or in spirit.*

PRELUDE *Adagio from Symphony No. 5 in F Minor, Op. 42*

Charles-Marie Widor

WELCOME

INTROIT *Lo, a Voice to Heaven Sounding*

Dimitri Bortniansky

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Exodus 15:10-11)

ONE: Siblings in Christ, who is like the Lord?

ALL: Our God is majestic in holiness, awesome in splendor, and worthy of our highest praise.

ONE: Who is like the Lord?

ALL: Our God blew back the waters, prepared a path through the sea, and appeared as a pillar of fire to light the pilgrim way.

ONE: Who is like the Lord?

ALL: The Lord is our strength and our salvation.

ONE: Let us sing to the Lord!

ALL: Let us worship God.

*HYMN #35 *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*

LOBE DEN HERREN

*CALL TO CONFESSION (from Romans 14:4)

ONE: We are not here to pass judgment on each other. All of us have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. In humility, let us go before God as we offer our confession.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: Merciful God, we are quick to ask for grace when we have fallen short and for patience when we have stubbornly turned away from you. Why are we slow to show the same mercy to others? We keep track of wrongs and cling to old hurts, rather than offering the forgiveness that could free others and ourselves. We strive to be more faithful, Lord; we want to be more loving. So, we ask once again for patience and grace. Transform us, we pray. Pour out your mercy upon us, until it flows forth from us through acts of love.

(silent confession)

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS (from Psalm 103:10-12)

ONE: People of God, hear and believe: God does not deal with us according to our sins, but according to God's own steadfast love for us. As far as the east is from the west, so far God removes our sins from us.

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.

1 Sure - ly the pres - ence of the Lord is in this place; we can
2 Sure - ly the Spir - it of the Lord is here in love, and it

feel His might - y pow - er and His grace. We can
brings God's peace as qui - et as a dove. We can

hear the brush of an - gels' wings, we see glo - ry on each face;
see the glow of an - gels' wings shin - ing bright - ly from a - bove,

Sure - ly the pres - ence of the Lord is in this place.
Sure - ly the pres - ence of the Lord is here in love.

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: 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.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: **Psalms 103:8-13** (pg 426 OT in the pew Bible)

After each reading:

ONE: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: **Matthew 18:21-35** (pg 16 NT in the pew Bible)

SERMON

*HYMN #444 *Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive*

DETROIT

*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 *Jesus Is the Light of the World*

Anna Laura Page

Jesus is the light of the world, if we follow Him we won't walk in the darkness,
Jesus is the light of the world, and He'll give us the light of life!

I know where I'm going and my witness is true,
I know where I'm going and new life He'll give you.

Jesus is the light of the world, if we follow Him we won't walk in the darkness,
Jesus is the light of the world, and He'll give us the light of life!

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 #307 *God of Grace and God of Glory*

CWM RHONDDA

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE *To the Lord Our God*

Dimitri Bortniansky

POSTLUDE *"Marche triomphale" (Chorale Improvisation on NUN DANKET)*

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

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Nominating

The Nominating Committee is hard at work recruiting the next class of officers. If you are interested in becoming an elder, deacon, or trustee, or know someone who would make a good candidate, please contact a member of the Nominating Committee:

Randy Schrecengost, Patti Overly, Ellen Stephenson,
Ryan Stadel, Carol Aastad, Ginny Landis



FPC will collect the World Communion Offering between October 4-10, 2026. We join with other congregations in supporting the wider church in the work of racial justice, gender justice, peacemaking, global witness, and ecumenical and interfaith relations. Mark gifts (cash, check, or online) with "World Communion Offering."

Racial Justice Highlight: The Raven Helmet worn during the 1804 Battle of Sitka has returned to the Kiks.ádi clan in Alaska after more than 100 years. The repatriation demonstrates how the PC(USA)'s commitment to reparative justice translates into tangible action, addressing not only historical acknowledgment but also concrete restoration of what was taken from Indigenous communities during missionary and educational activities in Alaska.

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



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



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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.

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

Designed for grades 6-12 (unless otherwise noted) and led by Family Ministry staff and volunteers. Direct questions to katie@fpc Lancasterpa.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. 13, 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:

