



**First Presbyterian Church, Lancaster, PA**  
**Sunday, September 14, 2025 | 10:30 a.m.**

**Leading in Worship Today**

The Rev. Dan Snyder | The Rev. Russ Feroe, Worship Host

**MUSIC**

Dr. William Wright, Director of Music  
Matt Weaver, Organist  
The Chancel Choir

*\* Please stand in body or in spirit.*

**PRELUDE    *He Leadeth Me***

arr. Benjamin Kolodziej

**WELCOME**

**INTROIT    *Behold a Sower!***

Theodore Parker Ferris

Behold a sower from afar, he goeth forth with might;  
The rolling years his furrows are, his seed the growing light.  
For all the just his word is sown, it springeth up alway;  
The tender blade is hope's young dawn, the harvest, love's new day.

Shine forth, O light, that we may see, with hearts all unafraid,  
The meaning and the mystery of things that thou hast made.  
Shine forth, and let the darkling past, beneath thy beam grow bright;  
Shine forth, and touch the future vast with thine untroubled light.

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP (from 1 Timothy 1:12-17)**

**ONE:** The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance—

**ALL:** **that Christ Jesus came into the world to save us.**

**ONE:** Though the strong wind of judgment blows, all is not ended.

**ALL:** **God will renew stubborn hearts and soften stiff necks.**

**ONE:** Jesus welcomed sinners and ate with them.

**ALL:** **And so we gladly worship the God of mercy, who seeks and saves the lost. Let us rejoice in the grace of our Lord!**

**\*HYMN #330    *Our Help Is in the Name of God***

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**\*CALL TO CONFESSION (from Luke 15:10)**

**ONE:** There is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents. Let the sound of our confession cause celebration in heaven.

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**ALL:** **God of mercy, create clean hearts within us. Cast out any transgression you find. Remove fear and greed. Pluck out envy and selfish desires. Redecorate our hearts with your mercy, compassion, and love. Instill in us the faith and love of Christ Jesus, who rejoices whenever what was lost is found.**

*(silent confession)*

**\*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

**ONE:** The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ came into the world to save sinners. Believe the gospel.

**ALL:** **In Jesus Christ we are redeemed. 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      *Spirit Song***

John Wimber

Oh, let the Son of God en-fold you with the Spi - it and His  
Oh, come and sing this song with glad-ness as your hearts are filled with  
love; Let Him fill your heart and sat-is - fy\_ you soul.  
joy; Lift your hands in sweet sur - ren-der to\_ His name.  
Oh, let him have those things that hold you, and His Spir - it like a  
Oh, give Him all your tears and sad - ness, give Him all your years of  
dove, will de - scend up-on your life and make you whole\_  
pain, and you'll en - ter in - to life in Je - sus' name.\_  
Je - sus, oh Je - sus, come and fill your lambs.\_  
Je - sus, oh Je - sus, come and fill your lambs.

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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: Mighty God, you spoke the world into being. Speak now to our hearts, that we might be shaped into your people, eager to share your love in the world. Amen.**

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 14 (pg 383 OT in the pew Bible)**

After each reading:

ONE: The word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Luke 15:1-10 (pg 59 NT in the pew Bible)**

**SERMON**

\*HYMN #803     ***My Shepherd Will Supply My Need***

RESIGNATION

\*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.**

ANTHEM     ***The Good Shepherd***

Dan and Heidi Goeller

*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.*

I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives his life for the sheep.  
I am the good shepherd; and I know my sheep, and am known by my own.  
As the Father knows me, even so I know the Father; and I lay my life down for the sheep.  
I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives his life for the sheep.  
My sheep hear my voice; I know them and they follow.  
I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish.  
No one can snatch them from my hand.  
I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives his life for the sheep.

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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 #720     ***Jesus Calls Us***

GALILEE

\*BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE     ***Jesus, Lamb of God***

Franz Schubert, arr. Richard Proulx

POSTLUDE     ***Procesión Alegre***

Gary Cornell

### ***Chancel Flower Dedication***

*Today's flowers are given in  
deep appreciation of the pastors and staff of FPC.*



# We took a trip to Cherry Hill Orchard

Photos from  
our Family Ministry  
outing on Sept. 6!





## **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.

## **Zoom Connect Group**

**September 17 and October 22**

**7:00 p.m.**

Join Tom and Connie Paisley for a 60-minute Zoom gathering 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](mailto:info@fpclancasterpa.org).

REGISTER

September



October



## 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](http://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](http://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](http://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

# Full Roster of FPC Officers for 2025

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Tom & Connie Paisley

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## Upcoming Officer Meetings

September 15: Nominating Committee

September 15: Trustees

September 17: Session





**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.

# Family Ministry

## Now Hiring! Sunday Nursery Worker

The FPC Family Ministry program is looking for another childcare worker to add to the Sunday morning nursery staff. This person must be at least 18 years old, must work well with a team, and must enjoy working with children aged six weeks to four years old. Regular hours are Sundays from 9:00 a.m. to Noon with five Sundays off per year. Clearances are required, which FPC can help provide. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact [katie@fpclancasterpa.org](mailto:katie@fpclancasterpa.org) for more details.

## 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**

September 14—Study at the Barton Family Home, 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

September 21—Study at the Park family home, 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

September 28—Mini Golf and ice cream at Village Greens, 1444 Village Rd, Strasburg, 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m., \$10 donation recommended per student. Friends welcome!