

FOX CHAPEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Highlights



Stewardship 2026

October is playoff baseball for some fortunate fans in other cities; it is also the time that the Steelers keep their fans guessing if this is their year. More importantly, October is also Stewardship Season for Fox Chapel Presbyterian Church. The church approves budgets and plans for the year based on our member's pledges.

2026 stewardship packets are available for pickup TODAY, October 12, in the Atrium during all worship services. Please take a few minutes to find your packet and take it home with you today! Any packets not picked up by the end of the day will be mailed out the following week.

The Stewardship Committee has tried to make it easy for you to pledge with many different ways to give. There are easy ways to pledge with checks or credit cards, and the church can also help you donate with low-basis stocks or using a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) from their Individual Retirement Account.

If you have any questions about the best way to donate to the church, please contact Business Manager Alex Shroyer, at alex@fcpc.us or 412-963-8243 extension 15.

Submit your 2026 pledge online using the QR code:



Pick up your stewardship packet today in the Atrium!

Welcome Guest Preacher, The Rev. Jessica McClure Archer

The Rev. McClure Archer currently serves as the General Minister of The Pittsburgh Presbytery.



Jessica comes to the work of the presbytery after serving as a pastor within the congregational setting for over fifteen years both as an associate pastor outside of Washington, D.C. and locally as a solo pastor in the Mon Valley. Jessica is married to Andy, who is a cartographer for the Federal Government's Department of the Interior, and is mom to two young adults, Evan and Cami.

Jessica brings her wisdom and experience as a pastor to bear as she helps imagine and lead our presbytery to strengthen and support the mission and ministry of our 120 individual congregations, new worshipping communities and other fresh expressions of the church. She believes the role and responsibility of the presbytery is to come alongside our ministry leaders in ways that both empower and equip them to lead the best versions of their congregations. Together, Jessica hopes we can increase the vitality and relevancy of our faith communities, making each expression a powerful witness to the good news of Jesus Christ broken on their particular street and neighborhood.

Jessica's primary responsibility is to provide leadership for Pittsburgh Presbytery's mission and vision and to direct the Presbytery Staff. She would love to talk more about your hope for the church, especially here in Pittsburgh.

Get Involved at FCPC

Congregational Prayer Group

Tuesday Sept. 30 | 10 AM | Library

In this time of transition for our members, staff, elders, and other lay leaders, let our church be unified through prayer and the knowledge that the LORD will generously provide for FCPC. Do you desire to pray for the changes our church is experiencing; keep the devil out; and grow spiritually? All are welcome!

To accommodate different schedules, the prayer group will start meeting **Tuesdays at 10 AM in the Library** to express gratitude, seek guidance, and find comfort in the new thing that God is doing. If you want to access the prayer meeting by Zoom, please contact Katie in the church office by Monday morning at 412-963-8243 or katie@fcpc.us.

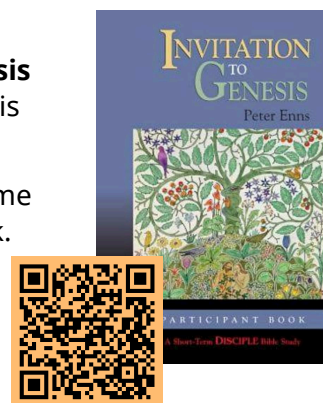
If you have questions, please call or text Kim Power at 412-965-8794.

Fall Small Group Bible Study

The small groups bible study will resume again this fall. We will be studying **Genesis** which, as the story of the road to humanity's redemption through God's blessing, is the beginning and foundation of the entire bible.

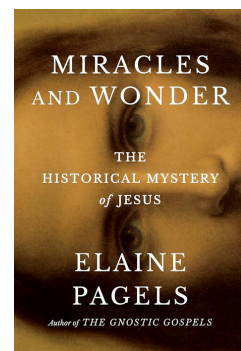
We will be using the book *Invitation to Genesis* by Peter Enns, which is from the same series that we used in our study of John last fall. There are 10 chapters in the book. We will do the first 5 chapters this fall, beginning Sunday October 19 and ending the week of November 16, well before the Advent season. We will do the last five chapters in the winter, beginning early in January.

Scan the QR code to view small group dates & times and to register online.
Books are available in the church office.

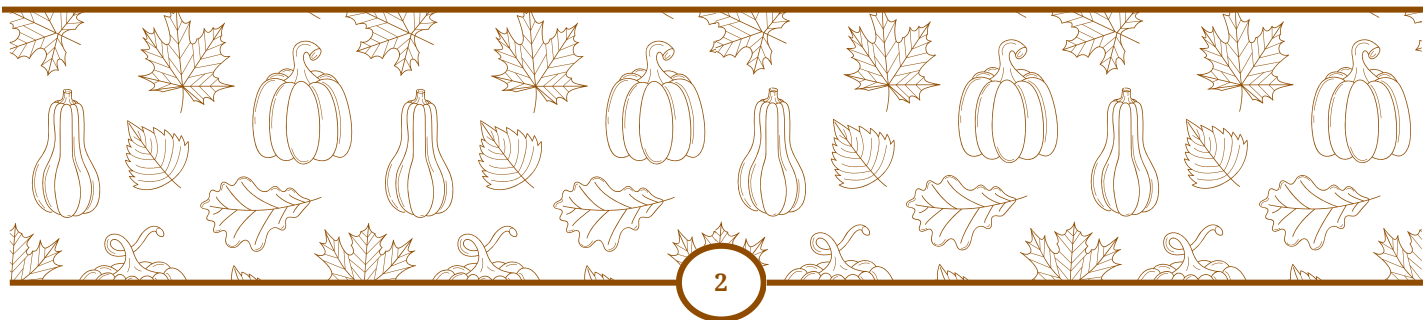


Friday Morning Book Group

The Group will be concluding its discussion of *The Bible and Borders* on October 24th. We will begin review and discussion of *Miracles and Wonder: the Historical Mystery of Jesus* by Elaine Pagels on Friday October 31st at 9:30 am in the Chapel. For those who prefer to participate by Zoom, a customary link will be provided. Ms. Pagels is the Harrington Spear Paine Foundation Professor of Religion at Princeton University. She is the author of *The Gnostic Gospels*, which won both the National Book Award and the National Book Critics Circle Award. Pagels was a MacArthur Fellow and was awarded a National Humanities Medal in 2015. Her most recent book is *Why Religion?*



Please contact Bev Reding at reding118@gmail.com if you have questions or want the Zoom link. Books can be obtained through the bookseller of your choice.



Volunteer Opportunities

Support our Local Food Pantries

With your help, the Deacons of FCPC regularly donate non-perishable food to 3 local food pantries: 1) Bread of Life in Etna; 2) Singing Winds at the Council of Three Rivers American Indian Center by Dorseyville Middle School; and 3) Sharpsburg Food Pantry located in the basement of St Mary's Church.

All food pantries are struggling due to rising food costs, an increased number of recipients, and significant cuts in government funding. **You can help by contributing non-perishable healthy foods to the designated bins** located by either the Front Desk or downstairs, outside Fellowship Hall.

Healthy foods that are in demand:

- unsalted canned peanuts and nuts
- peanut butter & jelly
- canned beans & baked beans
- canned tuna fish, salmon and chicken
- unsweetened apple sauce
- granola bars
- pasta & pasta sauce
- diapers, wipes & formula
- toothpaste, shampoo
- deodorant, soap



Thank you! Don Boyd & Fay Powell

TRUNKS DESPERATLY NEEDED!

Please *Please* Please Please Please *Please Please* Please Please Please *Please* Please **Please** Please Please **Please** Please Please.....**Please** Please Sign Up to HOST a trunk at this Years Trunk or Treat!

We want every child to be able to experience a safe, fun, and fellowship filled event, and in order to do that we need many more Trunks! Invite your family, friends, neighbors, neighbor's friends, and your worst enemy! This is a community event, and we want everyone to be included. While hosting a trunk you can still trick or treat! If you need help with decorations, ideas, candy, or anything else contact Sam Harding at sam@fcpc.us. Sign up here by scanning the QR code! Please!



Congregational Care Ministry

Soup Ministry - Soup Available

The Fox Chapel Presbyterian Church Soup Ministry is up and running for this fall and winter. The youth group will be working hard this afternoon making two delicious soups: Garden Minestrone and Taco Soup.



Soup will be available starting Monday October 13th in the kitchen freezer labeled soup ministry. Everyone is invited to gift a soup to someone in need sharing God's love with others.

Questions? Contact Juli Huntington at juli_huntington@msn.com or Nikki Rosswog at nikki@fcpc.us.

Music at FCPC

From the Minister of Music

NOTE ON TODAY'S ANTHEM

"Let the amen sound from God's people again!"

Perhaps one of my absolute favorite lines in Christian hymnody and the reason "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty!" is one of my favorite hymns. The line draws such a beautiful picture of the mighty congregation lifting their voices together in praise and adoration to their creator.

Originally written in 1680 by Joachim Neander (a German theologian, teacher, and writer), this well known and loved hymn was translated into English 1863 by Catherine Winkworth. It was at this point that the hymn became widely known and song in congregations in the United States.

The tune, LOBE DEN HERREN, is equally uplifting with its strong, confident melody invites congregations to sing together with energy. Each verse encourages worshipers to remember God's goodness, protection, providence, and steadfast love in every season of life.

This hymn is still inspiring musicians to arrange this hymn in new and creative ways. The Chancel Choir will be offering a wonderful arrangement of Cindy Berry that sets the tune in a festive and celebratory style. Keeping the harmonies very similar to the commonly known congregational hymn, Berry also pulls from arrangers of this hymn from that past such as F. Melius Christiansen of the famed St. Olaf Choir.

Upcoming Concert

SUNDAY, OCT 19 | 4PM | SANCTUARY



Mark your calendars for October 19th, when the second concert in this year's concert series will be presented by Thousand Bridges Opera Company under the direction of Alicia Jayourba, President/Co-Founder & Bridget Johnston, Vice President/Co-Founder. The afternoon will be an ecumenical exploration of sacred music from a variety of faith traditions. We hope to see you there!



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.



Kids' Church Volunteer Sign Up

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

Children's Ministry and the Christian Nurture Committee thank all these who have volunteered over these past few months. :)

Thank you!

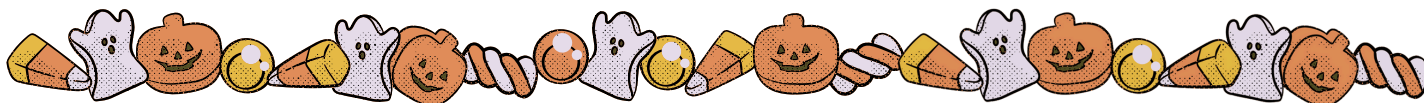


We are looking for candy donations for the upcoming Trunk or Treat on October 18th!



If you are willing to donate please drop off candy to Sam Harding's office (or see Sam) by October 15th.

Thank you in Advance for helping us catch the "Wanted" candy!



Youth Ministry (Grades 6-12)

OCTOBER YOUTH SCHEDULE

October 5 - Youth Group 2pm-3:30pm

October 12 - Soup Ministry/College Boxes
Service Project 2pm-4pm

October 19 - Youth Group 2pm-3:30pm

October 26 - Youth Sunday **ALL SERVICES - 8:15
AM/9:30 AM/ 11 AM**

Pizza Lunch to Follow Service - No Youth Group

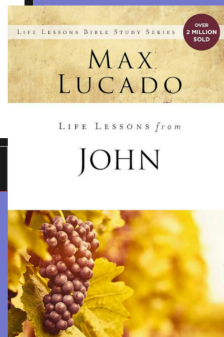
November 2 - Youth Group 2 pm-3:30pm
Youth Bible Study 4pm-5:30pm

**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



**Do you have a
college student you
would like a care
package sent to?**

Scan the QR code to provide us the
information for your student!



Please provide information by November 2nd!

Questions? See Sam Harding or email sam@fcpc.us

YOUTH SUNDAY

October 26th
**8:15 AM, 9:30 AM
& 11:00 AM**

Come share your talents with
the congregation!

*In need of readers, singers,
ushers, musicians, artists, etc.*

Youth
delivered
Message

Children's
Choir
Performance

*Join us for this entirely youth and
children led service!*

**Contact Sam Harding at sam@fcpc.us
if interested in participating**

Youth Ministry Leader Contacts

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Prayer Requests of the Congregation

We hold these friends in prayer:

Charlie Skinner
Virginia Latini, friend of Diane Tung
Mark Meyer, son of Beth Meyer
Harumi and Takao Sumiya, friends of Diane Tung
Lawrence Tulliver
Janet Rohrer
Elicia Sutton
Holly Drake, friend of Bob Heister
John Culbertson
Karl Jussen, brother of Christian Jussen
Kathy Smith
Claire Susi, FCPC Preschool teacher
Chuck, stepfather of Nellie Boehm
Jean Hopper
Erick and Lily Jussen, family of Christian Jussen
Dom Leo, friend of Judy Leininger
Lynn Rueter
Nancy Jane Edelman
Sherry Adams, sister of Brenda Karas
John Kelly, friend of Bob Heister
Ted and Anne Foster
Jeff and Susie, friends of Gail Harger
Margaret Shields, friend of Emy and Bill Boag
Mary Hanna
Jane May, sister of Sue Patrick
Johnny Wallisch

We pray for those who grieve:

- For Maryanne Henderson on the death of her husband, David Patterson, on October 4, 2025.
- For the family of Carol Henderson, who passed away October 3, 2025.
- For Barbara Laswell and family on the death of her husband, Bruce Laswell, Sept 5, 2025.
- For the family of Elinor Lindsey, who passed away on August 28, 2025.
- For Dudley and Betsy Hawley on the death of Dudley's uncle, Washburn Hawley, who passed away September 19, 2025.
- For Cristie Good and family on the death of her father, Bob Kelly, who passed away Sept. 8, 2025.

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

- For all facing economic uncertainty.
- 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.

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

Prayer requests will be publicly listed for a month, if you would like to renew requests please submit another one.

Birthdays

OCT 12 Cindy Frohlich, Lloyd Patross

OCT 13 Liz Allen, Dorothy Boyer, Jim Hofer, Logan Newman, Mary Van Buskirk

OCT 14 Robert Brunins, Lukas Thiessen

OCT 15 Helen Ehrlich, Richie Janicsko, Lauren Law, Immi Staum, David Yanchik

OCT 16 Juliet Braham, Andy Friday, Jenny Woodings, Dylan Work

OCT 17 Johannes Ernharth, Mildred Frohlich, Kent Galey, Shirley Phillis, Jamie Rhoades

OCT 18 Kristen Gardner, Molly Mendelson



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This Week at FCPC

SUN OCT 12

- 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)
- 9:45 AM** Fall Small Group Bible Study (Lounge)
- 10:15 AM** Children's Choir Practice (Choir Room)
- 11 AM** Traditional Worship Service (Sanctuary), Kids' Church (Lowest Level), Nursery Care (Room 109), Comfort Space (Room 107)
- 2 PM** Soup Ministry & Youth Group (Kitchen)

MON OCT 13

- 8 AM** Preschool
- 3 PM** McConnell Memorial Service (Chapel)
- 7 PM** Fellowship Committee (Lounge)
- 7 PM** Building & Grounds Committee (Chapel)
- 7 PM** Worship & Music Committee (Library)

TUE OCT 14

- 8 AM** Preschool
- 8 AM** Men's Prayer Breakfast (Lounge)
- 10 AM** Congregational Prayer Group (Library)
- 5:45 PM** Meditation Prayer Group (Lounge)
- 7 PM** Session Meeting (Chapel)



WED OCT 15

- 8 AM** Preschool
- 9:30 AM** Staff Devotion and Meeting (Lounge)
- 10 AM** Fall Small Group Bible Study (Library)
- 7 PM** Preschool Committee (Lounge)
- 7 PM** Interim Pastor Nominating Cmte (Library)

THU OCT 16

- 8 AM** Preschool
- 9:30 AM** GriefShare (Chapel)
- 1 PM** Women's Bible Study (Chapel)
- 6 PM** Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 7 PM** Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

FRI OCT 17

- 8 AM** Preschool
- 9:30 AM** Friday Morning Book Group (Zoom)

SAT OCT 18

- 4 PM** Trunk or Treat (Church Parking Lot)

SUN OCT 19

- 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)
- 9:45 AM** Fall Small Group Bible Study (Lounge)
- 10:15 AM** Children's Choir Practice (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** Thousand Bridges Opera Company Ecumenical Concert (Sanctuary)
- 7 PM** Fall Small Group Bible Study (Lounge)

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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