

FOX CHAPEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Highlights



Fill the Truck

TODAY | 8 AM - 12 PM | CHAPEL

Join us today before and after worship services to help "Fill the Truck." We will be boxing up donations collected over the past month to deliver to local food pantries.

Concert Series - The Heritage Gospel Chorale of Pittsburgh

Feb 15 | 4 PM | Sanctuary

Come hear The Heritage Gospel Chorale of Pittsburgh! They will be presenting a concert here at Fox Chapel Presbyterian Church as part of our concert series. The chorale is founded and conducted by renowned Pittsburgh-area music director Dr. Herbert V.R.P. Jones.

No tickets are required. Mark your calendars to be with us!



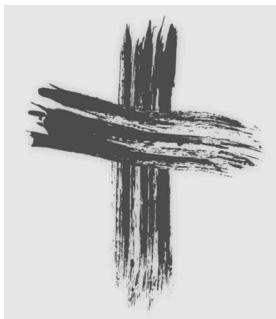
Welcome Rev. Dr. John Bell, New Interim Pastor

The Rev. Dr. John H. Bell, Jr., recently retired as the senior pastor of Wellshire Presbyterian Church in Denver, Colorado, after 25 fruitful years as pastor of that congregation. The multi-pastor church is known for its strong music program, a commitment to mission, leadership in the presbytery, and youth programming. Prior to his call to Denver, he served churches in Mississippi, Tennessee, and Georgia. He was ordained in 1988.

Dr. Bell loves the Presbyterian church. Creatively and collaboratively working with Session and staff to create vibrant and meaningful programming and mission projects gives him joy. He is a capable moderator who runs efficient and effective meetings. He was on the host committee for General Assembly when it was in Denver in 2003, and he was elected twice to be a commissioner to later General Assemblies. And he has long served on Committees on Ministry of the Presbytery and as moderator of the Candidates for Ministry Committee.



Dr. Bell's start date at FCPC is February 16, 2026.



Ash Wednesday Service

Feb 18 | 7 PM | Fellowship Hall

Join us for a quiet, reflective, and child-friendly Ash Wednesday service at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Rev. Cheryl will be preaching, and our new interim pastor, John Bell, along with our youth, will lead us in the liturgy. The service will include contemplative music and the imposition of ashes, offering a meaningful and accessible way for all ages to begin the season of Lent together. All are welcome.

Committee Updates

Welcome New Class of Elders & Deacons

Elder Class of 2028

Bob Heister
Steve Huntington
Walter McGhee
Connie Phillips
Jon Sweringen

Deacon Class of 2028

Jane Charlton
Cristie Good
Gail Harger
Wayne Hoover
Joe Mettenburg
Pat O'Connell
Emiy Rocha
Gwen Zaleski

After elections Feb 1st, today the 2028 class of Deacons and Elders will be ordained and installed.

Call For Harvest Fair Leadership Volunteers

Harvest Fair (HF) has been a part of life at Fox Chapel Pres for nearly 50 years. Our church uses this annual mega rummage sale to generate and contribute funds and goods to a wide variety of 501c organizations. We help those who help people in need in a very big way. This note is to share an important update: after contributing many years leading the HF event planning, collection of goods, sales weekend and online implementation, and the distribution of post-sale funds and remaining goods, we are sending a big "Thank You" to Gwen Zaleski and Fay Powell. Anyone who has engaged and contributed their time to Harvest Fair know how much and how effectively they have volunteered their time, and how wonderful these two ladies have been to work with.

Now it is time for us to establish a new leadership team for Harvest Fair. Fay and Gwen will still be with us to turn over to our new leader(s), provide coaching, and support specific individual HF areas and actions, but we need a new leadership structure for the 2026 HF and beyond. By getting engaged you can be a part of deciding how we structure the HF leadership team going forward.

If you see this opportunity as an area where you can apply your organizational and communication skills to help others in need, please send an email expressing your interest to Katie in the office at katie@fcpc.us. Also, feel free to talk directly with Fay, Gwen, Jay Thier, or Steve Huntington to address any questions you may have on what is involved.

And again, thank you Fay and Gwen at this time of transition, and thank you to all the many saints that have help make Harvest Fair a wonderfully positive event that benefits so many in our community in so many ways for so many years.

