



First Presbyterian Church, Lancaster, PA

Sunday, October 19, 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

Rila Hackett, Pianist

The Chancel Choir

** Please stand in body or in spirit.*

PRELUDE ***Take My Life, and Let It Be
Great Is Thy Faithfulness***

arr. James Pethel

arr. Dan Miller

WELCOME

INTROIT ***Awake, My Soul, Stretch Every Nerve!***

George Frideric Handel

Awake, my soul, stretch every nerve, and press with vigor on;
A heavenly race demands thy zeal, and an immortal crown.
A cloud of witnesses around hold thee in full survey;
Forget the steps already trod, and onward urge thy way.

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (from Jeremiah 31:27-34 and Psalm 121)

ONE: The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when,
just as I have watched over them
to pluck up and break down,
to overthrow and destroy,

ALL: **so I will watch over them
to build and to plant, says the Lord.**

ONE: I will put my law within the people,
and I will write it on their hearts.

ALL: **I will be their God, and they shall be my people.**

ONE: We will continue in what we have learned and firmly believe:

ALL: **Our help comes from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.
Let us worship God.**

HYMN #327** ***From All That Dwell Below the Skies

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

***CALL TO CONFESSION** (from Jeremiah 31:27-34)

ONE: The new commandment God has made with his people begins in forgiveness. Though we continually break covenant with God, God remains faithful. We confess our sins to God, trusting that God will forgive us and remember our sins no more.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

ALL: **God of grace, we confess that we pursue our own needs, neglecting the needs of others. We pursue our own desires, while slowly destroying the gifts of your creation. We deflect the call to ministry, ignoring the cries of those in need. We are drawn to proclaim the gospel, yet live it out only at our convenience. Have mercy on us, O God. Open our eyes to the truth of the gospel that, whatever the time or wherever we are, we may fully embody your love and justice for all the world.**

(silent confession)

***DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

ONE: Through Jesus Christ, God cleanses us from all unrighteousness and leads us from sin. People of God, we are forgiven.

ALL: Whoever we are, wherever we are, however we are, we belong to God. 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 *Spirit Song

John Wimber

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. —
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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: God, send us your Spirit. As your word is read and proclaimed, may we see your kingdom and hear your invitation. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 121 (pg 438 OT in the pew Bible)

After each reading:

ONE: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING **Luke 18:1-8** (pg 62 NT in the pew Bible)

SERMON

*HYMN #794 ***O Savior, in This Quiet Place***

ST. STEPHEN

*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 ***Sing Praise to the Lord!***

Hymn tune by Hubert Parry and William Croft
Arr. Hal Hopson

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.

Sing praise to the Lord! Praise God in the height; Rejoice in the Lord, you angels of light.

Adore God, you heavens, by whom we were made, sing out your loud praises in brightness arrayed.

Sing praise to the Lord! Praise God on the earth in tuneful accord, you saints of new birth.

Praise God who has brought you such grace from above; praise God who has taught you to sing of such love.

Sing praise to the Lord! Sing praise, all things that give sound, each jubilant chord, reecho a round.

Loud organs God's glory tell forth in deep tone, and trumpets, the story of what God has done.

Sing praise to the Lord! Thanksgiving and song to God be outpoured all ages along!

For love in creation for heaven restored, for grace of salvation, sing praise to the Lord! Alleluia!

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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 #546 ***Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing***

SICILIAN MARINERS

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE ***Thank You, Lord***

Seth Sykes

POSTLUDE ***Holy Manna***

arr. Joseph Martin

Chancel Flower Dedication

*Today's flowers are given in loving memory of
Chuck Walker, from Margie and family.*

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.



Welcome, New Members!

Grace Boakye, Louise Feroe, Elaine Fisher, Peter Fisher,
Beth Horst, Mike Horst, Herbert Johnston, Dave Moyer, Jane Moyer, Martha Shirk

We also welcome Russ Feroe, a retired pastor of the Presbyterian Church (USA),
to the life of this congregation.

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.

Congregational Meeting Sunday, November 16

Call to elect officers

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



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FIRST FOLLOWERS



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

First Followers begins its next community November 4

First Followers 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.



More information / register

Ways to Help: Mission Opportunities

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 to 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 Mission Partners in the fourth quarter 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

North Star Initiative, based in Lititz, helps survivors of human trafficking make the transition to a healthy, sustainable, and independent life. 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



It's that time of year when we come together as a church family to support the mission and ministry of FPC. In this season of giving, as we reflect on the many blessings in our lives and within our church community, let us respond with generosity and faith by making our "best guesses" for giving in the year ahead, on or before October 26.

With grateful hearts, we celebrate all that
God is doing among us and through us!

*Pledge cards are available for pickup in the lobby and in Shirk Hall.
To pledge online, log into your Realm account and select
"Pledge" under the giving tab.*

*Contact the Finance office if you have questions
(finances@fpclancasterpa.org)*



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



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

October 19—Study following Family Ministry's Great Pumpkin Event at the Richard family home, 7:00-7:30 p.m.

October 26—Event Sunday at Oregon Dairy, 4:30-6:00 p.m., \$10 dollars suggested donation.

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