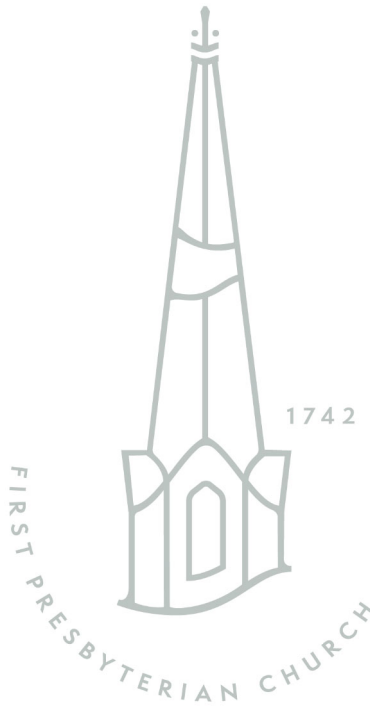


**First Presbyterian Church, Lancaster, PA**  
**September 27, 2026 | 10:30 a.m. | Sanctuary**



## **Leading in Worship Today**

The Rev. Dr. Dan Snyder  
The Rev. Claire George-Drumheller  
Elizabeth Rickard, Worship Host  
Linda Cushman-Baugh, Elder

### **MUSIC**

Dr. William Wright, Director of Music  
Matt Weaver, 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 Chancel flowers are given in loving memory of John Paul III by his family, as they remember his passing nine years ago.*

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

*Today we celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism for Richard "Rick" Booth, who is entering into membership at First Presbyterian Church through a public profession of faith.*

PRELUDE ***This is My Father's World***  
***Fairest Lord Jesus***

arr. James Pethel  
arr. Diane Bish

WELCOME

INTROIT ***Glory to God in the Highest***

Richard Proulx

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 78:4)

ONE: Listen, O people, to these holy teachings. Tune your ears to hear God's word.

**ALL: We gather to proclaim our sacred story, to tell of God's wondrous deeds.**

ONE: Come, O people, into holy space to worship the Lord, our Savior and our Guide.

**ALL: In prayer and praise, we turn to the Lord. Let us worship together.**

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

OLD 124th

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

ONE: God does not take pleasure in our suffering or delight in our failures, but bids us to turn back to God's way and find eternal life. Together, let us make our confession.

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (from Philippians 2:1-5)

**ALL: Holy God, we confess to you: we are not of the same mind. We do not share the same love. We act in selfish ambition and do not regard others as better than ourselves. We have abandoned the interests of others for the sake of what is best for us. We do not embrace the humility of Jesus Christ. Forgive us. Continue to be at work in us, that we might serve each other as you served us, and reflect your glory in this world.**

*(silent confession)*

\*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS (from Psalm 25:1-2)

ONE: When we lift up our souls to God, God does not put us to shame. God forgives us, leads us in the truth, and leads us in what is right.

**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.**

\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE *Surely the Presence of the Lord Is in This Place*

Lanny Wolfe

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.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

ONE: The Lord be with you.

**ALL: And also with you.**

ONE: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**ALL: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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 25:1-9** (pg 388 OT in the pew Bible)

*After each reading:*

ONE: The word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: **Philippians 2:1-13** (pg 152 NT in the pew Bible)

SERMON

\*HYMN #264 *At the Name of Jesus*

KING'S WESTON

\*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    *Christ the Way of Life Possess Me*

K. Lee Scott

Christ the Way of life possess me, lift my heart to love and praise;  
guide and keep, sustain and bless me, all my days.

Well of life, for ever flowing, make my barren soul and bare  
like a watered garden growing fresh and fair.

May the Tree of life in splendour from its leafy boughs impart  
grace divine and healing tender, strength of heart.

Path of life before me shining, let me come when earth is past,  
sorrow, self and sin resigning, home at last.

