

FOX CHAPEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

# Highlights



## Annual Congregational Meeting

Directly following 10:00am worship. The congregation will elect incoming elders and deacons and receive the 2025 Annual Report.

## Annual Chili Cook Off

The 19th Annual BJ Ferguson Chili Cook-Off event is **TODAY!** Come together with fellow congregants to eat chili and see who wins.

## 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.

In addition to his work in the church, John has long been committed to Habitat for Humanity, chairing three different Boards of Directors over his ministry, including Metro-Denver HFH. For many years, he chaired the Board of Directors of Centus Counseling, a large, faith-based counseling group in Denver, and served on the national Board of the Samaritan Counseling Institute, Centus' parent company. He was also co-founder of the local Adult Congenital Heart Defect group in Denver.

Born on John Calvin's birthday in Durham, North Carolina, he largely grew up in Knoxville, Tennessee, with a brief stint in El Paso, Texas. After graduating from the Webb School of Knoxville, he went to Wake Forest University and majored in economics. He also has theological degrees from Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia (M. Div.) and Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, Virginia (D.Min.).

Personally, John is married to Lynn, who is also an ordained PCUSA minister from Southern California. He has two married daughters from his first wife, who died of cancer during the pandemic, and four wonderful granddaughters. John has enjoyed many things – travel, golf, tennis, fishing, skiing, and rooting for the Denver Broncos and the Colorado Avalanche.

**His start date is February 16, 2026.**

Interim Pastor Nominating Committee

Ann Boyd, Elizabeth Carter, Jay Thier, Vijay Gulati, and Bill Follansbee (*Chairman*)

## Cup & Loaf Service - Location Change 2/8

The Cup & Loaf Service will be **in the Sanctuary** on Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup> to accommodate the Fill the Truck Event. Your flexibility is appreciated. -FCPC Worship Committee

# Music Ministry

## 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!



## Children & Family Ministries (Infant-5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:sam@fcpc.us)

### Kids Kingdom is Now Open!



Starting today, Feb. 1st, our children's area has a new name! 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 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.



[www.fcpc.us/children-and-family-ministry](http://www.fcpc.us/children-and-family-ministry)

## Youth Ministry (Grades 6-12)

### FEBRUARY SCHEDULE

1<sup>ST</sup> -YOUTH GROUP & BIBLE STUDY  
\*ONE SERVICE SUNDAY

8<sup>TH</sup> -FILL THE TRUCK 8AM-12PM

8<sup>TH</sup> -OAKMONT PRESBYTERIAN TRIP 12:30PM  
\*PARENTS PICK UP AT OAKMONT PC  
\*NO BIBLE STUDY

15<sup>TH</sup> -YOUTH GROUP & BIBLE STUDY

21<sup>ST</sup> -ICE SKATING EVENT

22<sup>ND</sup> -YOUTH GROUP & BIBLE STUDY

### CONFIRMATION CLASS

Mondays 6:00-7:30PM

Feb 2	Apr 6
Feb 9	Apr 13
Feb 16	Apr 20
Feb 23	Apr 27
Mar 2	May 4
Mar 9	May 11
Mar 16	



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# 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](mailto:gailharger@verizon.net)

## Prayer Requests of the Congregation

### We hold these friends in prayer:

- Lynn Rueter
- Mary Kellington, sister-in-law of Mike and Connie Phillips
- Malina Trozzo
- Dave Houggy
- Judy Musgrave
- Bob Ball
- Carol and Family, friends of Marcia Mayhew
- Laurie Hamilton
- Bill Boag
- Lynda Jamison
- Jane May, sister of Sue Patrick
- Jonny Wallisch

### We pray for those who grieve:

- 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:

- Eastminster Presbyterian Church
- Elfinwild Presbyterian Church
- First Presbyterian Church, Castle Shannon

## Birthdays

**FEB 1** David Clark

**FEB 2** Rebecca Clements, Aida Foley, Lauren Valley

**FEB 3** Louise Cannon, Harry Stump

**FEB 4** Mary Ann Celo, John Power, Mariam Sogian, Holly West

**FEB 5** Jen Wildpret

**FEB 6** Eliza Crookston, Dan DeMotte, Bill Hagberg, Xavier Joyce, Bruce Joyce, Polly Swanson, Natasha Wolfe

**FEB 7** Karen Brubaker, Steve Lackey, Brad McKnight



# This Week at FCPC

## SUN FEB 1

- 8:45 AM Small Group Bible Study (Lounge)
- 10 AM Combined Worship Service (Sanctuary), Kids' Church (Kids Kingdom), Nursery Care (Kids Kingdom)
- 11 AM Annual Congregational Meeting (Sanctuary)
- 11:30 AM Annual Chili Cook-Off (Fellowship Hall)
- 2 PM Youth Group (Youth Lounge)
- 4 PM Youth Bible Study (Youth Lounge)

## MON FEB 2

- 9 AM Preschool
- 9 AM Backpack 4 Hunger (Chapel)
- 6 PM Cub Scout Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
- 6 PM Confirmation Class Meeting (Library)
- 7 PM Small Group Bible Study (Zoom)
- 7 PM Mission Cmte Meeting (Lounge)

## TUE FEB 3

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

## WED FEB 4

- 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)

## THU FEB 5

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

## FRI FEB 6

- 9 AM Preschool

## SAT FEB 7

## 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)
- 12:30 PM Youth Group (Off Site)

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## Giving

### 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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# 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.

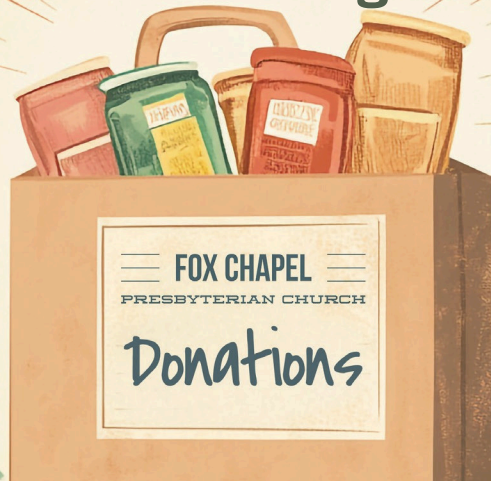
Now it is time for us to establish a new leadership team for Harvest Fair. Fay and Gwen will still be with us to turn over to our new leader(s), provide coaching, and support specific individual HF areas and actions, but we need a new leadership structure for the 2026 HF and beyond. By getting engaged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

# Come help us Fill the Truck

Help our friends and neighbors in need



## February 8 • 8:00 - 12:00

Here are a few ways **YOU** can make a difference:

1. **DONATE** non-perishable goods to FCPC (drop donations off in the red tile area food donation boxes)
2. **JOIN US** at FCPC to help us sort and pack donations
3. **SHARE** this event with your friends and community!

### DONATIONS BENEFIT:

Bread of Life (Etna), Society of St. Vincent de Paul (Sharpsburg), and Council of Three Rivers American Indian Center (Dorseyville)



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