

First Presbyterian Church Lancaster

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First Presbyterian Values Statement

We trust the Spirit to nurture:

HUMILITY

through *gracious hospitality to all* and through *building a community* that trusts in God, welcomes anyone and seeks the best for them and each other

GRATITUDE

through acts that express thanks, like *praise-filled worship, missional living, stewardship and transparent financial management*

PARTICIPATION

through *study, relationships, celebration and faithful apprenticeship to Jesus*, so we are *spiritually formed* by God's activity in the world

Worship Resources For April 22, 2018



OUR CELEBRANTS TODAY

Pastor Dan Snyder, Worship Leader

Steve Mentzer, Worship Host

Matt Weaver, Organist/Pianist

Mark Williams, Director of Music

Kellen Mikesell, Violin

Byron Mikesell, Accompanist

Prayer of Preparation

I lay my kingdom at your feet, O God, trusting that you will care for it while I worship you this morning. Help me to focus on you and the work that you are doing in the world, in my neighborhood and in my life. For the Glory of Jesus Christ, Amen.

GATHERING

CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Worship is stepping out of the highways and traffic of our lives in the world and stepping into Sacred Space. In this Space God's people have gathered for generations to find refuge during times of great crisis. They cheer us today as we look to Heaven for Life, for Love, for Hope, for Strength. As they cared for their own souls, they became caretakers of their times. If we do not care for our own souls, how will we care for the soul of our culture?

ALL: **Lead us, O Christ, most joyful Son of God. We have come to celebrate that You are making all things new.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE (BLUE HYMNAL) #272 ***God of the Sparrow***

[Prayer Cards are collected by the ushers and handed to the Pastor]

*PRAYERS OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

ALL: **Good and Beautiful God, Yours is a Kingdom of Love and Abundance. Without You living is lonely. Without You living is full of worry. Without You living is exhausting and overbearing. Our world, our nation and our neighborhoods are poisoned by the consequences of all that humans are doing apart from You. It may take generations to clean up the mess. We put our hope in Your Kingdom and in Your ways to save us and to save us quickly. Hear our cry for mercy.**

(Time of silent prayers of confession)

One: In Jesus' name we pray.

All: Amen.

*PARDON

ONE: Through Christ, we have been given the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ; God making his appeal through us. The grand invitation is to be reconciled to God. Hear and believe the Good News of a God who loves to forgive!

ALL: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.**

*Gloria Patri (BLUE hymnal #579)

*SHARING PEACE

ONE: May the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

ONE: Let us greet each other with a sign of Christ's peace.

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

8:30 **Meditation from *Thaïs***

Jules Massenet

11:00 ***This is My Father's World***

Elaine Hagenberg

*DOXOLOGY (BLUE HYMNAL #592)

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS **Genesis 1:26-31 / Genesis 2:5-18**

MESSAGE **"Working with God's Design "**

Dan Snyder

- I. Our Work is an extension of God's Care for Creation. All work is Care.
- II. In a power-oriented world 'dominion' and 'subdue' have destructive connotations.
- III. As cultural caretakers we heal relationships, and bring order and beauty to the world.
- IV. The work of worship renews us and waters our soul.

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Take a moment to quietly consider the Scriptures and Message of the day

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ***The Apostles' Creed*** (traditional, pg. 14 in the Blue Hymnal)

SENDING

*HYMN

8:30 (BLUE HYMNAL) #293 ***This is My Father's World***

11:00 (BLUE HYMNAL) #297 ***O Lord of Every Shining Constellation***

*THE BLESSING

*CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE ***I Sing the Mighty Power of God***

Gesangbuch der Herzog/arr. Skillings

***ALL WHO ARE ABLE, PLEASE STAND**

Flower Dedication

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given in loving memory of their parents, Ray & Evelyn Hill and Frederick & Jane Love, by Perry and Cathy Love.

Sunday Morning Christian Formation

Infants, Toddlers & Pre-schoolers

(ages 6wks through Preschool)

8:30am—12:30pm

Room 37

Down the Hallway (just past the elevator) from Shirk Hall

Fully furnished by Lakeshore Learning Materials and staffed by early childhood educators, we invite all families with young children to take advantage of this resource.

Children & Youth 10am Faith Formation Hour



Children [K—grade 6] Upper level classrooms [rooms are marked by age]

Child Drop-off/Pick-up

Children attending **Cherry Street Worship** (9am) with their parents are escorted from the worship service to their classrooms.

Parents pick children up from their classrooms at 10:50am.

Parents attending 8:30am or 11:00am, please drop off and pick up your child directly from their classrooms. Drop-off: 9:50 / Pick-up 10:50



FPC Student Ministry

[7th—9th Grade]

Upper level classrooms [rooms are marked by age]

[10th—12th Grade]

Meet in the Youth Café - Ground Level

Christian Formation for Adults

9:30 am

Feasting on the Word

G. Mann Rm., adjacent to Café First (ground level)
Bible-based lecture/discussion preceded by hymns

TODAY

“The Lord Almighty”
Revelation 4

April 29

“Blessing, Glory, Honor Forever”
Revelation 5:6-14

10:00am—10:50am

Trending in the Chapel

TODAY

“The World of Nehemiah”

Dr. Julia O'Brien, professor Hebrew Bible/Old Testament at Lancaster Theological Seminary, prepares us for our Summer Preaching Series on the Book of Nehemiah - a journal of one man's discovery of God's mission. Dr. O'Brien's insight will raise important cultural and religious questions that will help this message take root in our settings.

APR 29 - Happy Hour!

An all-ages all-church gathering on the last Sunday of every month at 10:00am in the Lobby.

10:00am—10:50am

The Fascinating Story of the Bible

Café First (ground level)

“How did we get the Bible in English?”

This is the final class in the series—led by Dan Snyder and Bill Adams. Come hear the story of all the trials and joys that went into bringing forth the Bible in English. Hear about the Geneva Bible that the Pilgrims carried on the Mayflower. Learn how the King James Bible advanced the British empire and enriched our language today.

(drop-ins welcome!)

Connecting with FPC Youth Ministry

A 5-week series of classes is being offered to all adults that have an interest in being part of the network of care that shepherds our youth through their teenage years. Many of us desire to support our young people but feel unequipped or unsure how to relate. These classes feature speakers on a range of topics aimed at helping adults grow in their youth ministry skills. Classes begin April 29 and continue May 6, 20, 27 and June 3 – held from 4pm-6pm with the option to stay afterward and participate in youth group. If you are curious about whether God may be inviting you to connect with FPC teens, this is a great way to explore that. If interested, please contact Justin Inners: justin@fpclive.org, 717-394-6854.

Call for Artwork: Arts Appreciation Sunday

On May 13 we'll celebrate 'Arts Appreciation Sunday' here at FPC. We will be featuring a congregation-wide, all-ages (even our littlest worshippers!) art display throughout the building during May. We have a special emphasis on Poetry this year, however any medium is welcome, including painting, drawing, ceramics, sculpture, jewelry, photography, knitted items, textiles, print-making, etc.

If you have artwork to include in the show, please email Lee Levato (lee.lovett@hotmail.com) with what you intend to submit. Drop off your artwork in the church office by May 2 with a note that includes your name, title of work and medium. Let's celebrate together the creativity of this community!

Sunday AM Volunteer Support for Infants & Toddlers

Infants and young children of First Presbyterian Church need volunteer childcare support on Sunday mornings. If you are willing and able to help on Sunday mornings (regularly or occasionally) in a volunteer capacity, please contact Elder Julie Mathers to express interest and learn more about how you can help. Julie can be reached at 123nibbies@gmail.com or (717) 770-3104. You must have the necessary Pennsylvania clearances and background checks (we can assist you in obtaining these, if needed).

Call for Church Officer Nominations

Now is the time of year when we seek to identify leaders within our congregation to join with our present Elders, Deacons and Trustees in the coming year. Who comes to your mind as a servant leader in our community? Please recommend names of members of the congregation (including yourself) to Geoff Kohler (geoff@fpclive.org, 717-394-6854). You don't need to ask permission to recommend someone...you're not signing anyone up. We'll make the ask, but it's helpful to know who is recognized as a leader or caregiver in our community.



Upcoming Concerts

Friday, May 18th, 7:30pm
Penn Square Music Festival
"Younger Than Springtime"

An Evening of Operetta and Musical Theatre that will have you dancing in the aisles and grinning all night. Four Young Artists will perform Broadway and Operetta favorites with the beauty of classically trained voices.

Anthem text: *This Is My Father's World* – arr. Elaine Hagenberg

This is my Father's world,
and to my listening ears
all nature sings, and round me rings
the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world:
I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;
his hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world,
the birds their carols raise,
the morning light, the lily white,
declare their Maker's praise.
This is my Father's world:
He shines in all that's fair;
in the rustling grass I hear Him pass;
He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world.
O let me ne'er forget
that though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father's world,
The battle is not done,
Jesus who died will be satisfied
And heaven and earth be one.

Maltbie D. Babcock