

# TODAY

## At Fox Chapel Presbyterian Church

Rev. Dr. Donna Giver-Johnston  
"Finding God Between the Devil and the Deep Blue Sea"  
Psalm 32 | Matthew 4:1-11

8:15 AM	Cup & Loaf Worship Service	Chapel
9:30 AM	Contemporary Worship Service	Fellowship Hall
	Children's Activities	
	Nursery Care	Room 109
	Comfort Space	Room 107
11:00 AM	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary
	Kid's Church	Chapel
	Nursery Care	Room 109
	Comfort Space	Room 107
2:00 PM	MS Youth Group	Youth Lounge
4:00 PM	HS Youth Group	Youth Lounge

Church Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00 AM-3:00 PM  
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### *Welcome, Guests!*

We are so glad you are here to worship with us today.

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### **WELCOME, GUEST PASTOR DONNA GIVER-JOHNSTON**

Dr. Giver-Johnston joins us this week for worship. She has served in pastoral ministry for more than 20 years, and currently serves as the pastor and head of staff at Community PC of Ben Avon in Pittsburgh, PA, where she has been since 2013. She is also a theological educator, having taught in the areas of liturgy and worship, homiletics, and field education in a variety of settings.



### **WELCOME, SARAH HAYS**

FCPC warmly welcomes our new Office Administrator, Sarah Hays! Sarah lives with her husband, two teenaged daughters, and assorted pets in Indiana Township. When she finds some spare time she enjoys long walks, reading, spending time with her family, and drinking coffee. Sarah is very happy to be joining the office staff and looks forward to getting to know everyone at FCPC!

Fox Chapel Presbyterian Church  
February 26, 2023

# Highlights

*As a community of  
Christ's disciples,  
we joyfully  
participate in  
Christ's mission of  
love and peace,  
transformation and  
hope.*

## JOIN THE PRODUCTION TEAM!

Are you an A/V enthusiast? Looking for videography and/or sound board experience? Interested in a whole new way to participate in regular Sunday morning services? FCPC is looking for individuals to join our livestream production team on an occasional, voluntary basis. Contact Ryan and/or Jenny for more information: [ryan@fcpc.us](mailto:ryan@fcpc.us); [jenny@fcpc.us](mailto:jenny@fcpc.us)

## FCPC YOUTH



### Summer Youth Trips—Save the Dates!

**Chicago July 1-7.** This trip is open for students 9<sup>th</sup> grade to college age. On this trip we will spend the week helping with different programs in the city of Chicago. We'll meet and engage with residents where they live, hear their stories, and spread some love. We will also explore and get to know the city of Chicago throughout the week. This will be a unique but great trip!

**Surf City August 6-11.** This trip is open for students 6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> grade for the '23-'24 school year. Join us for a week in Michigan as we explore sand dunes, ride wave runners, experience God in nature, and so much more!

Registration is now open for both trips. Access the form on the youth ministry page of the website.

## MESSAGE FROM ROGER

Dear Friends,

A few weeks ago, Mary Clare, our thirteen-year-old, announced one evening, "I feel like stargazing." It was a chilly evening, but it was also one of those crystal-clear winter nights: cold with low humidity. Jupiter and Venus were flirting in the southeastern sky. It *was* a great night to study the heavens. She bundled up, tucked a pillow under her arm, grabbed the blue plaid comforter that rests by the front door for just such occasions, and headed out.

When she came back in a little later, she didn't have much to say. Later that night, when I was tucking her in, she said, "Dad, here's the thing about looking at the stars: It makes you realize how tiny you really are."

I thought of the 14<sup>th</sup> Century English mystic Julian of Norwich. God gave her visions, and in one vision, she wrote, "God showed me a little thing, in the palm of my hand, round like a ball, no bigger than a hazelnut." As she puzzled over what this could be, God told her, "It is all of creation." She couldn't believe how insignificant it was, and she marveled that it didn't disintegrate, collapsing into nothingness. Then God spoke to her again: "It lasts, both now and forever, because I cherish it." All that is, tiny, and sustained by God's love.

The season of Lent is an opportunity for sustained self-examination and confession. But I worry that when we hear the word "confession" we think it means admitting to God how bad we've been and unworthy we are, that the word encourages us to cultivate what the German theologian Wolfhart Pannenberg called "Protestant guilt-consciousness piety."

But *sin* is not the primary content of our confession. *Truth* is. And there is much truth worthy of confession. My daughter made a confession the other night: We are tiny, insignificant. That is true. Julian of Norwich made a confession: We are loved and sustained by God. Also true. Saint Paul made a confession when he wrote that "all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). Equally true (but not *more* true). Psalm 8 makes a startling confession, beginning where Mary Clare began, with our relative insignificance: "When I look at your heavens . . . the moon and the stars [I ask] what are human beings that you are mindful of them?" But the writer knows the answer: "You have . . . crowned them with glory and honor" (vv. 3-5). True—all of it.

