

First Presbyterian Church, Lancaster, PA

All Saints Sunday

November 2, 2025

10:30 a.m.

All Saints Sunday is a time to rejoice in all who through the ages have faithfully served the Lord. Reminded that God was with the faithful of the past, we are reassured that God is with us today, moving us and all creation toward God's end in time.

Leading in Worship Today

The Rev. Dan Snyder

The Rev. Claire George-Drumheller

Judith Kruse, Bell ringer

Avery Griffith and Ben Reist, Acolytes

Mark Williams, Reader

Carol Good, Stephen Minister

MUSIC

Dr. William Wright, Director of Music

Matt Weaver, Organist

PC King, Trumpet | Clem Lichty, Timpani

The Chancel Choir

** Please stand in body or in spirit.*

PRELUDE *Elegy*

George Thalben-Ball

WELCOME

INTROIT *By All Your Saints Still Striving*

Finnish Folk Melody, arr. David Evans

By all your saints still striving, for all your saints at rest,
Your holy name, O Jesus, forevermore be blessed.
You rose, our King victorious, that they might wear the crown,
And ever shine in splendor reflected from your throne.

Then let us praise the Father and worship God the Son
And sing to God the Spirit, eternal Three in One,
Till all the ransomed number who stand before the throne
Ascribe all power and glory and praise to God alone.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: We gather to worship God, who loves beyond life or death.

ALL: We give thanks for all the saints, who from their labors rest.

ONE: With the cloud of witnesses,

ALL: And by the grace of Christ,

ONE: And in the presence of the Spirit,

ALL: Let us worship God.

*CALL TO CONFESSION

ONE: The redeeming love of God in Jesus Christ extends from generation to generation, keeping us in life and in death and in life everlasting. Together, let us seek God's forgiveness.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (from Psalm 32:6-8)

ALL: Loving God, you promise that all who faithfully confess to you will be forgiven and preserved from trouble. Trusting in your mercy, we acknowledge the harm that we have done, and we admit the good we have failed to do. Forgive us. Guide us in your truth, and teach us the way to go, that we may love and serve you well.

(Silent confession)

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

ONE: The hope to which we are called is the glorious inheritance of all the saints, the immeasurable greatness of God's power for us who believe. This is good news!

ALL: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. 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 *There Is a Redeemer*

Melody Green

There is a Re-deem-er, Je-sus, God's own Son; — Pre-cious Lamb of
Je-sus, my re-deem-er, name a-bove all names, — Pre-cious Lamb of
When I stand in glo-ry, I will see his face; — There I'll serve my
God, Mes-si-ah, Ho — ly One. Thank You, O my Fa-ther for giv-ing us your
God, Mes-si-ah, hope for sin-ners slain.
King for-ev-er in — that ho-ly place.
Son, — and leav-ing Your Spir-it till the work on earth is done.

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: By your Spirit, O God, let us hear your word, that we may know your truth and follow you with new resolve to work and wait for the coming reign of Christ. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: **Luke 6:20-31** (pg 49 NT in the pew Bible)

ONE: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

*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.

*HYMN #326 *For All the Saints* (verses 1 & 2)

SINE NOMINE

NECROLOGY AND CANDLE LIGHTING

Family and friends of our church community who have entered the Church triumphant this year are invited to come forward during the singing of the first two verses of the hymn. The Necrology will be read and after each name, a chime will sound and a candle will be lit by the acolyte or by a family member or a friend.

*HYMN #326 *For All the Saints* (verses 3-5)

SINE NOMINE

ANTHEM *Sing with All the Saints in Glory*

Carl Schalk

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 with all the saints in glory, sing the resurrection song!
Death and sorrow, earth's dark story, to the former days belong.
All around the clouds are breaking, soon the storms of time shall cease;
In God's likeness we awaken, knowing everlasting peace.

Oh, what glory, far exceeding all that eye has yet perceived!
Holiest hearts for ages pleading never that full joy conceived.
God has promised, Christ prepares it; there on high our welcome waits.
Every humble spirit shares it, Christ has passed the eternal gates.

Life eternal! Heaven rejoices: Jesus lives who once was dead.
Shout with joy, O deathless voices! Child of God, lift up your head!
Life eternal! Oh, what wonders crowd on faith; what joy unknown,
When, amid earth's closing thunders, saints shall stand before the throne!