Chili Cook-Off Thank You & Winners

2026 BJ Ferguson FCPC Chili Cook-off: The Fellowship Team would like to extend its sincere thanks and appreciation to all those who helped to make the 2026 BJ Ferguson FCPC Chili Cook-off a rousing success. The event could not have happened without the assistance of the staff, caretakers, the congregation and, of course, the chili chefs and judges!! The event raised \$110 to donate to Animal Friends in memory of BJ Ferguson. Thanks to all who donated! Before we start planning for the 2027 Cook-off, it's time to acknowledge this year's winners:

Youth Category: *1st Place*: Gigi Mettenburg; *2nd Place*: Enzo Sundy; *3rd Place*: Luke Martin

Healthy/Vegetarian: *1st Place*: Barb and Pat O'Connell; *2nd Place*: Charlie Skinner; *3rd Place*: Toby Eberhart

Non-Traditional Category: *1st Place*: Chet Karas; *2nd Place*: Ann Boyd; *3rd Place*: Lance Good

Traditional Category: *1st Place*: Kathy Smith; *2nd Place*: Bob Otte; *3rd Place*: Tom Walker

Congregational Care

GriefShare Group - Spring Session

Mar 5 - May 29 | 9:30 - 11:30 AM | Chapel

GriefShare is a grief support group led by trained lay leaders from Fox Chapel Presbyterian Church that have been called to provide this compassionate ministry to people from our congregation and community that are grieving the death of a spouse, child, family member, or friend.



The goal of this group is to provide a Christ-centered, safe, welcoming place where people can come together to talk about their loss with others that are walking a similar journey. This 13-week group uses videos, workbook exercises, and in person discussion to work through common grief topics, providing tools and resources that are helpful in healing after a loss.

Sign up at <https://find.griefshare.org/groups/288144> or by scanning the QR code.

Questions? Reach out to Gail Harger at gailharger@verizon.net



Soup Ministry

We're so happy to continue blessing others with soup! There is still soup available in the freezer in the church kitchen labeled "Soup Ministry." Everyone is invited to gift a soup to someone in need, sharing God's love with others. Thank you to all that have been taking soup to their family, friends, and neighbors. It is through these simple acts of support that we build community and strengthen our faith.

Questions? Reach out to Juli Huntington at juli_huntington@msn.com

Congregational Prayer Group

Tuesdays | 10 am | Library

During this time of transition, a small group continues to **meet on Tuesday mornings at 10am in the Library**. We pray for: the church staff, all our leaders, our members, those in the community, the various search committees, those who have left the church, those who are hurting, and for each other. We pray specifically for corporate unity, wisdom, and the strength to embrace the opportunity for growth. We would love to see more people involved in this important and foundational church activity. Please contact Kim Power, 412-965-8794 or kimfpower@gmail.com with any questions.



Contemplative Prayer & Meditation Group

Tuesdays (Feb 10-Mar 3) | 5:45-7pm | Lounge

Join the Christian Contemplative Prayer and Buddhist Meditation Group for their newest series "Kindred Pathways to the Heart." The group will run for four Tuesday evenings, February 10, 17, 24, and March 3, 5:45-7:00 pm in the Lounge. Led by Will W. Adams, Ph.D., professor of Psychology at Duquesne University, this is a great experience to try a different form of prayer. For more information email Will at willwadams0@gmail.com

Children & Family Ministries (Infant-5th Grade)

Fox Chapel Presbyterian Church Presents

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE

WEDNESDAYS | 6:15 - 7:30PM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Kids Ages 1st - 5th Grade

Questions? Contact Sam Harding at sam@fcpc.us

Kids' Church Volunteer Sign Up

Interested in volunteering for Kids' Church on Sunday mornings?

Signups for 2026 are now available.
Scan the QR code to sign up!



Questions? Contact Sam at sam@fcpc.us

Kids Kingdom is Now Open!



The Lowest Level, home of Kids' Church on Sundays and the FCPC nursery, is now called **Kids Kingdom**. We're excited to bring our children of all ages together in one area.

Stop by to see the new space!

NURSERY NEWS

The nursery has moved!

Effective TODAY, February 1st, **the nursery is located in Kids Kingdom** (Lowest Level). When you arrive at the top of the staircase leading to the Kingdom, please look to the board on the right for further instruction.



Children's Ministry Contacts

Sam Harding

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Barbara Patterson

Children's Program Coordinator
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FCPC Preschool



FCPC Preschool Registration

Mark your calendar to register for the 2026-2027 school year!