We confess more than our sin. We confess the complex, complicated truth of what it means to be human. Tiny. Loved. Cherished. Confused. Glorious. Sinful. Redeemed. It would be a mistake to obsess over one of these qualities at the expense of the others.

When I look at the heavens, I agree with the psalmist and my daughter—we are but a speck, here one instant, gone the next. When I confess my sin, I acknowledge that as a speck, I try to create a life of significance on my own terms. When I experience God in prayer, I confess my gratitude that God's loving care sustains this speck of a life, that I'm cherished beyond measure—as all of us are. Perhaps the truest truth of them all.

Peace,

Roger

Co-Senior Pastor



**FCPC Preschool  
Registration Open**

<https://www.fcpc.us/preschool>

Schedule your tour by emailing [Karin@fcpc.us](mailto:Karin@fcpc.us) or calling 412-406-6617.

## AN INVITATION FOR SINGERS

The Chancel Choir is looking for some singers from our congregation to join them for this year's 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Sponsorship Concert on Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>. We will be joined by the 21-piece Academy Chamber Orchestra in Felix Mendelssohn's *Hymn of Praise* and John Rutter's *Requiem*. Rehearsals will be for 7 Thursdays, beginning February 9<sup>th</sup> from 7:30-8:30 pm, and a rehearsal with the orchestra on Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup> from 10am-1pm. If you might be interested in this exciting opportunity, please contact David Billings (david@fcpc.us or 412-334-9502).

## CHORAL CONCERT

The Pittsburgh Concert Chorale will be presenting their winter concert here on Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm. The concert "Luminous: Music Inspired by Light" features the 110-voice chorale and a string ensemble, directed by Dr. Susan Medley. Tickets are available at the door, at [www.PCCsing.org](http://www.PCCsing.org), and at 412-635-7654.



### Comfort Space

Room 107  
9:30AM & 11AM Services

A place to comfort or feed a child  
and watch the service

## CHILDREN'S SUNDAY PROGRAMS

**8:15 AM Worship** No children's programming though all are welcome to attend worship with their loved ones.

**9:30 AM Contemporary Service** All children are invited to stay in worship and engage in activities with Pastor Lori at the back of Fellowship Hall.

**9:30 AM & 11 AM Nursery Care** Room 109, for ages (0-3) in room 109. Staffed by two adult professionals.

**9:30 AM & 11 AM Comfort Space** Room 107. A place to comfort or feed a child and watch the worship service.

**10:15-10:55 Children's Choir** Choir Room. For age 5 to 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Directed by Miss Hannah Roux.

**11:00 AM Kids Church** For age 3 to 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Children are signed in prior to worship and begin the service with loved ones. Following the Children's Message, children are led to the lower level Kids' Space. Parents/guardians can pick up their children in the lower level unless otherwise indicated.

**Questions/Concerns? Contact our Director of Children and Family Ministry, Pastor Lori: call/text 412-737-1412 or email [lori@fcpc.us](mailto:lori@fcpc.us)**

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

### Monday, February 27, 2023

8:00 AM-2:30 PM: Preschool (Fellowship Hall)  
8:00 AM-12:30 PM: Preschool (Rms.107&109)  
11:00 AM-1:00 PM Backpack for Hunger (Chapel)  
2:00-3:00 PM: Knitting Group (Library)  
7:00-9:00 PM: Session Mtg. (Chapel)

### Tuesday, February 28, 2023

7:30-9:00 AM: Men's Prayer Fellowship (Lounge)  
8:00 AM-2:30 PM: Preschool (Fellowship Hall)  
8:00 AM-12:30 PM: Preschool (Rms.107&109)  
9:30-10:30 AM: Staff Mtg (Lounge)

### Wednesday, March 1, 2023

8:00 AM-2:30 PM: Preschool (Fellowship Hall)  
8:00 AM-12:30 PM: Preschool (Rms.107&109)  
9:00-10:30 AM: Community Bible Study (LL310)  
6:30-8:00 PM: Wednesday Night Live (Fellowship Hall, LL)

### Thursday, March 2, 2023

8:00 AM-2:30 PM: Preschool (Fellowship Hall)  
8:00 AM-12:30 PM: Preschool (Rms.107&109)  
6:30-7:30 PM: Bell Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)  
7:30-8:30 PM: Al-Anon (Library)  
7:30-9:30 PM: Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)  
7:30-9:30 PM: Keep It Simple AA (Lounge/Chapel)

### Friday, March 3, 2023

8:00 AM-2:30 PM: Preschool (Fellowship Hall)  
8:00 AM-12:30 PM: Preschool (Rms.107&109)  
2:00-3:00 PM: Susan Sphar Memorial Service (Sanctuary)  
7:00-8:00 PM: PCC Dress Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

### Saturday, March 4, 2023

10:00 AM-12:00 PM: FCAHS Musical Awards (Lounge)  
7:30-8:30 PM: Pittsburgh Concert Chorale Classical (Sanctuary, Atrium)

### Sunday, March 5, 2023

8:15 AM: Cup & Loaf Worship Service (Chapel)  
9:30 AM: Contemporary Worship Service (Fellowship Hall)  
10:15-10:55 AM: Children's Choir (Choir Room)  
11:00 AM: Traditional Worship Service (Sanctuary)  
12:30-2:00 PM: Calvert City Orientation #1 (Lounge)  
2:00-3:30 PM: MS Youth Group (Youth Lounge)  
4:00-5:30 PM: HS Youth Group (Youth Lounge)

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE KIDS + LOVED ONES

**THIS WEDNESDAY  
3/1/23!**

PAINT JESUS WALKING ON WATER!  
LED BY ARTIST, JENNY KAMMERER

6PM DINNER/SNACKS

6:30PM PRAYER AND DISCUSSION

7-8PM EXPERIENCING SCRIPTURE  
STORIES THROUGH THE ARTS!

YOU MUST SIGN UP SO WE HAVE  
ENOUGH SUPPLIES!! USE THE QR CODE!  
QUESTIONS? CALL/TEXT PASTOR LORI  
412-737-1412

FOR ELEMENTARY AGE  
CHILDREN AND ANY  
FAMILY/FRIENDS!  
CHILDREN YOUNGER  
THAN KINDERGARTEN  
MUST BE ACCOMPANIED  
BY AN ADULT.



## CARE & CONCERN

### CURRENT/RECENT ILLNESS OR HOSPITALIZATION:

Astrid Bitzer, June White, Gary Williamson, Joan Sieber, Mary Lou Mielecki, Diane Mercer, Phoebe Joseph, Joe Stephenson, Mason Bennetts, Sarah Crittendon, David Fowler, Salli Lodge, Matt Scott

### Prayer Concerns

Lili Rosenthal and her family, Charlotte Bradham, Clark family, friends of Bob Heister, Bob, friend of Brian Baxter

### Sympathy:

Prayers for Holly Sphar and family on the death of his wife, Susan, on 2/17/23.

### Congratulations:

Congratulations to Brian and Margo Baxter on the birth of their first grandson, Harry Baxter on 2/2/23.

## KEEP US INFORMED

Please let us know about illness, hospitalization, prayer concerns or other needs for pastoral care by calling the church office (412-963-8243) or emailing penny@fcpc.us

## CHANCEL FLOWERS

There are dates available for 2023 to provide flowers for the chancel. Your order of flowers beautifies the sanctuary and is a wonderful opportunity to honor or remember someone special. Arrangements are \$55, and orders can be placed by contacting penny@fcpc.us or 412-963-8451.

## WORSHIP SERVICE RECORDINGS

For your convenience, the worship services are available on the FCPC YouTube channel: [www.youtube.com/@FoxChapelPresby/streams](http://www.youtube.com/@FoxChapelPresby/streams)

Scan with your  
phone to give online:



## BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

**February 27:** Katie Vincett, Jim Sample

**February 28:** Elinor Lindsay, Laurel Schultz, Brian Zimmerman, Holly Stewart, Tom Taylor, Christopher Good, Sam Bitzer, Pat McCarthy

**March 1:** Autumn Katarincic, Ned West, GiGi Rygelski, Maddie Marcussen, Lance Good

**March 2:** Nancy Boyd, Elyse Armstrong, Ed Siddons

**March 3:** Jane Flannery, Larry Niemann, Bill Dawson III, Wilson Todd

**March 4:** Bill Succop, Gus Schroeder Jr., Ava Persichetti, Callan Stallard

**March 5:** Dennis Dudley, Rachel Ferris

Fox Chapel  
Presbyterian Church  
Ages 4-5th grade  
July 10-14, 2023  
1PM-4PM

In God's eyes,  
You are never too young  
to make a change!

# CHANGEMAKERS LAB VBS

Sign ups are now open!  
Follow the QR code to our Children & Family  
ministry page to link and register  
Questions? Text/Call Pastor Lori 412-737-1412

## CONTACT INFO UPDATES

Have you recently moved, changed your phone number or changed your email?

So that you receive FCPC information, we want to keep your contact information up-to-date. Please contact Penny in the church office with any changes.

## HEARING DEVICES

Hearing devices are available in the FCPC sanctuary! Ask an usher for a hearing device, or if you have a hearing aid that has the T-Coil activated, you can ask for a T-Coil neckloop receiver.

**Submissions for "HIGHLIGHTS" are due to Sarah, at [sarah@fcpc.us](mailto:sarah@fcpc.us) by 5:00 PM on Monday.**