

FOX CHAPEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Highlights



Holiday Organ Recital

TODAY, SUNDAY DEC 14 | 4:00 PM | SANCTUARY

Come experience a magnificent concert by our Sunday Organist, Don Megahan. He will be performing a medley of holiday pieces.

Don't miss this opportunity for joy through music!



Finding Light in the Darkness: The Longest Night Service

We recognize that for many, the celebration and busyness of the Christmas season can be difficult.

For several years, our Stephen Ministers at Fox Chapel Presbyterian Church have organized and led the Longest Night Service, offering a **more intimate, reflective space** away from the typical celebratory tone of most Christmas worship services.

The intention of this service is to provide a space where we can still recognize the **hope, love, peace, and joy** of the arrival of our Savior, while acknowledging that we may be facing a difficult season of life.

The evening will be filled with beautiful, quiet music, reflective passages, encouraging scripture, and personal reflections from church members.

This service is for anyone who needs a quiet space, including those:

- Experiencing grief, loss, or loneliness.
- Facing medical treatments, divorce, job loss, or other struggles.
- Simply seeking a moment of stillness and hope away from the usual holiday hustle.

Service Details

What: Longest Night Service

When: Tuesday, December 16, at 7:00 PM

Where: The Church Atrium

You are invited to come as you are and find rest in the presence of God.

Nikki Rosswog, Minister of Congregational Care





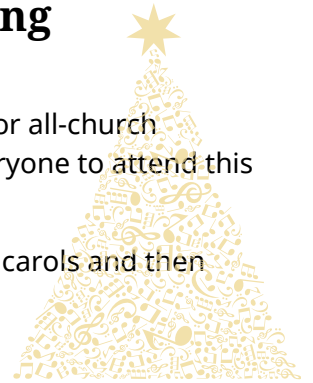
Christmas Caroling at Lighthouse Pointe Senior Living

WEDNESDAY | DEC 17 | 6:45 PM | Lighthouse Pointe Senior Living

Come and sing your favorite Christmas Carols! Join us on Wednesday, December 17 for all-church Christmas Caroling at Lighthouse Pointe Village at Chapel Harbor. We encourage everyone to attend this intergenerational event, and invite you to bring along friends and family!

Please gather in the main entrance of the building at 6:45 PM. We will sing Christmas carols and then gather to have cookies and hot chocolate with the residents of Lighthouse Pointe.

Please reach out to S.C. Toe, Sam Harding, or Nikki Rosswog with any questions.



Service of Lessons & Carols

December 21 | 10 AM Combined Service | Sanctuary

Join us for a combined worship service of Lessons and Carols. This special service will teach the story of Christmas through scripture readings and music.

*There will be **one combined service only** on Sunday, December 21.*

Please be sure to stop in the Atrium at the conclusion of the Service for cookies and punch provided by the Fellowship Team.





Celebrate Christmas at Fox Chapel Presbyterian Church

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICES

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24

Children led Worship - 4:30pm Sanctuary Livestream	Traditional Worship - 7:30pm Sanctuary Livestream Childcare
Contemporary Worship - 6pm Fellowship Hall Livestream Childcare	Traditional Worship - 10pm Sanctuary

One Service Sunday - Farewell to Pastor Doug

December 28 | 10 AM | Fellowship Hall

Join us for a combined One Service on the last Sunday of the month in the Fellowship Hall where we will be singing our favorite carols. We will also thank our beloved Bridge Pastor Doug Marshall for his time here at FCPC. The Fellowship Team will be serving coffee, apple cider, donut holes and mini-quiches before and after the service. What a great way to continue the Christmas season and to say thank you to Pastor Doug. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Volunteer Opportunities

Support our Local Food Pantries

With your help, the Deacons of FCPC regularly donate non-perishable food to 3 local food pantries:

- * Bread of Life in Etna;
- * Singing Winds at the Council of Three Rivers American Indian Center by Dorseyville Middle School;
- * Sharpsburg Food Pantry located in the basement of St Mary's Church.