Registration has been open, for our current, legacy, and church families and opens this Monday, February 9th for the greater community. Contact Karin in the preschool office at karin@fcpc.us or 412-406-6617.

We're excited to have you join us for the next school year!

Youth Ministry (Grades 6-12)

FEBRUARY SCHEDULE

8TH - FILL THE TRUCK 8AM-12PM

8TH - YOUTH GROUP & BIBLE STUDY

15TH - BIBLE STUDY @4:30& THE EVENT@5:45
*NO YOUTH GROUP!!

21ST - ICE SKATING EVENT

22ND - YOUTH GROUP & BIBLE STUDY

March Schedule

1 - Youth Group and Bible Study

7 - Animal Shelter Service Project

8 - Oakmont Presbyterian Trip - 12:30 PM
*Parents Pick Up at Oakmont PC
*No Bible Study!

15 - Youth Group and Bible Study

21 - *Service Project Opportunity* Easter Egg Hunt

22 - Youth Group and Bible Study

29 - No YG - Spring Break!!!

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Mondays | 6:00-7:30PM | Narthex

Feb 2 Mar 2 Apr 20

Feb 9* Mar 9 Apr 27

Feb 16 Mar 16 May 4

Feb 23 Apr 6 May 11

Apr 13

*in the Chapel



ATTENTION 2026 SENIORS

The FCPC scholarship process is underway!

We are excited to again offer scholarships to our youth who are pursuing a post-high school education.

Application Criteria

- Member or active participant in the ministries of FCPC
- Entering first year of post-high school education in summer or fall of 2026 (college, trade or technical school, etc.)
- Have not previously received a FCPC scholarship

Questions? Email scholarships@fcpc.us

Completed
Applications Due
April 3rd!



Ice Skating @ PPG Rink

Leave FCPC @11:15 AM

Pick Up from FCPC @2:30 PM

Join the Youth Group to Ice Skate \$25/person!



Youth Ministry Contacts

Sam Harding

Director of Christian Education and Youth Ministry
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Youth Program Coordinators

Jenna Tupponce | jenna@fcpc.us
Meg Wertz | meg@fcpc.us
Dan Wertz | dan@fcpc.us

Music Ministry

Mark Your Calendar! Upcoming concerts at FCPC this season include:

February 15, 2026 4:00pm – The Heritage Gospel Chorale of Pittsburgh

March 15, 2026 4:00pm – Belle Voci

May 24, 2026 4:00pm – Sponsorship Concert



FCPC Worship Spaces Cleaning Day - Thank You

Thank you to all of those who participated in cleaning the worship spaces Saturday 1/24. Your hard work is noticed and has brightened the Sanctuary wonderfully.

Each of us possess ways we can give back to the Church and our community. Thank you again and be on the lookout for next year's cleaning day.

Get Involved in FCPC's Music Groups

Children's Choir Rehearsals

Sundays 10:15am-10:50am (Choir Room)

Contemporary Worship Band Rehearsals

Sundays 8:00am-9:30am (Fellowship Hall)

Bell Choir Rehearsals

Thursdays 6:00pm-6:45pm (Sanctuary)

Chancel Choir Rehearsals

Thursdays 7:00pm-9:00pm (Choir Room)

Misc.



2026 Chancel Flower Orders

The chancel flowers in the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall on Sunday mornings are something we have all come to enjoy. These flowers not only beautify our worship spaces, but they also honor very special people in our lives. Please consider a Sunday (or two) when you would like to thank God and honor a special person with a gift of flowers. Find a pink order form in any worship space to fill out or scan the QR code.

My Garden on Harts Run Road provides the arrangements at the cost of \$55.00 per arrangement. Thank you for your consideration of blessing our worship services with beautiful flowers!

Interested or have questions? Contact Katie Caracciolo (katie@fcpc.us)



Per Capita

You can help offset FCPC's Per Capita assessment, paid to the presbytery based on church membership. This year our church will pay approximately \$37,000, which represents \$40 per member. Your donation of \$40 can help offset this obligation. So far this year, \$290 has been donated to help cover FCPC's Per Capita amount.

2026 Financial Pledge

If you have not yet made your stewardship pledge for 2026, there is still time! Pledges can be made online via our website at www.fcpc.us/giving or contact Alex Shroyer, Business Manager at alex@fcpc.us.

Prayer Requests of the Congregation

We hold these friends in prayer:

- Tim Coleman
- Dave Boehm, father of Nellie Boehm
- Lynn Rueter
- Mary Kellington, sister-in-law of Mike and Connie Phillips
- Malina Trozzo
- Dave Hougyy
- Judy Musgrave
- Bob Ball
- Carol and Family, friends of Marcia Mayhew
- Laurie Hamilton
- Bill Boag
- Lynda Jamison
- Jonny Wallisch

We pray for those who grieve:

- For Sue Patrick and family on the death of her sister, Jane May, on January 30, 2026.
- For Anjili Luland, Rev. Cheryl Khylllep's cousin, after the death of her husband on John Luland on January 18, 2026.
- For the family of Susette Stone, who passed away on January 1, 2026.
- For Sarah Crittenden on the death of her brother, Lawrence Culliver, who passed away on January 1, 2026.

We celebrate with:

- Kim and John Power on the birth of their granddaughter, Raya Serena Grace Power, born January 17, 2026. Raya's parents are John and Hetal Power-Mistry.

We pray for peace, aid, and consolation for all who suffer, including:

- For people affected and targeted by ICE.
- For safety to those traveling.
- For all facing economic uncertainty and food insecurity.
- For addicts in our community to heal and recover.
- The people of Israel, Gaza, Ukraine, Haiti, Sudan, Venezuela, and places in conflict, violence, and hunger.
- Refugees throughout the world.
- For our republic.

Prayers for Congregations in our Presbytery:

- First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood
- First United Presbyterian Church of Crafton Heights
- First United Presbyterian Church of Tarentum

Birthdays

FEB 8 Alex Morton

FEB 9 Diana Crookston, Judy Musgrave, Benjamin Staum

FEB 10 Megan Eisengart, Betsy Grzymkowski, Anne Reid, Neil Van Horn

FEB 11 Laura Carter, Katie Junger, Richard Lockwood, Katharine Reineman, Cora Watters, Benjamin Wilhoit, Marcy Wolf

FEB 12 Myrna Fletcher, Bill Follansbee, Cooper Friday, Chris Good, Cris Scott

FEB 13 Angus Thomson

FEB 14 Lynda Jamison, Nicole Kutzner



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This Week at FCPC

SUN FEB 8

8 AM Fill the Truck (Chapel)
8:15 AM Cup & Loaf Service (**Sanctuary**)
9:30 AM Contemporary Worship (Fellowship Hall),
Kids' Church (Kids Kingdom), Nursery Care
(Kids Kingdom)
9:45 AM Small Group Bible Study (Lounge)
10:15 AM Children's Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
11 AM Traditional Worship Service (Sanctuary),
Kids' Church (Kids Kingdom), Nursery Care
(Kids Kingdom)
2 PM Youth Group (Youth Lounge)
4 PM Youth Bible Study (Youth Lounge)

MON FEB 9

9 AM Preschool
6 PM Cub Scout Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
6 PM Confirmation Class (Narthex)
7 PM Small Group Bible Study (Zoom)
7 PM Fellowship Committee (Lounge)
7 PM Building & Grounds Cmte Meeting (Chapel)

TUE FEB 10

8 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast (Lounge)
9 AM Preschool
10 AM Congregational Prayer Group (Library)
5:45 PM Meditation/Prayer Group (Lounge)



Giving

Online Giving

Now using giving platform, PushPay.
+ Scan the QR code to give
+ Text the word GIVE
to 833-830-6600



WED FEB 11

9 AM Preschool
9:30 AM Staff Devotions & Meeting (Library)
9:30 AM Small Group Bible Study (Youth Lounge)
6:15 PM Wednesday Night Live (Fellowship Hall)
6:30 PM A&P Committee Meeting (Lounge)

THU FEB 12

9 AM Preschool
11 AM Memorial Garden Cmte Meeting (Chapel)
1 PM Women's Bible Study (Chapel)
6 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
7 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

FRI FEB 13

9 AM Preschool

SAT FEB 14

SUN FEB 15

8:15 AM Cup & Loaf Service (Chapel)
9:30 AM Contemporary Worship (Fellowship Hall),
Kids' Church (Kids Kingdom), Nursery Care
(Kids Kingdom)
10:15 AM Children's Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
11 AM Traditional Worship Service (Sanctuary),
Kids' Church (Kids Kingdom), Nursery Care (KK)
2 PM Youth Group (Youth Lounge)
4 PM Youth Bible Study (Youth Lounge)
4 PM The Heritage Gospel Chorale of Pittsburgh
Concert (Sanctuary)

*As a PCUSA church, we welcome all persons who trust in God's grace in Jesus Christ and desire to become part of the fellowship and ministry of his Church. The Gospel leads our members to extend the fellowship of Christ to all persons.
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Newly Ordained and Installed Ruling Elders and Deacons

Fox Chapel Presbyterian Church



Bob Heister



Bob grew up in this church and has served as a deacon, elder, and chair of Buildings & Grounds and Nominating Committees. He has also ushered and headed the college card package ministry for five years. He is excited to serve as an elder again.

