

First Presbyterian Church, Lancaster, PA
Sunday, September 21, 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

Matt Weaver, Organist

Doris Hall-Gulati, Clarinet

The Chancel Choir

** Please stand in body or in spirit.*

PRELUDE ***Elegy***

Healey Willan

WELCOME

INTROIT ***Christians, We Have Met to Worship***

arr. Brent Adams

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

ONE: Beloved children of God, in supplication and prayer, with intercessions and with thanksgiving—

ALL: We come to worship God.

ONE: In hope and in humility, with joy and with concerns—

ALL: We come to worship God.

ONE: In faith and in uncertainty, with questions and with conviction—

ALL: Let us worship God.

HYMN #363 *Rejoice, the Lord Is King!

DARWALL'S 148TH

***CALL TO CONFESSION (from 1 Timothy 2:1-7)**

ONE: Jesus Christ gave himself as a ransom for all who fall short of the goodness of God. Trusting in God's mercy, let us turn to God and make our confession.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

ALL: Holy God, we confess that we are too concerned with our own peace. We seek the comfort of silence and ignore the cries of the oppressed. We are inwardly focused, missing your call to serve the world in justice and love. Forgive us, God. Equip us to build up your reign on earth—a reign where all know dignity and all are treated with equity, as your beloved children.

(silent confession)

***DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

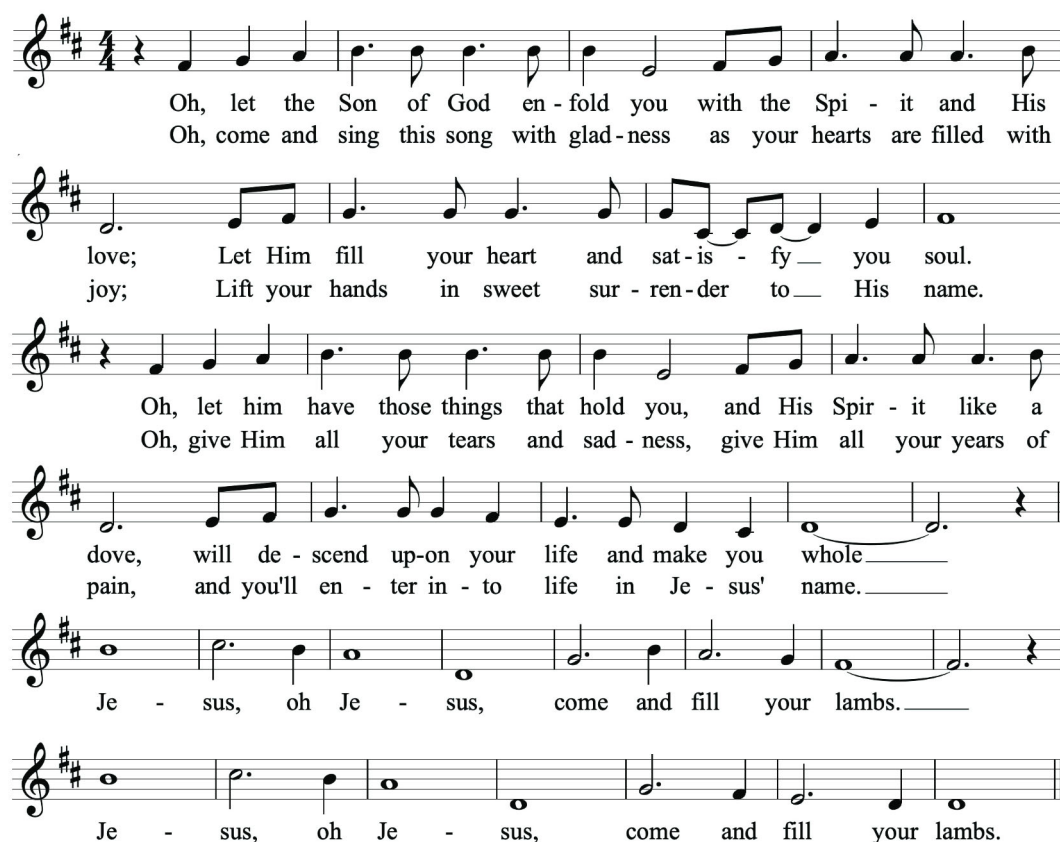
ONE: God our Judge is also our Savior. The good news is sure:

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.



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 113** (pg 432 OT in the pew Bible)

After each reading:

ONE: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING **Luke 16:1-13** (pg 60 NT in the pew Bible)

SERMON

*HYMN #738 *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*

MARYTON

*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 ***Turn Back, O Man***

Gustav Holst

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.

Turn back O man, forswear thy foolish ways.
Old now is earth, and none may count her days,
Yet thou, her child, whose head is crowned with flame,
Still wilt not hear thine inner God proclaim
"Turn back O man, forswear thy foolish ways!"

Earth might be fair and all men glad and wise.
Age after age their tragic empires rise.
Built while they dream, and in that dreaming weep,
Would man but wake from out his haunted sleep,
Earth might be fair and all men glad and wise.

Earth shall be fair, and all her people one,
Nor till that hour shall God's whole will be done.
Now, even now, once more from earth to sky
Peals forth in joy man's old undaunted cry,
"Earth shall be fair, and all her folk be one".

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 #309 ***Come, Great God of All the Ages***

ABBOT'S LEIGH

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE **Sevenfold Amen**

John Stainer

POSTLUDE ***Gospel Medley***

arr. Brent Adams

Chancel Flower Dedication

*Today's flowers are given in loving memory of
Sue & Don Goldstrom by their grandchildren.*

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.

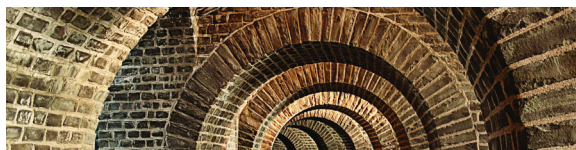
We are grateful you have joined us for worship and hope you will come back again soon and often.

New Member Class @ 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. The next class is **Sunday, October 12 from 11:30 a.m to 2:00 p.m. in the Chapel**. We will begin after the 10:30 worship service with lunch, 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, Oct. 19.

Please register by Monday, Oct. 6 so that lunch can be arranged. Register on Realm or by contacting the church office (info@fpclancasterpa.org or 717-394-6854).





The Ancient Ways wedded to the Living Truth yields the Abundant Life.

FIRST FOLLOWERS



First Followers begins its next community November 4

This is a year-long practical study of the process of becoming your best for the world. This is what it means to be formed into the likeness of Christ for the sake of others. The journey walks participants through an exploration of their personal God-narratives, the work of the Spirit, spiritual practices, and community. In the process participants discover how the ancient ways wedded to the Jesus-truth yields abundant life.

Participants practice reading, reflection, gathering monthly for a shared meal and participate in two retreats together over the course of a year. The curriculum guides participants through four phases focused on: Narrative, Yielding, Practice and Community.



[More information / register](#)

Zoom Connect Group

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.

REGISTER

October



Upcoming Mission Opportunities

Volunteers Needed

Community Meal at First Reformed Church

Tuesday, October 7

Food prep 2:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Serving and Clean up 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

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.

Wednesdays, October 22 & November 19, 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: 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

Full Roster of FPC Officers for 2025

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Anne Kiscaden
Tom & Connie Paisley



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 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 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!