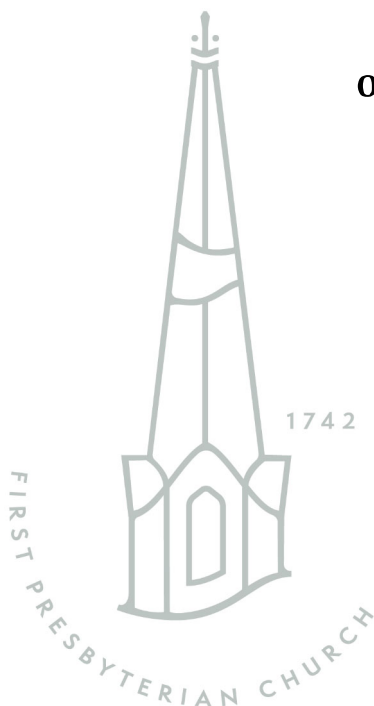




First Presbyterian Church, Lancaster, PA
October 11, 2026 | 10:30 a.m. | Sanctuary

Leading in Worship Today

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

MUSIC

Dr. William Wright, Director of Music
Matt Weaver, Organist
Jocelyn Crosby, Flute
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 in loving memory of June Greatorex, beloved sister and aunt, by Lois Runnels and Beth Ann Brown.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Please stand in body or in spirit.*

PRELUDE *Nearer, My God, to Thee* Lowell Mason, arr. Ed Hogan
 Sonata for Flute and Piano (Movement 1: Allegretto) Philippe Gaubert

WELCOME

INTROIT *Count Your Blessings* Edwin O. Excell

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Isaiah 25:1–9)

ONE: O Lord, you are our God; we exalt you and praise your name.

ALL: For you have done wonderful things, plans formed long ago, faithful and sure.

ONE: God prepares a feast for all peoples, a table of abundance and joy.

ALL: God gathers us in and welcomes us with grace.

ONE: God will wipe away the tears from every face and swallow up death forever.

ALL: We have waited for the Lord; let us be glad and rejoice in God's salvation.

ONE: This is our God, in whom we have hoped.

ALL: Come, let us worship the Lord!

*HYMN #691 *Lord, When I Came into This Life* LAND OF REST

*CALL TO CONFESSION

ONE: From ancient times to now, God's people have turned away. We are no different. We let fear take hold of us, and we try to go our own way. Let us be honest about how we have failed to follow God as we confess our sins.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (from Exodus 32:1–14)

ALL: Holy God, we have much to confess. We may not have built a golden calf to worship, but we have been devoted to other idols. We put our trust in what we build with our own hands. We find security in what we can hoard, instead of trusting your provision. We listen to lies that spread hatred and division, instead of listening to the radical truth of your word. Forgive us. Melt down our idols until we see only you, and fix our sight on your way alone.

(silent confession)

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS (from Phil. 4:8)

ONE: God shows us a different way—a way of truth, honor, justice, and excellence. This path is open to all of us if we reach out and accept God's forgiveness.

ALL: We will live as God's people, forgiven and 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.

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: 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.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: **Psalms 23** (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 4:1-9** (pg 154 NT in the pew Bible)

SERMON

*HYMN #693 *Though I May Speak*

GIFT OF LOVE

**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 *The Wind Blows Where It Wills*

Text by Stephen P. Starke
Music by Jacob B. Weber

The wind blows where it wills, we hear its sound, we hear its sound,
We cannot tell its source or where it goes;
And so it is with all those born of God,
All those upon whom God has placed His name.
Come, Holy Spirit, Breath of grace, O wind divine.
Your mercy will not break the trampled reed,
Nor will you snuff the dimly burning wick;
With tender care, Lord, bind our broken lives
And fan again our smoldering faith to flame.
Come, Holy Spirit, Breath of grace, O wind divine.
Come, Holy Spirit, come.

*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 # 643 *Now Thank We all Our God

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***BENEDICTION**

BENEDICTION RESPONSE *I Need Thy Presence

William H. Monk

I need Thy presence every passing hour.
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r?
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Thro' cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.

POSTLUDE *Festive Trumpet Tune*

David German

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.

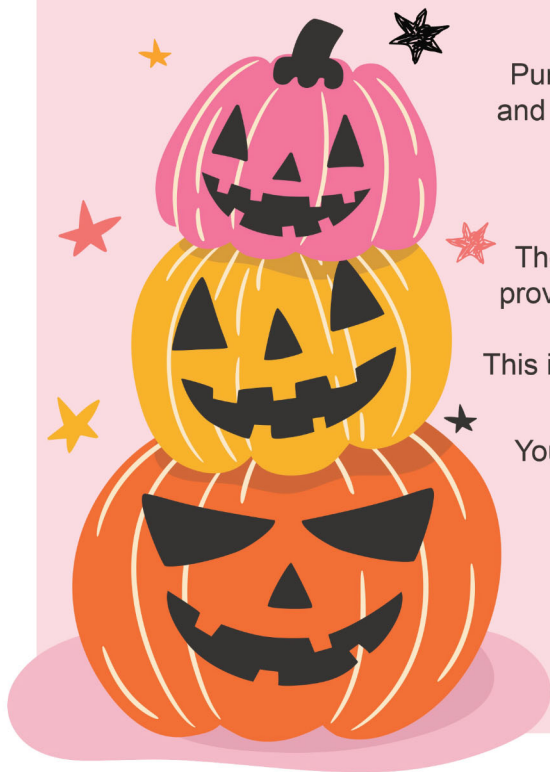
Guess the candy contest

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



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

Care Ministry Potluck

All are invited to the Care Ministry Potluck on Tuesday, October 20, from 5:30–7:30.

We will celebrate our current ministries and explore ways to be even more intentional in caring for one another at every stage of life, from birth through death.

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.

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.casalancleeb.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



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

Sunday, October 11, 4:00 p.m. Corn Maze event at Oregon Dairy. All 6th-12 grade students and friends are welcome to attend. Youth volunteers Jon Hess and Sarah Barton will meet you at the entrance gates at 4:00 p.m. Parent pick-up is promptly at 6:00 p.m. Dress for the weather. Suggested donation: \$10 dollars.

Sunday, October 18, drop-in 4:00-6:00 p.m. Pumpkin Painting event and Potluck at the Richard family home. Youth group will meet separately from 6:00-7:00 p.m. to pack college care packages for FPC college students.

Sunday, October 25, 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 to begin their study - Echo the Story, 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:

