

First Presbyterian Church Lancaster

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Worship Resources For

June 25, 2017

Celebrating the Ministry of Rev. Don Hackett & Family



Rev. Dr. Erin Cox-Holmes, Worship Leader

Mark Williams, Director of Music

Matt Weaver, Organist

Rila Hackett, Pianist

Alison Mekeel, Soloist

Prayer of Preparation

God of grace, you have given us minds to know you, hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may celebrate your love, rest in your care, and delight in your beauty. Help us to worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Flower Dedication

*The Community of First Presbyterian Church of Lancaster
is pleased to dedicate the flowers in our
Sanctuary in honor and celebration of our friends,
Don and Rila Hackett.*

*Thank you for 19 years of ministry that
filled our hearts and led our steps.*

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR 8:45 & 11:00

PRELUDE *Meditation on a Folk Song*
Come, Thou Fount

arr. By Joseph Martin

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GATHERING

CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN OF PRAISE (BLUE HYMNAL) #455 *All Creatures of Our God and King*

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

*PRAYERS OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION (by Beth Merrill Neel)

Leader: Each week as a community we set aside time to admit our sin. For some, sin is hurting someone else. For others, sin is creating a rift between people. Sin may be our self-induced separation from God. However we experience sin, let us offer to God what lies heavily in our hearts this day, first in silent prayer.

(Time of silent prayers of confession)

**All: O Holy God, we know we have fallen short.
We turn our backs when we could embrace.
We remain silent when we could speak.
We speak when we could listen.
We close the door when we could fling it wide open.
We judge when we could seek understanding.
We cling when we could give.
Forgive us, O God, for being so very human at times, and help us
to continue to grow into the people you created us to be, through
Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*PARDON (JOHN 3:16)

One: This is how much God loved the world: He gave his Son, his one and only Son. And this is why: so that no one need be destroyed; by believing in him, anyone can have a whole and lasting life. God didn't go to all the trouble of sending his Son merely to point an accusing finger, telling the world how bad it was. He came to help, to put the world right again. My friends, hear and believe the good news...

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

*Gloria Patri (BLUE hymnal #579)

*SHARING PEACE

Leader: As God's forgiven and beloved people let us greet each other with a sign of Christ's peace.

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

8:45 SERVICE

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Revelation 21:1-5; 22: 1-5

Romans 8:18-28; 37-39

MESSAGE Rev. Dr. Erin Cox-Holmes

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But Hallelujah ”**

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

My Jesus I Love Thee

Dan Forrest

Trinitarian Blessings

K. Lee Scott as a benediction

*DOXOLOGY (BLUE HYMNAL #592)

11:00 SERVICE

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INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from Brief Statement of Faith PCUSA 1983)

In Unison:

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

SENDING

*HYMN (see below) ***Love Divine, All Loves Excelling***

A special reading in parts, written by Tracey Marx, former associate of First Presbyterian, is interspersed between the verses that will be sung by the congregation.

*THE BLESSING

RESPONSE

Brother James' Air (The Lord is My Shepherd) [11:00]

arr. Larry Shackley

POSTLUDE

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling An Interspersed Prayer and Hymn

♪ **Congregation: Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling;
All Thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus Thou art all compassion,
Pure, unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation;
Enter every trembling heart.**

Leader: We turn to you, in prayer, O Lord, thanking you for the ministry of Don and Rila Hackett here at First Presbyterian Church in Lancaster. We thank you for 19 years of faithful service, and for all that they have shared with us. We thank you for Don, and for his boundless enthusiasm, his relentless vision for reaching those who need your good news, and his unwavering optimism in the face of any challenge. For his ability to empower and equip others, for his willingness to be vulnerable in his leadership, for his keen insight into how to apply scripture to life, we give you thanks. And we thank you for Rila, for the musical giftedness that she freely shares with such grace, for the exquisite intensity that she brings to all of her interactions and for her ability to speak her truth in an eloquent and articulate way. For her countless hours with the various musical ensembles of the church, for her piano playing that touches the soul, and for her interpretations of scripture that help us to hear your word in new and meaningful ways, we give you thanks. Love Divine, all loves excelling, enter every trembling heart as we celebrate Don and Rila, and their family, and bid them farewell.

♪ **Congregation: Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit
Into every troubled breast!
Let us all in Thee inherit;
Let us find the promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning,
Set our hearts at liberty.**

Leader: Leave-taking is never easy, O Lord, and we can be left feeling hesitant and uncertain amidst change or transition of any sort. So we offer to you any feelings of sadness at saying good-bye and any worry or wonder about what the future might hold. This church belongs to you, O God. Don and Rila belong to you. We belong to you, and we seek to be faithful followers of Jesus in the unique way that that we are called. Breathe, O breathe your loving Spirit into each one of us. And free our hearts from anything that weighs us down. You are the Alpha and Omega, our beginning and our end.

♪ **Congregation: Come, Almighty to deliver,
Let us all Thy life receive;
Suddenly return and never,
Nevermore Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
Pray and praise Thee without ceasing,
Glory in Thy perfect love.**

Leader: Bless this dear couple, O God, as they walk into a new future, serving you in ways that are not yet known. We do know that you walk with them, and will provide all that they need. Give them unwavering courage to hold onto each other, to hold onto you and to hold onto years of good memories here at First Presbyterian. May they receive life, O Lord, abundant life in you and with you as they discern their future and as they trust you along the way. Bless their children as they take their faith memories from this church and allow them to be roots from which new growth will emerge in new places. And may you bless us, O God, as we move forward on our journey. May we pray and praise you without ceasing, as we give you the glory and find deep rest in your perfect love.

