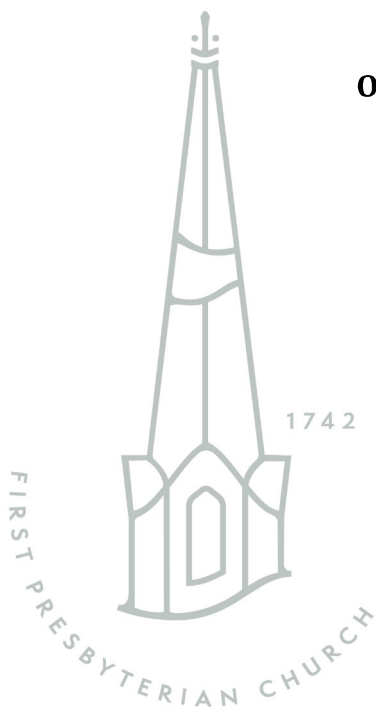




First Presbyterian Church, Lancaster, PA
October 25, 2026 | 10:30 a.m. | Sanctuary

Leading in Worship Today

The Rev. Dr. Dan Snyder
The Rev. Claire George-Drumheller
Mark Williams, Worship Host

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 Roderick M. and Emily C. Jackson
by their two daughters, Margaret and Emily.*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Please stand in body or in spirit.*

PRELUDE ***March and Meditation on "Ein feste Burg"***

Phil Lehenbauer

WELCOME

INTROIT ***I Will Be a Child of Peace***

Shaker Hymn, arr. Elaine Hagenberg

O Holy Father, I will be a child of peace and purity
For well I know Thy hand will bless the seeker after righteousness.

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Leviticus 19:2, Psalm 1:2, and Matthew 22:37-39)

ONE: The Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

ALL: "You must be holy, because I, the Lord your God, am holy."

ONE: The Psalmist wrote,

ALL: "Our delight is in the law of the Lord."

ONE: Jesus Christ said,

ALL: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind."

ONE: And Jesus continued,

ALL: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

ONE: We need one another to live into this calling.

ALL: Family of God, let's worship together.

*HYMN #396 ***Brethren, We Have Met to Worship***

HOLY MANNA

*CALL TO CONFESSION

ONE: Let us speak the truth about ourselves to our neighbors and to God, acknowledging what we have done and what we have left undone.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (from Matthew 22:37-39)

ALL: God of love, your commandments are so simple: love God, love neighbor, love self. Yet we cannot always muster that love. Love for you seems too abstract and distant. Love for our neighbors seems too impractical and draining. Love for ourselves seems too impossible and unimportant. If there is anyone who can help us love, it is you. Bless us with your grace and mercy, so we might have the greatest example, and help us learn from you.

(silent confession)

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

ONE: Beloved ones, believe again in the gospel:

ALL: The God who loves us does not condemn us.

ONE: In the name of Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.

ALL: 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.

ANTHEM *How Firm a Foundation*

American folk hymn, arr. Dan Forrest

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He hath said
To you, who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with thee—O be not dismayed,
For I am thy God, I will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand."

"When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
The rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;
For I will be with thee, thy trials to bless,
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress."

"When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
The flame shall not hurt thee—I only design
Thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine."

"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never--no, never--no, never forsake!"

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 1** (pg 379 NT in the pew Bible)

After each reading:

ONE: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: **Matthew 22:34-46** (pg 19 OT in the pew Bible)

SERMON

*HYMN #703 ***Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me***

ST. CATHERINE

*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 ***O God Beyond All Praising***

Gustav Holst, setting by Richard Proulx

O God beyond all praising, we worship you today
And sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
For we can only wonder at every gift you send,
At blessings without number and mercies without end:
We lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,
We honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

The Flower of earthly splendor in time must surely die,
Its fragile bloom surrender to you the Lord most high;
But hidden from all nature the eternal seed is sown
Though small in mortal stature, to heaven's garden grown:
For Christ the man from heaven from death has set us free,
And we through him are given the final victory!

Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,
That we who know your favor may serve you as our king;
And whether tomorrow be filled with food or ill,
We will triumph through sorrows and bless you still:
To marvel at beauty and glory in your ways,
And make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

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 #731 *Give Thanks for Those Whose Faith Is Firm*

REPTON

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE *Uncclouded Day*

Rev. J.K. Alwood, arr. Shawn Kirchner

O they tell me of a home far beyond the skies,
They tell me of a home far away,
And they tell me of a home where no storm clouds rise:
O they tell me of an unclouded day.

O the land of cloudless days,
O the land of an unclouded sky,
O they tell me of a home where no storm clouds rise:
O they tell me of an unclouded day.

O they tell me of a home where my friends have gone,
They tell me of a land far away,
Where the tree of life in eternal bloom
Sheds its fragrance through the unclouded day.

They tell me of a King in His beauty there,
They tell me that mine eyes shall behold,
Where he sits on a throne that is bright as the sun
In the city that is made of gold.

Congregational Meeting Sunday, November 15

Call to elect officers

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

It's the Season of Gratitude!

2027 Annual Giving

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!

If you have not already made your estimate of giving for 2027, you can make your pledge anytime online through Realm, or notify the church office (finances@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

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.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.milagrohhouse.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 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:

