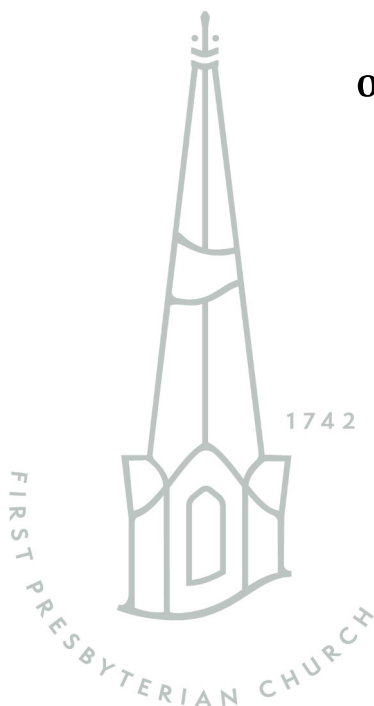




First Presbyterian Church, Lancaster, PA
October 18, 2026 | 10:30 a.m. | Sanctuary

Gratitude Sunday

Leading in Worship Today

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

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 flowers are given in loving memory of Chuck Walker by Margie and family.

It's the Season of Gratitude!

2027 Annual Giving

Today we will dedicate our plans for the coming year. You can use the provided pledge card today or you can make your pledge anytime online through Realm, or notify the church office (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!

ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Please stand in body or in spirit.*

PRELUDE ***Two American Hymn Tunes***

Robert A. Hobby

I. Resignation

II. Hanson Place

WELCOME

INTROIT ***What Gift Can We Bring***

Jane Marshall

What gift can we bring, what present, what token?
What words can convey it, the joy of the day?
When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing,
What song can we offer in honor and praise?

Give thanks for the past, for those who had vision,
Who planted and watered so dreams could come true.
Give thanks for the now, for study, for worship,
For mission that bids us turn prayer into deed.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: In this place,

ALL: Friends and strangers meet, the broken are mended, and the weary welcomed.

ONE: In this moment,

ALL: The ordinary becomes miraculous and life is on pause because this is God's time.

ONE: In this place of worship,

**ALL: God's goodness is revealed. Our doors open with kindness. Our lives join together.
Let us worship God.**

*HYMN # 804 ***Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart***

MARION

*CALL TO CONFESSION

ONE: God has chosen us, but we frequently fail to choose God's will for our lives. Let us go before God, seeking forgiveness and peace.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: God of justice and truth, you ask us to give to you the things that are yours. If we are honest, we know we hold so much back. We have promised you our obedience, but we often fulfill our own desires first. We have promised you our worship, but we give our attention to idols instead. We have promised to do your work in the world, but we put it last on the list of priorities. Have mercy on us and forgive us. Increase our generosity that we might give freely, grateful for all of the gifts you have given us.

(silent confession)

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

ONE: The good news remains true: God has chosen us, forgives us, and walks beside us, helping us become imitators of Christ.

ALL: Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Alleluia! Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

ONE: The peace of Christ be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE *Give Thanks*

Henry Smith



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: **Psalm 96:1-9** (pg 423 OT in the pew Bible)

After each reading:

ONE: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: **Matthew 22:15-22** (pg 19 NT in the pew Bible)

SERMON

*HYMN #708 ***We Give Thee But Thine Own***

SCHUMANN

*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 ***I Thank My God***

J. Aaron McDermid

I thank my God when I remember you. In all my prayers I pray with joy for your partnership in sharing the Good News. For I am sure that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion, until the day of Christ.

This is my prayer: that your love may overflow, and you will grow in knowledge and depth of understanding. For I am sure that he who began a good work in you will carry it on, that you may see what is best and pure and blameless for the day of Christ. Amen.

During this time of music, you are invited to present and dedicate your 2027 estimates of giving. You are also welcome to come forward to present your offering, 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 #711 ***Lord of All Good***_____

TOULON

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*BENEDICTION RESPONSE ***Lead Me, Lord***

Samuel Sebastian Wesley

POSTLUDE ***Toccata on Old Hundredth***

Robert Lau

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.

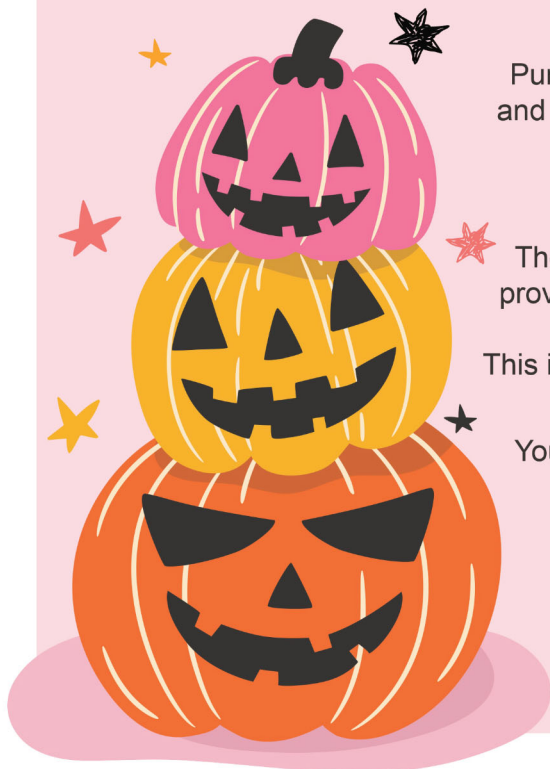
Guess the candy contest

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



Congregational Meeting Sunday, November 15

Call to elect officers

The meeting will be held at the end of each in-person worship service.

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.

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 28 | 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.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.milagrohous.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 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:

