First Presbyterian Church, Lancaster, PA

November 22, 2026 | 10:30 a.m. | Sanctuary

Reign of Christ Sunday

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

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 John F. Kohler from his wife, Julie Kohler, and daughters, Beth Kohler and Cindi Hendricks.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Please stand in body or in spirit.*

PRELUDE ***A Flower Remembered*** John Rutter

WELCOME

INTROIT ***Christ Is Our Cornerstone*** David Thorne

Christ is our cornerstone, on him alone we build.
The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.
Alleluia!

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 100)

ONE: Make a joyful noise to God!

ALL: Worship God with gladness!

ONE: Come into God's presence with a song.

ALL: Know that the Lord is God.

ONE: God made us. We belong to God.

ALL: Give thanks to God! Bless the name of the Lord!

*HYMN #260 ***Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*** HYFRYDOL

*CALL TO CONFESSION

ONE: Christ rules over us all, seated at the right hand of God. This is the same Christ who came to be with us, to laugh with us, to cry with us, to break bread with us, and to be one of us. Therefore, we approach the throne with boldness, knowing that Christ will hear our confession.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (from Matthew 25:34-40)

ALL: If we had known it was you, Lord, we would have done something different. If we had known it was you, Lord, we would have given you food. If we had known it was you, Lord, we would have taken you in. If we had known it was you, Lord, we would not have passed you by. But we did. Too often we make excuses for not taking care of each other. We have ignored your commandment to love. We do not deserve forgiveness, but we ask for it anyway, and ask you to help us change our ways.

(silent confession)

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS (from Ezekiel 34:16)

ONE: God seeks the lost brings back those who have strayed, binds up the injured, and strengthens the weak.

ALL: We are forgiven and restored. 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 Henry W. Greatorex



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: Sovereign God, let your word rule in our hearts and your Spirit govern our lives until at last we see the fulfillment of your realm of justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: **Psalm 100** (pg 424 OT in the pew Bible)

After each reading:

ONE: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: **Matthew 25:31-46** (pg 22 NT in the pew Bible)

SERMON

*HYMN #766 ***The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound*** MC KEE

*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 ***The King's Highway*** David McK. Williams

I know not where the road will lead, I follow day by day,
And where it ends: I only know I walk the King's Highway.

I know not if the way is long, and no one else can say;
But rough or smooth, up hill or down, I walk the King's Highway.

And some I love have reached the end, but some with me may stay,
Their faith and hope still guiding me, I walk the King's Highway.

The way is truth, the way is love, for light and strength I pray,
And through the years of life, to God I walk the King's Highway.

The countless hosts lead on before, I must not fear nor stray:
With them the pilgrims of all creeds, I walk the King's Highway,

Through light and dark the road leads on, 'till dawns the endless day,
When I shall know why in this life I walk the King's Highway.

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 #838 ***Standing on the Promises*** PROMISES

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE ***Surely the Presence of the Lord Is in This Place*** Lanny Wolfe

First time: choir alone
Second time: choir and congregation

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place,
I can feel His might power and His grace.
I can hear the brush of angel's wings, I see glory on each face;
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place

POSTLUDE ***Royal Fanfares*** Arthur Bliss

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Mission Volunteer Opportunities

Those interested in volunteering, please email: beth@fpclancasterpa.org

Crispus Attucks Food Pantry

(every second & fourth Wednesday of the month)

Wednesday, December 9 | 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.casalancleb.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.milagrohouse.org

A Thanksgiving Prayer

by Katy Shevel



May the Lord bless you and hold you close,
May the Lord fill your heart with an overwhelming sense of peace and an abundance of gratitude.
May you rest in the assurance that God loves you completely, uniquely, and beyond measure.

May you step into the fullness of God's love for you,
May God's love kindle within you a yearning to reach out to those who need you, whose beloved faces you can picture in your mind's eye, as well as the strangers whom you haven't yet met.
May you work for justice, cling to kindness, and walk humbly with Christ in your midst.

May you live for one another and for God like never before,
With open hands, minds, and hearts,
Not just during the short days of this thanksgiving season,
But for each and every day to come.

In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Amen.

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Christmas Eve 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 22

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.



Advent Dinner & Discipleship

Sundays, December 6, 13, & 20
5:30–7:15 p.m. in Shirk Hall

This Advent, join us for Dinner & Discipleship, a new Sunday evening opportunity for all ages to gather around the table, share a meal, and grow in faith. Each evening begins with a potluck dinner. Bring a dish to share that fits the evening's menu (stay tuned!) and come ready to enjoy good food and even better company. After dinner, children and youth will head to age-appropriate activities, led by Katie Kindig and Family Ministry volunteers, while adults remain around the tables for an Advent study led by Pastor Dan and Pastor Claire. Nursery care will also be available.

There is something for every age, and everyone is welcome. Please sign up in advance so we know how many to expect. Come for one Sunday or join us for all three as we make space in the midst of Advent to eat, connect, learn, and grow together.

If you can't be with us in person, we hope you will engage Scripture and build community with the Advent Zoom Connect Small Group.

Advent Zoom Connect Small Group

Wednesdays, December 2, 9, & 16, 7:00 p.m.

Advent is a season of waiting for the God who comes to us—remembering Christ's birth in Bethlehem, anticipating Christ's coming again, and learning to recognize Christ's presence among us now. This Advent, the Zoom Connect Group will meet for three weeks to engage Scripture and to build community. Use the QR code to register or email the church office (info@fpclancasterpa.org). Join us!



The Giving Tree

The Giving Tree will once again provide Christmas gifts for students served by five organizations within the School District of Lancaster.

Stop by the Giving Tree in the foyer outside the sanctuary and select a gift tag. Instructions and gift information will be provided when you pick up your tag.

Gift tags will be available on November 22 and November 29, with gifts due by Sunday, December 6.

Thank you for helping bring joy to local students during the Christmas season through this much-loved FPC tradition!

Questions can be directed to Beth Horst in the office.
Thanks so much for your generosity



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.

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 housing insecurity by removing obstacles that prevent them flaurrom 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.

FPC TOGETHER HOSTED BY FAMILY MINISTRY

ADVENT FUN DAY

Saturday, December 5

Drop in between 10:00 a.m. through Noon in Shirk Hall

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

Friends and neighbors are welcome to come celebrate the season of Advent.
We will have special live Christmas music, Christmas crafts, and a photo booth.
Live greens and candles will be provided so you can make an Advent wreath to take home,
and we will have apple cider, coffee, and doughnuts for you to enjoy.

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

katie@fpclancasterpa.org



THE BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE

Sunday, December 13
2:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary of
First Presbyterian Church

For many, Christmas brings both joy and sorrow. The Blue Christmas Service, a partnership between FPC and DeBord Snyder Funeral Home, offers space to honor our losses, name our grief, and trust God's healing presence.

If you would like the name of a loved one who has passed read during the service, please RSVP to DeBord Snyder Funeral Home by Monday, December 7 (info@DeBordSnyder.com or 717-394-4097).

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9:00 a.m. Worship Leader



Matt Weaver
Organist



Krystle Whitley
Nursery Staff



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, Nov. 22, 5:00-6:30 p.m. Study @ the Habitat ReStore

Sunday, Nov. 29, 5:00-6:30 p.m. Study @ the Lytch family home

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: