

FOX CHAPEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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



*the heavens tell God's glory...
the firmament His handiwork. Psalm 19:1*

p.p. Edie Herrelers

One Service Sunday
September 6, 2026
10:00 AM

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

O sing to the Lord a new song;

Sing to the Lord, all the earth.

Sing, and give praise to God's name;

Tell the glad news of salvation from day to day.

Ascribe to the Lord, all you families of nations, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due God's name; bring an offering and come into God's courts.

*HYMN 645

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

MIT FREUDEN ZART

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Everlasting God, the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end, we confess that we participate in systems that perpetuate oppression and injustice. We are often numb to the pain of the world around us, resistant to change that costs us something, and reluctant to love our neighbors as ourselves. We sin against your good creation, failing to be faithful stewards of the land, the sea, and all their creatures. Make your home among us once more, O God, naming us beloved and opening our hearts to do your will. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

All are invited to exchange signs of reconciliation and peace with others.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Sam Harding

Children attending Kids' Church may meet in the Narthex following the Children's Message.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalms 148 (OT, pg. 582)

Jane Charlton

John 1:1-18 (NT, pg. 91)

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Edwin van Driel

*HYMN 850

In a Deep, Unbounded Darkness

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (excerpted from *A Brief Statement of Faith—PCUSA*)

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.

But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.

Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

OFFERING

***DOXOLOGY**

OLD HUNDREDTH

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below;
praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...Therefore with all creation we sing Your praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in
the highest!**

...Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

...all glory and honor are Yours, almighty God, now and forever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

*Today we will receive Communion by **intinction**. Everyone is invited to come forward by the center aisle, take
a piece of bread from the basket, dip it into the juice and eat. If you prefer pre-sealed, gluten-free elements,
they are available from the servers on the far sides. After partaking of the Lord's Supper please return to your
seat by the outer aisles. If you prefer to be served Communion in your seat, please let the servers know and
they will bring the elements to you.*

COMMUNION MUSIC

HYMN 515

I Come with Joy

DOVE OF PEACE

HYMN 516

For the Bread Which You Have Broken

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

***HYMN 12**

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST. DENIO

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

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** Please stand as you are able.*

Participants Today

The Rev. Dr. Edwin Chr. van Driel, Guest Preacher
The Rev. Dr. John Bell, Interim Pastor (john@fcpc.us)
The Rev. Cheryl Khylllep, Covenant Associate Pastor (cheryl@fcpc.us)
Jane Charlton, Liturgist
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Lisa Phillips, Guest Pianist
Sam Harding, Director of Christian Education and Youth Ministry (sam@fcpc.us)
Barbara Patterson, Kids' Church Leader
Howard Havlicsek, Audio Engineer
Alex Shroyer, Livestream (alex@fcpc.us)
Tommy Caldwell, Caretaker

For Children and Families during 11:00AM Worship

Children of all ages are welcome to remain in worship with their families, and we provide the following opportunities for children and families:

Children ages 3 to 5th grade are invited to sign up for Kids' Church prior to worship near the entry to the sanctuary. Children will be called to the front of the Sanctuary for a Children's Message during worship. Following the Children's Message, children will be led to the **Youth Lounge**, where parents/guardians can pick them up following worship.

Nursery care is available for ages 0-3 in Kids Kingdom (Lowest Level).

The Comfort Space is available in Room 107 (near the main entrance) to comfort or feed a child and watch the worship service via livestream.

See Highlights, page 3, for information about how you can get involved with Children's Ministry and be a Kids' Church volunteer.

Chancel Flowers

The chancel flowers today are given to the glory of God.

HEARING DEVICES are available in the sanctuary. Ask an usher for assistance.

If you have a hearing aid that has the T-Coil activated, please ask for a T-Coil neckloop receiver.

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