

First Presbyterian Church, Lancaster, PA
October 4, 2026 | 10:30 a.m. | Sanctuary

World Communion SUNDAY



The first Sunday in October is designated as World Communion Sunday, which celebrates our oneness in Christ with all our siblings around the world. Today we celebrate that Jesus Christ is the Head of the Church, remembering that we are one part of a global community of millions of believers and worshippers.

Leading in Worship Today

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

MUSIC

Dr. William Wright, Director of Music
Matt Weaver, Organist
Clem Lichty, Percussion
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

*With love, we remember our grandmother, Hazel Watt, and our mother, Kitty Bisking.
They are forever in our hearts. Patti Overly and Cindy Brazina.*

**Please stand in body or in spirit.*

PRELUDE *Te ofrecemos (Now We Offer)*

arr. Jeffrey Honoré
(Nicaraguan)

Neno lake Mungu (Listen, God is Calling)

arr. Anna Krentz Organ
(Tanzanian)

WELCOME

INTROIT *Golden Breaks the Dawn*

Text: Tzu-chen Chao
Music: Te-ngai Hu, arr. Matthew Weaver

Golden breaks the dawn; comes the eastern sun
Like a rider strong, set the course to run.
Birds above me fly; flowers bloom below;
Through the earth and sky God's great mercies flow.

Give me daily bread, while I do my part,
Bright skies over head, gladness in my heart.
Simple wants provide; evil let me shun,
Jesus at my side, til the day is done.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: We gather with hope in our hearts,

ALL: For something happens here that teaches us God is present.

ONE: We know this place is sacred,

ALL: For something happens here that teaches us God is our center.

ONE: We gather with joyful praise,

ALL: For something happens here that teaches us God is forever faithful.

ONE: We have gathered here.

ALL: Let us worship God.

*HYMN #504 *We Come as Guests Invited*

WIE LIEBLICH IST DER MAIEN

*CALL TO CONFESSION (from Psalm 19:8-9)

ONE: The Psalmist proclaims, "The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes; the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever; and the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether." We know this to be true, and yet time and time again, we ignore the importance of God's law in our lives. In humility, let us confess our sins.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (from Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20)

ALL: God of the law and the prophets, we do not want to admit all the commandments we have broken. We worship idols of money, success, and power. We use your name to justify what we want to do. We do not honor each other; we covet, we lie, and we wish evil upon others. Our sins are too many to name. Forgive us. Speak to us and we will listen, remembering that you are our freedom and deliverer.

(silent confession)

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

ONE: Friends, hear this good news: God loves us with an everlasting love; God's grace is unending. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

ALL: We are saved, we are forgiven, and we are freed! Thanks be to God. Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

ONE: The peace of Christ be with you.

ALL: And also with you.



Give thanks with a grate-ful heart; give thanks to the Ho-ly One; give
thanks— be-cause we're giv-en— Je-sus Christ, the Son. Give thanks with a
grate-ful heart; give thanks to the Ho-ly One; give thanks— be-cause we're
giv-en— Je-sus Christ, the Son. And now let the weak say, "We are
strong"; let the poor say, "We are rich be-cause of what the Lord has done for
us!" And now let the weak say, "We are strong"; let the poor say "We are rich be-cause of
what the Lord has done for us!" Give thanks. Give thanks.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

ALL: God of all wisdom, send us your Spirit to open our hearts to your word so that we may know Christ and grow in faithfulness. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: **Philippians 3:4b-14** (pg 153 NT in the pew Bible)

ONE: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

ANTHEM *An African Worship Song*

Based on the Ghana Folksong, "Nanuma"

Arr. Joseph Martin and John Paradowski

(The word "nanuma" is a form of greeting and welcome in Ghana)

Nanuma wyeey, nanuma.
We come to worship now, nanuma.
We come to worship now, nanuma.
We praise the Lord most high, give thanks and glorify.
We come to worship now, nanuma.

We sing a song of praise, nanuma (Alleluia)!
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With heart and soul and voice, creation now rejoice.
We sing a song of praise, nanuma.

Praise the Lord! Nanuma! Alleluia!
Praise the Lord! Oh, sing Alleluia!

We pray with humble hearts, nanuma.
We pray with humble hearts, nanuma.
Lord, give us strength today and help us know your way.
We pray with humble hearts, nanuma,
Sing all creation! Sing jubilation! Amen!
We go to share God's love, nanuma! (Alleluia!)
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Let peace be multiplied, may joy be magnified.
We go to share God's love, nanuma!

