

First Presbyterian Church, Lancaster, PA

Sunday, November 16, 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

Thomas Smoker, Tenor

The Chancel Choir

** Please stand in body or in spirit.*

PRELUDE ***Second Benedictus***

Alec Rowley

WELCOME

INTROIT ***Simple Song*** (from *Mass*)

Leonard Bernstein

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (from Isaiah 12:5-6)

ONE: Sing praises to the Lord, for God has done glorious things.

ALL: Let us sing God's praises throughout all the earth.

ONE: Shout aloud and sing for joy, from the highest peaks to the deepest caverns.

ALL: Shout aloud and sing for joy, from the tiniest creatures to the greatest herds.

ONE: Shout aloud and sing for joy, in the midst of our joys and our sorrows.

ALL: Shout aloud and sing for joy, as we worship the God of all creation.

HYMN #25** ***O Lord, Our God, How Excellent

WINCHESTER OLD

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

ONE: Before we call, God answers us. While we are still speaking, God hears us. Let us confess our sin to God, who even now is waiting to say, "I forgive you."

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

ALL: God our Creator, we fail to believe we carry your image, and we fail to behave as those who belong to you. God our Savior, we turn from your path of sacrificial love, and we turn toward our personal preferences. God of mercy, we forget your call to righteousness, and we forget how much we need you. In our sinfulness, we seek your forgiveness, praying that you will relieve the burden of our regrets by the power of your patient love.

(silent confession)

***DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS** (from Isaiah 65:17-25)

ONE: God is creating new heavens and a new earth. The former things shall not be remembered; they shall not even cross God's mind. Be glad and rejoice forever in what God is creating: newness of life.

ALL: In Jesus Christ, we are reconciled to God and to one another. Alleluia! 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.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: **Isaiah 12:1-6** (pg 488 OT in the pew Bible)

After each reading:

ONE: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: **Luke 21:5-19** (pg 65 NT in the pew Bible)

SERMON

*HYMN #264 *At the Name of Jesus*

KING'S WESTON

*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 ***God So Loved the World***

Bob Chilcott

God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son
that whoso believeth in him, should not perish but have everlasting life.

*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 #353 ***My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less***

SOLID ROCK

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE ***Amen***

John Bell

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

POSTLUDE ***My Hope Is Built***

arr. Joe Utterback

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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.

Chancel Flower Dedication

**Today's flowers are given by Anne Meeder in loving memory of her parents,
Orin and Dottie Stambaugh, who would have celebrated their
73rd wedding anniversary in September.**

*Note: The Flower Committee has open dates in the 2026 calendar year for chancel flower dedications. If you
would like to have a flower dedication for loved ones,
contact Gaye Cox for more information: gaye@gbcox.com or 717-575-4497.*

The open dates are: 1/18, 3/29, 7/12, 12/13.



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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@fpclancasterpa.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.



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

Mission Update

Mission Partners Meet with FPC to Address Food Scarcity in Lancaster City

Members of the FPC Mission Team recently met with several local mission partners to discuss practical steps for greater collaboration in food sourcing to supplement the Central PA Food Bank. Partnerships with the Midwest Food Bank and the Mid-Atlantic Regional Co-Op are being explored.

Key discussion points included ensuring an adequate supply of the *right* items—especially culturally relevant foods—and exploring ways to share transportation resources among organizations, particularly between those with trucks and those without.

An upcoming food exchange “app” or website designed to connect the entire charitable food network also shows great promise. Developed by Terry Kyle of Millersville, this platform will enable participating organizations to view both current needs and available resources. The resulting data may also prove valuable in communicating with donors.

Hunger-Free Lancaster County continues to address many of these same issues, including government advocacy and potential media outreach to raise awareness about food insecurity. Our local collaboration team is well represented within the Hunger-Free coalition, helping ensure alignment of efforts across the region.

Representatives from the following organizations attended the discussion:

**Church World Service, Community Action Partners of Lancaster,
Power Packs, Lancaster Food Hub, Anchor Lancaster**



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

Dedications must be submitted by 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.*





FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION...

FPC Christmas Choral Camp is designed for students ages 4 through 12th grade. Students will study the story of Christmas as they join their voices in song, make music with instruments, and bring stories to life through dramatic play. They will also discover how families, friends, and neighbors have celebrated this story through the generations. The camp is led by experienced choral professionals, caring support staff, and dedicated volunteers, along with our Director of Family Ministry. Choral campers will share the music they have learned as they lead the 4:00 p.m. Family Ministry Christmas Eve service in the sanctuary. Family and friends are warmly invited to attend!

Register Here



Registration is required
by December 15

Suggested donation is \$20 per student.
Scholarships available, contact
Katie Kindig.

CAMP SCHEDULE

Due to limited rehearsal time, students are encouraged to attend all three days of the camp. Students will be divided into age-appropriate groups in all rehearsals for focused learning time and will be together for meals and snacks.

Saturday, December 20

9:00-2:00 p.m., 3rd-12th graders
(snacks and lunch provided)

1:00-3:00 p.m., 4-year-olds-2nd graders
(snacks provided)

Sunday, December 21

2:00-6:00 p.m., 3rd-12th graders
(dinner provided)

4:00-6:00 p.m., 4-year-olds—2nd graders
(dinner provided)

Wednesday, December 24

2:00 p.m., arrival for 3rd—12th graders
(snacks provided)

3:00 p.m., arrival for 4-year-olds—2nd graders
(snacks provided)

4:00 p.m., Family Ministry Christmas Eve Service

*If your student would like to be involved in Choral Camp as a youth volunteer, storyteller, usher, or bulletin designer, please reach out to Katie Kindig.
The participation times for these opportunities may differ from the camp schedule listed above.*

Katie Kindig, Director of Family Ministry: katie@fpclancasterpa.org



The Giving Tree

Beginning Nov. 23, 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.

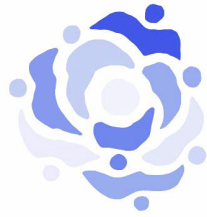
Lafayette Elementary is specifically helping refugee families this season, with gift cards from Weis and Walmart.

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.



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FAMILY MINISTRY ANNUAL

ADVENT FUN DAY

Saturday, December 6

Drop in between 9:00-11:00 a.m. in Shirk Hall

(parking is available in both the church lot and the Cherry Street lot)

All ages welcome and encouraged to join us for Advent Fun Day!

We'll learn about the sacred ritual of Advent, make an Advent wreath from live greenery, and decorate Christmas cookies. We'll have hot cocoa and enjoy a viewing of *A Charlie Brown Christmas* at 10:00 a.m.

This is a peanut free event. Vegan & gluten free options will be available.

If you are able to help with clean-up immediately following the event please sign up here:



katie@fpclancasterpa.org



Congregational Meeting Today

Call to elect officers

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

NOMINEES FOR CLASS OF 2028

ELDERS



Tim Mekeel (2nd term)

Tim Mekeel retired in December 2021, after 44 years at Lancaster Newspapers as business editor and a business reporter. Tim, who previously served two terms on Session, began attending First Presbyterian more than 20 years ago and joined the church in 2001. Tim lives in Manheim Township with his wife Alison and their son Colin. He's an avid fan of Philadelphia sports teams (especially when they're winning!) and enjoys listening to jazz.



Mark Williams (2nd term)

Mark Williams is the retired Director of Music at FPC, was the Director of Choral Activities and Chairman of the Music Department at Pequea Valley High School and an adjunct professor at Millersville University. Mark has served God in United Methodist, United Church of Christ, and Presbyterian Churches for over 40 years. He was also the Chorus Master for the Lancaster Symphony Orchestra. While earning his Master of Music degree in conducting at Penn State, he was the assistant conductor of the Concert and Chamber Choirs. His undergraduate degree in music education is from Millersville University. He and his wife Pam have two children, Amy and Greg, and five granddaughters.



Tim Brendler (1st term)

Tim Brendler is a Presbyterian lifer. He was raised and confirmed in the church, served as Director of Music in a large PC(USA) congregation (First Presbyterian, Allentown), and has been a member of First Pres for a year now. Tim and his husband, Michael, were married here at First Pres in 2019. After spending a decade in Dallas-Fort Worth, Tim and Michael returned home to Lancaster County in 2024. Tim also has a heart for camping ministry, having served as a Camp Counselor, Age Group Director, and Chaplain at the Johnsonburg Presbyterian Camp & Retreat Center (Johnsonburg, NJ). Tim graduated from St. Olaf (BM), Baylor (MM, MACM), and UTA (MEd). He currently serves as an Assistant Principal at J.P. McCaskey High School. Outside of his work and ministry, Tim loves hiking, spending time with family, and traveling.



Dan Brubaker (1st term)

Dan Brubaker was born and raised in Lancaster, PA, growing up Catholic and attending St. Anne's grade school and Lancaster Catholic High. He went to University of Delaware and graduated with a degree in physical therapy and has worked for Lancaster General Hospital at their Willow Street outpatient clinic for 35 years. He is married to Michelle Brubaker and he has 3 adult children and is stepfather to Michelle's children, Natalie and Noah. Dan and Michelle have been attending FPC for about 2 years and officially joined the church this past year.

TRUSTEES



Barry Bosley (2nd term)

Barry Bosley and his wife Bonnie moved to Lancaster in 2007 and joined First Pres shortly thereafter. He served 6 years as a Trustee and served two years as Chair. The Bosley's left First Pres for two years and just returned after the pandemic. Barry retired from Franklin & Marshall College after 18 years years of service and a total of 36 years in higher education. Barry and Bonnie have three grown children and 11 grandchildren.



Theo Krapels (1st term)

Theo Krapels graduated with a degree in engineering and following graduation served in the Dutch army for 2 years. He celebrated his 34 year career with the Dupont de Nemours company in The Netherlands, Switzerland and the USA (Delaware) as a senior executive. He was transferred to the USA in 1992, where he met his wife, Janet. They recently celebrated 31 years of marriage. He became an American Citizen in 2008. He and his wife moved to the Willow Valley Retirement Communities in Lancaster in 2022.

Mark Mooneyhan (1st term)

DEACONS



Sarah Barton (1st term)

Sarah Barton is an elementary public school teacher, wife to Casey, and mom to two high school boys, Eugene and Theo. A lifelong learner, she is completing her doctorate in educational leadership later this year and brings a deep passion for nurturing growth in children, families, and communities. Sarah spent many years serving as a Children's Ministry Director in her local church in California, where she developed a heart for supporting both young people and the adults who lead them. She finds renewal in nature through hiking, biking, and kayaking, and believes that caring for others begins with creating spaces of belonging, encouragement, and joy.



Nancy Butler (1st term)

Nancy Butler was raised in Western Massachusetts. She and her late husband, Bill, spent many years together snow-birding between Chestertown, MD (where they attended Shrewsbury Episcopal Church) and Bonita Springs, FL (where they attended the First Presbyterian Church of Bonita Springs). They moved to Willow Valley Communities in Lancaster in 2016 and quickly found their new church home at this First Presbyterian Church! Nancy has been involved in many community activities wherever she's lived and has found those commitments so very rewarding. Nancy finds the mission of this Presbyterian Church, the Pastoral leadership, the youth programs, the friendliness of the members, and the outstanding music program all very attractive and encourage participation. She looks forward to serving this congregation.



Linda Frederiksen (1st term)

Linda Frederiksen has been married to her husband Erik for sixty years and one of their joys is traveling all over the world. They have both lived in Lancaster all of their lives. They have a son, a daughter, four grown grandchildren, and four great grandchildren (they call them The Greats, ages 2 to 5 years old). She's been a member of FPC since 1969 and has been a Stephen Minister for over ten years. Linda has been a Deacon in the past and is looking forward to being a Deacon again.



Beth Manners (1st term)

Beth Manners has been a church member for over 40 years, serving in a variety of capacities. Her favorites were teaching Sunday School, serving on the Caring in the City committee, and serving as a deacon in the past. She and her husband, Chuck have been married 48 years, and her daughter, Kate now resides in Wilmington DE.



Maureen Quinlan (1st term)

Maureen Quinlan has lived in Lancaster for the last four years with her husband, Tim. They were drawn to First Presbyterian Church because of its inclusivity, message, dedicated involvement in the local community and congregational friendliness. Maureen and her husband have been life long Catholics, however, their faith journey has led them to embrace FPC. She is honored and humbled to serve in this faith community as a Deacon, and is looking forward to meeting many more wonderful people along the way.

Nominating Committee

Patti Overly

Ellen Stephenson



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

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

November 23–Study at the Hess family home, 4:30-6:30 p.m.

November 30–Service Sunday at FPC, 4:30-6:00 p.m.

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:
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