*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 #630    *Fairest Lord Jesus*

\*BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE    *Jesus, Lamb of God*

Franz Schubert, arr. Richard Proulx

POSTLUDE    *Fantasia on a Welsh Tune*

Richard Purvis

FPC Together  
**PUMPKIN EVENT**

Hosted by Family Ministry

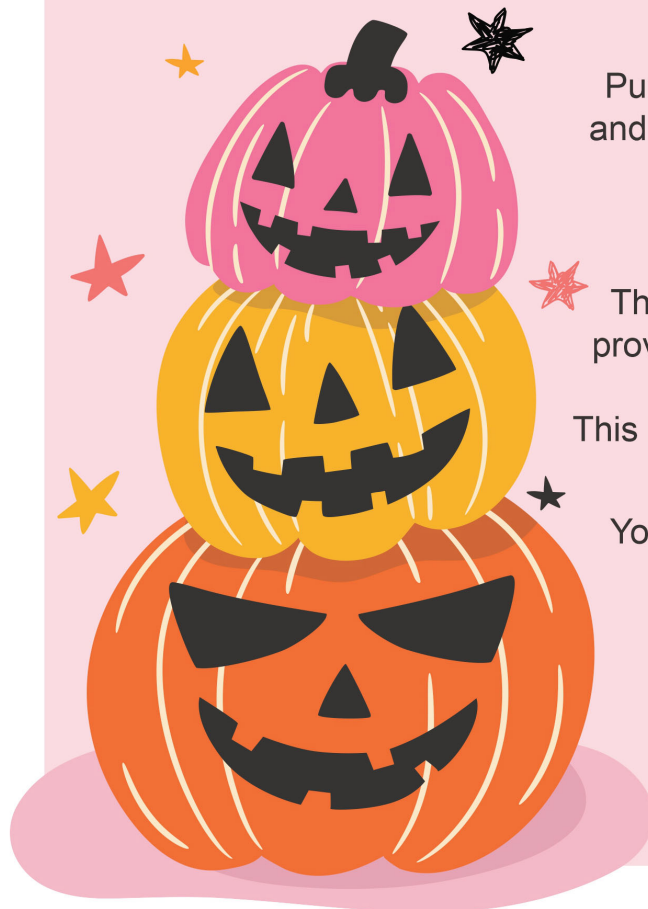
**Sunday, October 18**

**4:00 to 6:00 p.m.**

at the Richard Family Home  
60 Jackson Drive, Lancaster

**All are invited to attend!**

This event will be held outside, so please dress for the weather  
and bring a chair or picnic blanket if you are able.



**Activities include:**

Pumpkins to decorate for yourself  
and for our FPC at-home members.

Guess the candy contest

**Food & Fellowship**

The main meal and drinks will be  
provided. You are welcome to bring  
a side or dessert to share.  
This is a peanut & tree nut-free event.

Youth group is invited to stay for  
the college care package  
event, 6:00-7:00 p.m.

[katie@fpclancasterpa.org](mailto:katie@fpclancasterpa.org)

# Zoom Connect Group

Wednesday, 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](mailto:beth@fpclancasterpa.org)



REGISTER  
OCTOBER

## Welcome, New Members!

Sarah Parker, John Rathmell, Richard (Rick) Booth, Henry (Hank) Spire, Linda Spire,  
Jonathan (Jon) Stadel, Betsy A. Teaford, Jody M. White

*Faithful God, you work in us and for us even when we do not know it. We thank you for calling these new members to the fellowship of this congregation. Renew in them the covenant you made in their baptism. By the power of your Spirit, strengthen them in faith and love, that they may serve you with joy, to the glory of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*



*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."*

**Peacemaking Highlight:** The Office of Public Witness is the public policy information and advocacy office of the General Assembly of the PC(USA). Its task is to advocate for, and help the church to advocate for, the social witness perspectives and policies of the General Assembly. The church has a long history of applying these biblically and theologically based insights to issues that affect the public—maintaining a public policy ministry in the nation's capital since 1946.

# Mission Volunteer Opportunities

Those interested in volunteering, please email: [info@fpclancasterpa.org](mailto:info@fpclancasterpa.org)

## **Crispus Attucks Food Pantry**

(every second & fourth Wednesday of the month)

**Next opportunity: Wednesday, October 14 | 12:45-3:45 p.m.**

Volunteer parking lot-412 Locust Street or Carpool from Wegman's lot

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.

## **Community Meal at First Reformed**

**Tuesday, October 6 | Food prep help: 3:00 p.m. | Servers: 4:30 p.m.**

First Reformed Church, 40 E. Orange St.

## **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](http://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](http://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](http://www.ywcalancaster.org)



## **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**



# 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

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