ORISON *O Lord, Hear My Prayer (Taizé Chant)*

Jacques Berthier

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 #649 *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

AMAZING GRACE

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE *God Be in My Head*

John Rutter

God be in my head and in my understanding.
God be in mine eyes and in my looking.
God be in my mouth and in my speaking.
God be in mine heart and in my thinking.
God be at my end, and in my departing.

POSTLUDE *Sine Nomine*

arr. John Weaver

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Chancel Flower Dedication

*Today's flowers are given in loving memory of
George F. Johnston by his wife, Dawn, and their 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.



Poinsettia Dedications

*Poinsettias will be displayed on Christmas Eve.
You can take your plant(s) home with you following the 8:00 p.m. service.*

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Given By: _____

In Memory of _____

OR

In Honor of: _____

**Cost: \$20
Deadline November 23**

*Make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church "Poinsettias" in the note section.
Or order/pay online via Realm - Select "Flower Fund" in the drop-down list, write
"poinsettias" in the memo space, and email your dedication to laura@fpclancasterpa.org.*



Necrology

We remember with gratitude the life of:

William (Bill) Haiges	November 5, 2024	Paul Frazee	March 19, 2025
Linda Zuccarello	November 12, 2024	Susan (Sue) Lain	April 11, 2025
Betty Jo Bassett	December 20, 2024	Alliene Hawsey	October 25, 2024
Sandra Rutter	January 7, 2025	Nancy Roy	May 22, 2025
Deborah (Deb) Shoffstall Smith	January 20, 2025	Patsy Flory Gardner	July 10, 2025
Mark Smoker	February 2, 2025	Betty Jones	August 19, 2025
Brian Kern	February 11, 2025	Robert (Bob) Snyder	August 26, 2025
Marjorie Lovett	February 17, 2025	Jennifer Hippensteel	September 18, 2025
Wesley Willard	February 22, 2025	Frank Muse	October 4, 2025
Benjamin (Ben) Keating	February 28, 2025		

We light three final candles to remember with gratitude:

Those who gave their lives in service so others may live.

The victims of violence and natural disasters around the world.

The loved ones not named aloud today, but whom we hold in our hearts.

As we remember our loved ones interred in the FPC Memorial Garden, you are invited to place a white flower at their place of rest. Flowers can be picked up in the foyer.

Candles are donated by Rick and Margrethe Faulkner, Barrick Design Candles.

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.

Wednesday, 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

Congregational Meeting Sunday, November 16

Call to elect officers

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



Care Ministry Potluck

**Tuesday, November 11
5:30 p.m. in the Chapel**



Join us for an evening of fellowship and meaningful conversation.
We'll be exploring the theme: "How Do We Connect with Those We Serve?"
Whether you're already part of our Care Ministry or simply interested in learning more,
this is a wonderful opportunity to connect, share, and grow together.

All are welcome!



R.S.V.P.

patti@fpclancasterpa.org



FROM
GENERATION
TO GENERATION

Advent 2025

Advent Small Groups

Engage scripture and build community this Advent by joining one of our 3-week Small Groups. Groups will meet once a week during the weeks of November 30, December 7, and December 14. Friends of FPC are hosting groups that meet in person and on Zoom throughout the week, and discussions will focus on the scripture passages for the upcoming Sunday. In order to receive communications from your group leader, please register for the Small Group of your choice online (use QR code), or by emailing info@fpc Lancasterpa.org.



Lunch Break @ FPC

Mondays, 12:00-1:00 p.m. (12/1, 12/8, 12/15)

FPC Chapel

Claire George-Drumheller, leader

*Bring lunch with you!

Men's Group @ the Richards'

Mondays, 6:00 p.m. (12/1, 12/8, 12/15)

The Richard Family Home (address will be sent to registrants)

Dan Snyder, leader

Willow Valley

Tuesdays, 1:30 p.m. (12/2, 12/9, 12/16)

North Building Conference Room, Manor Campus at Willow Valley

John and Stephany Davidson, co-leaders

*Open to all!

Women's Advent Small Group @ FPC

Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m. (12/3, 12/10, 12/17)

FPC Chapel

Chris Snyder, leader

Wednesdays on Zoom

Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m. (12/3, 12/10, 12/17)

Tom & Connie Paisley, co-leaders

Thursday Morning Men's Group

Thursdays, 7:00-8:00 a.m. (12/4, 12/11, 12/18)

FPC Library

Dan Snyder, Leader

Women's Bible Study

Thursdays (12/4, 12/11, 12/18)

FPC Community Arts Annex (Room 1)

9:30-10:00 a.m., gathering; 10:00-11:00 a.m., study

Alison Mekeel & Donna Wilcox, co-leaders

FPC ALL FAMILY MINISTRY EVENT

FIRST FRIENDSGIVING

Sunday, Nov. 16

5:00-7:00 p.m.

in the Activities Room
(adjacent to Shirk Hall)

Parking is available in both the church lot and Cherry Street lot.
Enter the Activities Room from Cherry Street (follow the signs).