Thank you to everyone who has recently donated non-perishable food and toiletries to the designated bins located by either the Front Desk or downstairs, outside Fellowship Hall. These donations are regularly transported by the Deacons to 3 local food pantries.

The number of households served by the Sharpsburg Food Pantry has more than doubled this year. Many of the over 150 families have children in the Fox Chapel Area school district. We are very grateful for the continued generosity of FCPC both financially and from food donations. Fortunately, many community groups have offered collections as well enabling us to meet the increased needs which are so critical this time of year. In particular, paper products and toiletries are extremely helpful as SNAP benefits do not cover these items. The pantry is so appreciative of our church's partnership.

--Sharpsburg Food Pantry Volunteers: Don & Ann Boyd

Congregational Care Ministry

Congregational Prayer Group

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.

Soup Ministry

Thank you to our Youth Group for making soup! Chicken Noodle soup is 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

Fellowship Events

Annual Chili Cook-Off

Hope you're hungry! The 19th Annual BJ Ferguson Chili Cook-Off event is **Sunday, January 25, 2026** immediately after the 10:00am Service and the Congregational Meeting. It's never too early to start refining your recipes for one or more of the four categories: Traditional, Non-Traditional, Vegetarian/Heart Healthy and Youth. The coveted Chili Pot trophies will be handed out again. In a new twist this year, we are encouraging you to send your favorite jokes to Chet Karas at karas756@comcast.net for potential inclusion in the Award Ceremony! You can sign up by email to Chet or in person on Jan. 4, 11 and 18 before or after each Service. Registrations close on January 21.

Dove Tree Thank You

The Doves have flown! Thank you to all who made this ministry a success. Eighty-five Dove Families were provided with gift boxes. On Monday December 8th the four agencies, Homewood Early Learning Hub and Family Center, Sojourner House, East End Cooperative Ministry, and Poppin Tags picked up the boxes. They were overwhelmed by the generosity of the congregation. Those of you who shopped and wrapped know that along with the requests for special Christmas gifts were requests for the basics of bedding, warm coats and household items. Merry Christmas, indeed!



HELP NEEDED! Support for the Schwieger Family

When Mother Theresa was asked about how many people she wanted to help, she responded with "Never worry about numbers. Help one person at a time and start with the person nearest you." Tragedy has struck and one of the people nearest us is in need of our help. On November 22nd a fire caused the Schwieger family to lose everything. Vanessa Schwieger is a preschool teacher in our own Alligators classroom. Vanessa, her husband, two kids, and family dog made it out okay; but all of their belongings and two kitties were unfortunately lost in the fire. We as a Church Community, both Church and Preschool alike, would like to rally behind Vanessa and show our support by providing some of those "everyday things" for the family. We will be collecting items such as shampoo, toothpaste, toilet paper, canned goods, dog food, dog toys, blankets, etc. If it is something you use in your day-to-day life, they are probably now in need of it. Donations can be dropped off to the church office, preschool office, or youth lounge. Any questions, please contact Sam Harding or Karin Miller. Above all, lets keep the Schwieger family in our prayers!

Donate to the GoFundMe campaign set up by friends of the family by using the QR code:



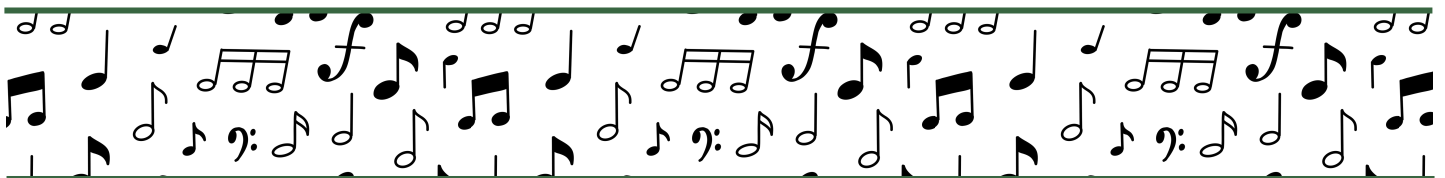
🎵 Music at FCPC 🎵

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 31, 2026 4:00pm – Sponsorship Concert



Get Involved in FCPC's Music Groups

Children's Choir Rehearsals

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

Bell Choir Rehearsals

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

Contemporary Worship Band Rehearsals

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

Chancel Choir Rehearsals

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

Children & Family Ministries (Infant-5th Grade)

SUNDAY MORNINGS

8:15 AM WORSHIP

No children's programming during this service.

9:30 AM KIDS' CHURCH

For age 3 to 5th grade. Children are signed in prior to worship and begin the service on the children's rugs at the back of Fellowship Hall. After the Children's Message, children will be led to the **Lowest Level**. Parents/guardians can pick up their children there.

9:30 & 11 AM NURSERY CARE

Room 109, ages 0-3. Staffed by experienced adults.

9:30 & 11 AM COMFORT SPACE

Room 107. A place to comfort or feed a child and watch the worship service.

11 AM KIDS' CHURCH

For ages 3 to 5th grade. Children are signed in before worship and begin the service with loved ones. After the Children's Message, children will be led to the **Lowest Level**. Parents/guardians can pick up their children there.

Questions? Contact Barbara Patterson at onepurplemom@gmail.com.

Children's Christmas Pageant

Christmas Eve Rehearsal Dec 21
4:30 PM Service 11AM - Lunch Provided

All Children Welcome!
Interested in Participating or Helping Organize?
Contact Sam Harding at sam@fcpc.us

Wednesday Night Live 2025-2026 Schedule

NOVEMBER 5	FEBRUARY 11
NOVEMBER 12	FEBRUARY 18
NOVEMBER 19	FEBRUARY 25
DECEMBER 3	MARCH 4
DECEMBER 10	MARCH 11
JANUARY 21	MARCH 18
JANUARY 28	MARCH 25
FEBRUARY 4	APRIL 8

WEDNESDAYS 6:15PM - 7:30PM

★ 1st - 5th Grade ★

Questions? Contact Sam Harding at sam@fcpc.us

Kids' Church Volunteer Sign Up

Scan QR code to volunteer for Kids' Church
Sunday mornings.



Children's Ministry Leader Contacts

Sam Harding

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Barbara Patterson

Children's Program Coordinator
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FCPC Preschool Registration

Families interested in signing up for the 2026-2027 school year should be on the lookout. Registration for our current, legacy, and church families opens Monday, January 26th, and registration for the greater community opens Monday, February 9th.

Contact Karin, Stephanie, or Jason in the preschool office at karin@fcpc.us, or preschooladmin@fcpc.us, 412-406-6617.

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



Youth Ministry (Grades 6-12)



DECEMBER SCHEDULE

- 7th - **Soup Ministry** during Youth Group + Bible Study
- 13th - **Trampoline Park** Outing (See Ad)
- 14th - Youth **Group** + **Bible Study**
- 17th - Caroling Event @ **Lighthouse Point** 6:30PM
- 21st - Christmas **Pageant Rehearsal** after Service - Begins 11AM
- 21st - **Christmas Party** during Youth Group - NO BIBLE STUDY



CONFIRMATION

- Want to confirm your faith in the Lord?
- Interested in becoming a member of the Presbyterian Church?
- In at least 7th Grade?



Confirmation might be for you!

Fill out the form for upcoming confirmation information!

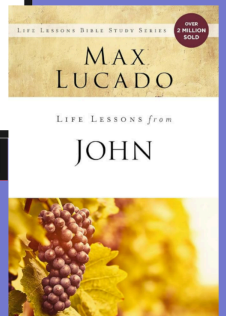


Feel Free to Attend Youth Group **or** Bible Study **or** Both!

THE GOSPEL OF JOHN YOUTH BIBLE STUDY

Sundays After Youth Group
4pm - 5:30pm

Beginning November 2nd



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Prayer Requests of the Congregation

We hold these friends in prayer:

Bob Morrow
Sandy Hacke
Lois Mellott
Bill Boag
Lynda Jamison
Leah, friend of Nellie Boehm
The Schwieger Family
Victoria Denne, friend of Julie O'Shaughnessy Battle
Ann McDermott
Rick Dolnack
Barry Freman, friend of Janice Wilson
Carol and family, friends of Marcia Mayhew
Gabriel Greer, friend of Brian Baxter
Judy Leininger
John, uncle of Nellie Boehm
Kathleen McGhee
Carol McCarthy, friend of Charlie Skinner
Margaret Shields
John Young
The Becking family, friends of Gail Harger
Michael Ovcharenko
Dominic Lettrich, friend of the Oberlins
Charlie Skinner
Virginia Latini, friend of Diane Tung
Harumi and Takao Sumiya, friends of Diane Tung
Janet Rohrer
John Culbertson
Jane May, sister of Sue Patrick
Jonny Wallisch

We celebrate with:

- Susan and Dave Bartlett on the marriage of their son, Chad Bartlett and Julie Bozzone, on Dec. 13th.
- Doug and Tanya Marshall on the wedding of their son. Brian Marshall and Rachel Delozier were married December 13, 2025.

We pray for those who grieve:

- For Dee Hoyt and family of John Hoyt who passed away December 5, 2025.
- For the family of Mary Hanna who passed away Thursday, November 27, 2025.

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

- 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, and places in conflict, violence, and hunger.
- Refugees throughout the world.
- For our republic.

Prayers for Congregations in our Presbytery:

- Brentwood Presbyterian Church
- Bull Creek United Presbyterian Church
- Calvert Memorial United Presbyterian Church

Submit your prayer request for the published prayer list by using a worship connect card or by emailing a staff member.

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This Week at FCPC

SUN DEC 14

- 8:15 AM** Cup & Loaf Service (Chapel)
- 9:30 AM** Contemporary Worship (Fellowship Hall), Kids' Church (Lowest Level), Nursery Care (Room 109), Comfort Space (Room 107)
- 10:15 AM** Children's Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 11 AM** Traditional Worship Service (Sanctuary), Kids' Church (Lowest Level), Nursery Care (Room 109), Comfort Space (Room 107)
- 2 PM** Youth Group (Youth Lounge)
- 4 PM** Youth Bible Study (Youth Lounge)
- 4 PM** Holiday Organ Recital (Sanctuary)

MON DEC 15

- 9 AM** Preschool
- 9 AM** Backpack for Hunger (Chapel)
- 7 PM** Joint Session & Deacon Meeting (Chapel)

TUE DEC 16

- 9 AM** Preschool
- 8 AM** Men's Prayer Breakfast (Lounge)
- 10 AM** Congregational Prayer Group (Library)
- 5:45 PM** Meditation Prayer Group (Lounge)
- 7 PM** Longest Night Worship Service (Atrium)

WED DEC 17

- 9 AM** Preschool
- 9:30 AM** Staff Devotion and Meeting (Office)
- 6:45 PM** Christmas Caroling (Off Site)
- 7 PM** Interim Pastor Nominating Cmte (Library)
- 7 PM** Preschool Committee Meeting (Lounge)

THU DEC 18

- 9 AM** Preschool
- 1 PM** Women's Bible Study (Chapel)
- 6 PM** Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 7 PM** Festival Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

FRI DEC 19

- 9:30 PM** Friday Morning Book Group (Zoom)

SAT DEC 20

SUN DEC 21

- 10 AM** Lessons & Carols Combined Worship (Sanctuary), Kids' Church (Chapel), Nursery Care (Room 109), Comfort Space (Room 107)
- 11 AM** Children's Pageant Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 2 PM** Youth Group Christmas Party (Youth Lounge)

Birthdays

- DEC 14** Christy Farrell, Russell Gardner
- DEC 15** Jacob Siddons
- DEC 16** Alejandro Motschman
- DEC 17** Maria DeMotte, Clint Guyaux, Ben Johnston, Lucy Lattimore, Dedee Wilson
- DEC 18** Theresa Doerfler, Chet Karas
- DEC 19** Currie Crookston, Chip Friday
- DEC 20** No birthdays



Ways to Give

Online Giving

Now using giving platform, PushPay.

- + Scan the QR code to give
- + Text the word GIVE to 833-830-6600



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. (Book of Order, G-1.0302)



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