Steve Huntington



Chair for the last two. I also serve on the Preschool Committee, remain active with the FCPC Men's group and the annual Men's Retreat, and work with Harvest Fair in a few areas. Jules regularly participates in FCPC in Deacons, The Christian Nurture Committee, a new Soup Ministry, Caring Conversations, and is the better looking, friendlier part of our 39-year association. We have three grown children with their own families that are scattered a bit across the country. We are expecting our fifth grandson in March. I enjoyed a 40-year career as an energy executive and am enjoying our retirement years together even more.



Walter McGhee

Walt is a retired financial professional. He has been married to Kathleen for 34 years and they have four grown children. Born and raised in Pittsburgh, Walt was baptized and confirmed at Fox Chapel Presbyterian Church and is an alumnus of the Fox Chapel Presbyterian Church Preschool.



Connie Phillips

Connie began her working career as a microbiologist at the CDC in Atlanta and at University of California, San Francisco. On moving to Pittsburgh in 1995, she switched focus to music, teaching piano until her recent retirement and now accompanying the FCPC children's choir, singing in the chancel choir, and serving on the Worship and Music Committee. She and Mike, high school sweethearts, have been married 52 years and have one daughter and two grandchildren.



Jon Sweringen

Jon is a proud lifelong member of FCPC. He has served as both a Deacon (twice) and an Elder and has spent many years serving on Building and Grounds, Administration and Personnel, as well as Finance and Endowment. He is co-owner of Fahringer, McCarty, Grey, Inc. (a Landscape Architecture, Civil Engineering, and Land Surveying firm) and loves to spend as much of his limited free time working on outdoor projects at home in Plum Borough. Jon's "better half" is Megan and they are blessed to have a wonderful teenage daughter, Lena.

DEACONS



Jane Charlton

My husband and I have been members of FCPC for over 25 years. FCPC has played an important role in my life, and I look forward to serving as a Deacon over the next three years.

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Gail Holtz

Gail has been a member of Fox Chapel Presbyterian Church since April 2025.



Patrick O'Connell

Patrick is a retired mechanical engineer who lives in Fox Chapel with his wife, Barbara. They have four grown children, and they're lucky that two still live in the Pittsburgh area. Patrick now teaches yoga and meditation and helps with research on breath and mindfulness at Carnegie Mellon University.



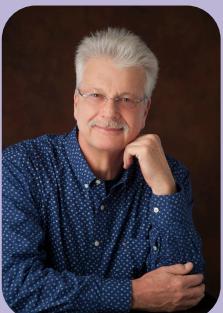
Emily Rocha

I moved to Boston in 2011 from Canada for training. From there, my husband Marcelo and I moved to Pittsburgh to complete our training. We have 2 kids, Claire who is 10 years old and Lucas who is 6 years old. I am an Assistant Professor at the University of Pittsburgh, where I run a basic science lab. For fun, I love to garden and cook.



Cristie Good

Cristie has been a member of FCPC since 2017. She and her husband Lance have three children: Ainsley, Sage, and Jude. Cristie previously served as an Elder at FCPC from 2021-2023.



Wayne Hoover

A retired PHD, Geriatric Psychologist since 2025. Divorced father of three children; two girls in Dallas, TX and a son in Casper, Wyoming. Called OPA (grandfather) by Lucy, 2; Briggs, 1; and Mary, 5 months.

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Lori Moran

Lori has been a member of Fox Chapel Presbyterian Church since March 2003.



Joe Mettenburg

Married to Cate Mettenburg with two children - Gigi (18) and Hugh (13). I work as a neuroradiologist at UPMC and in my other time enjoy spending time with the family, reading, hiking with the dogs, board games, cooking and gardening. I've previously served on Session and look forward to serving with the Deacons!



Gwen Zaleski

My husband Jerry and I have been members of this church for twenty years and during this time I have served the church in many different capacities. This will be my first time serving the congregation as a Deacon.