SOUP'S ON!

Bring your favorite soup in a crock pot along with the ingredient list to share!

All types of soups are encouraged and welcome. FPC will provide a few soups as well, along with bread and a selection of desserts. Gluten-free & vegan options will be available.

This is a peanut free event

Please consider bringing bowls, silverware, and napkins for your family, as well as containers for leftovers.

AFTER DINNER BREAKOUT SESSIONS:

Adults are invited to stay in the Activities Room to gather in community and prepare desserts.

Students 6 wks through grade 6 are invited to Shirk Hall for crafts, Lego & Duplo free-builds, and the movie, "A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving." This group will be supervised by nursery staff and Worship Arts teachers.

Youth, grades 7-12, will join Youth Group leaders in packing college care packages in room 218.





Friends and families of all ages gathered for fall fun at FPC's Pumpkin Event in October. The Richards' yard was filled with laughter as students decorated pumpkins, played games, and enjoyed cider and treats. Adults joined in the fun, too, connecting with one another and celebrating the beauty of autumn. Events like this remind us that faith and fellowship go hand in hand; simple moments of joy and creativity can deepen our sense of belonging within God's family.

Thank you to the Richard family for hosting and for all the work that made this event possible.



The Giving Tree

Visit the Giving Tree in the foyer and take an ornament. Each ornament represents a meaningful opportunity to give through programs run by the School District of Lancaster.

Washington Elementary School has over 400 students. Last year, the school provided 250 gifts to students, and we are helping them reach that number with 20 gifts from First Presbyterian this Christmas season.

The Milestones School provides academic and therapeutic support for students aged 5-21 who face social, emotional, educational, and behavioral challenges. We are providing gifts for specific students and gift cards for their families.

The Apartment School at SDOL is a simulated apartment in a classroom that helps special needs students develop independent living skills. We are providing gifts for students and staff.

Lafayette Elementary is specifically helping refugee families this season, with gift cards from Weis and Walmart.

FIT (Families in Transition) supports students and families experiencing homelessness by removing obstacles that prevent them from having a positive educational experience. Services include connection with agencies, transportation, and providing necessities including school supplies. We will provide gift cards to the families.

Gifts will be due back on Sunday, December 7

Questions can be directed to Patti Overly in the church office.
patti@fpclancasterpa.org

A special thanks to Pam Noll for her leadership and the Women's Bible Study group for assembling the ornaments.

Full Roster of FPC Officers for 2025

ELDERS

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Jim Brown
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Session Meeting Synopsis October 15

The Session opened with reflection and prayer on the theme of faith—how humor nurtures hope and reshapes our view of the world.

Highlights:

- **Facilities & Budget:** Trustees presented the 2026 Budget for first review.
Work on the Manse slate roof begins in November and chapel renovation plans are underway.
- **Worship:** Three-week Advent small groups begin soon, with registration opening October 26. This year's theme is "From Generation to Generation." A related exhibit by Freiman Stoltzfus will be featured in Gallery Hall.
A task force is gathering data to help Session revisit the idea of streaming online worship services.
- **Formation:** Worship Arts is currently focusing on Exodus, while the Youth Group is exploring key elements of worship with Pastor Dan.
Join us for Family Ministry's "First Friendsgiving" event on November 16 at 5:00 p.m.—featuring a soup potluck.
(Note: This event replaces this year's Advent wreath-making event.)
- **Mission/Care:** Planning is underway for the June 2026 Youth Mission Trip. A series of Mission Partner workshops is being developed, and the next RISE Against Hunger event is set for March 22, 2026.
- **Personnel:** We look forward to welcoming a part-time Pastoral Care Director. The church is also seeking to hire two additional nursery staff and is preparing for a new 9:00 a.m. Tech support person.
- **Nominating:** The team reports all officer vacancies have been filled. Members are encouraged to attend in person to affirm these calls at the congregational meeting on November 16.



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 Staff

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

November 2–*Selah* (pause and rest), no youth group

November 9–Study at the Stadel family home, 4:30-6:00 p.m.

November 16–Friendsgiving and college care package event at FPC, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

November 21-23–Massanetta High School Retreat (preregistration required)

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