♪ **Congregation: Finish, then, Thy new creation;
Pure and spotless let us be.
Let us see Thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in Thee;
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise.**

Leader: We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Life of the Church

Caring in the City:

Food Drive

Caring in the City is having a Food Drive during the months of June and July. The food cart is located in the Foyer on the main level (adjacent to the Sanctuary). All shelf-stable foods are welcome! Bags are available for your donations. Thank You!!

Homeless Community Meal

Caring in the City will be serving at the Community Homeless meal at First Reformed on Tuesday, June 27 (5:30pm-6:30pm). Volunteers are needed to serve and clean up. If you would like to help, please contact Kristina Sloyer: 290-7286 or acsdvm@aol.com.

Uniform Drive

During the month of July the Caring in the City Committee will be holding its Annual Uniform Drive to benefit students in the School District of Lancaster. These donations are taken to the Pearl Street United Methodist Church which runs a uniform bank for all schools in the district. Referrals are made by the schools and the bank begins filling orders the 2nd week of August. Please help by donating new or very gently used items-boxes will be located in the foyer and Shirk Hall.

Monetary donations are also greatly appreciated and are primarily used by the bank to purchase unusual sizes. Checks should be made payable to Pearl St UMC, with uniform bank in memo line, and dropped off at our church office.

Uniforms consist of navy blue or khaki pants, skirts or jumpers, and white, navy and light blue collared shirts or polos. All sizes, especially larger ones (including adult sizes), are needed and are sold at K-Mart, Walmart, Old Navy, and JC Penney's.

Thank You! From Woge's Warriors

Thanks to all those who supported us during the past year. We raised \$16,500 for the American Cancer Society! Again thank you for your generosity and support.

Prayer Update: Choral Camp & Boston Trip

Last Sunday we invited the FPC congregation to pray for two significant events in the life of our church that took place this past week: Summer Kids Choral Camp and the Youth Mission Trip to Boston. Both endeavors were profoundly fruitful. Our Choral Camp kids enjoyed an enormously fun week together exploring musical expression, friendship and God - all culminating in a concert on Friday night where they collaborated with the Wheatland Chorale. Our Youth worked hard together in Boston, working side by side, deepening community with one another, offering practical hands-on help and enjoying the adventure of it all. May both of these experiences bear lasting, life-giving influence in the hearts and minds of these young people. Thank you so much for your prayers!

Save the Date!

Here is a heads-up on some FPC events you'll not want to miss:

July 9 – Harrar Family Celebration & Send-off

August 4 – SENT Golf Tournament

September 24 – FPC 275th Anniversary Worship Celebration

October 7- 8 – Overnight Men's Retreat at Potomac Park Retreat Ctr.

The Nursery

[infants & toddlers]

Open 8:15am—12:15pm

*Staffed with professional caregivers,
providing a caring and safe environment for
young children to learn and play*
[Main Level, Rooms 117 & 118]

**Summer Sunday Morning
Christian Formation Schedule**

Adults

9:45am

FEASTING ON THE WORD

Adjacent to Café First
[Ground Level]

Bible-based lecture/discussion preceded by hymns

Today

“Sampson”

Judges 13-16

Rev. Robert Larson

Next Week

“Moses”

Exodus 3

Rev. Robert Larson

Blue Challenge

The Blue Challenge offering is received each Sunday morning, over and above our regular giving, and goes to support specific mission projects we support on a regular basis. Most of the Blue Challenge recipients are from our immediate community.

The amount collected last week for the Samaritan Counseling Center was: \$252

The Samaritan Counseling Center

The Samaritan Counseling Center fosters hope and healing through professional counseling, consultation and education while respecting and integrating personal and spiritual values. Samaritan also provides quality programming on mental health issues to members of our community through its TeenHope (depression screening & suicide prevention for teens) and SafeChurch

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(717) 299-4855 Suicide Hotline

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May We Share Your Name?

Prayer Request/

CALENDAR Week of JUNE 26, 2017

Monday, JUN 26		
Tuesday, JUN 27	Jr. High Serve Local Mission Experience Noon AA 5:30 Caring in the City Homeless Community Meal 7pm Philippians Bible Study	Wellspring First Reformed Chapel
Wednesday, JUN 28	Jr. High Serve Local Mission Experience 9am—11:30 Church Staff Mtgs. 6:30pm Women's Small Group Study 7pm AA Women	Dream Room G Mann Rm Wellspring
Thursday, JUN 29	Jr. High Serve Local Mission Experience 9am Women's Small Group Study Noon AA 2pm Galatians Bible Study 7pm Cherry Street Band Rehearsal	G. Mann Rm Wellspring Willow Valley North Shirk Hall
Friday, JUN 230	Church Office Closes at Noon	
Saturday, JUL 1		
Sunday, JUL 2	Communion Sunday	

JUN 25 2017

Welcome to First Presbyterian

8:45
 9:00
 11:00
 Member
 Visitor
 Attend Regularly

NAME(S) _____

EMAIL _____ PHONE _____

STREET _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

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<input type="radio"/> I/We would like contact with a pastor
<input type="radio"/> I/We would like to receive news and info about events happening at FPC.
[please select your preference: <input type="radio"/> Mail <input type="radio"/> Email] |
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Several years ago, First Presbyterian participated in Fig Magazine's "LancHappy" project - a fun storytelling initiative all about ordinary people finding and creating happiness in the City of Lancaster. When Fig came to FPC for the photo shoot, each person was asked to write out the answer to the question: *"What makes you happy?"*



"Encouraging Others"

Don & Rila - we can't imagine a more true and fitting way to describe the sincere, gracious and powerful ways you have uplifted this community. **Thank you for encouraging us**, over and over again, to be the community of faith that God has called us to be.

Cover Image: "Angels Desire To Look Into" 1 Peter 1:12
by Mark Lawrence