**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.

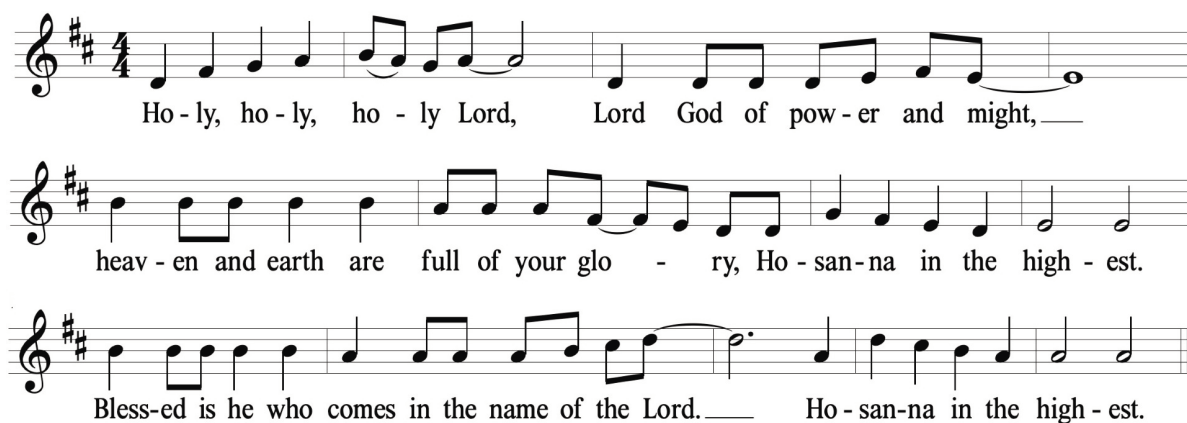
ALL: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

Sanctus *Holy, Holy, Holy Lord*

Tillis Butler



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, 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.

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 ***Hymn Settings in Pentatonic Style***

Arthur Frackenpohl

Prayer after Communion

*HYMN #317 ***In Christ There Is No East or West***

MC KEE

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE ***Bread of the World, in Mercy Broken***

John Hodges

POSTLUDE ***Celtic Blessing***

Jeffrey Perks

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The flyer has a light pink background. At the top, the text 'FPC Together' is in pink, and 'PUMPKIN EVENT' is in large, bold, orange letters. Below this, 'Hosted by Family Ministry' is in black, followed by 'Sunday, October 18' and '4:00 to 6:00 p.m.' in bold black. The location 'at the Richard Family Home, 60 Jackson Drive, Lancaster' is listed. A note says 'All are invited to attend!' and 'This event will be held outside, so please dress for the weather and bring a chair or picnic blanket if you are able.' On the left, there is a stack of three jack-o'-lanterns: pink, yellow, and orange. To the right, under 'Activities include:', are 'Pumpkins to decorate for yourself and for our FPC at-home members.', 'Guess the candy contest', 'Food & Fellowship' (with details about the meal and nut-free policy), and 'Youth group is invited to stay for the college care package event, 6:00-7:00 p.m.' The email 'katie@fpclancasterpa.org' is at the bottom right. There are several star icons scattered around the text.

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The main meal and drinks will be
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a side or dessert to share.
This is a peanut & tree nut-free event.
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Zoom Connect Group

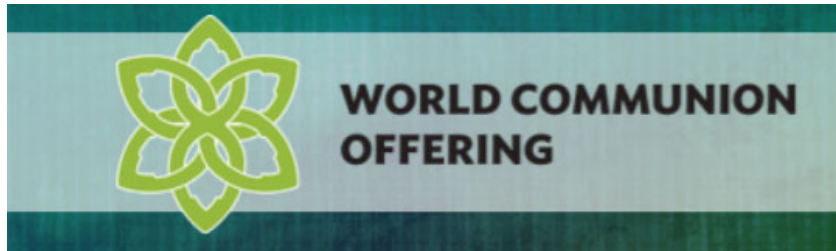
Wednesday, October 28 | 7:00 p.m.

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



REGISTER
OCTOBER



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."

Global Witness Highlight: Global Ecumenical Liaisons (GELs) connect the world in faith and action. GELs are part of the Global Ecumenical Partnerships ministry in Presbyterian Life & Witness. They bridge communities across the United States and around the world, connecting people and strengthening our understanding of new ways to engage in God's mission.

It's the Season of Gratitude!

2027 Annual Giving

Here at FPC, October is the season of gratitude. During the upcoming month, please prayerfully consider your plan for giving in 2027 and be prepared to submit your "best guess" for what you hope to give, on **Sunday, October 18**, when we will dedicate our plans for the coming year during worship. Pledge cards will be available on that Sunday. You can also make your pledge anytime online through Realm, or notify the church office of your plans (finances@fpclancasterpa.org).

Your estimate helps our church leaders responsibly plan for the year ahead and supports the worship, spiritual growth, relationships, hospitality, and service that make FPC the joyful community we share. As we look toward 2027, we're grateful for the church we are becoming—and hopeful about the people God is still calling into our community.

Thank you for sharing in what we accomplish together!

Mission Volunteer Opportunities

Those interested in volunteering, please email: 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 fourth quarter mission giving supports non-profit organizations
in our community that serve youth and education.*

The Mix offers a structured after-school program for children and youth in first through twelfth grades—addressing their social, academic, spiritual, and physical needs, plus summer programs.

Located at 520 North St., The Mix serves 200 to 250 students per year.

www.themixlancaster.org

CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) recruits, trains, and supports volunteers to advocate for neglected and abused children in the foster care system. CASA, 120 N. Shippen St., serves more than 200 youngsters in Lancaster County annually through more than 100 volunteers.

www.casalanclb.org

Milagro House is the only residential program in the county that is focused on helping mothers experiencing homelessness attain education so they can get jobs that pay family-sustaining wages.

Based at 669 W. Chestnut St., it houses up to nine women with up to three children each.

www.milagrohouse.org

Loose Offering Plate Collection- 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.



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 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@fplancasterpa.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.

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:

