

Connect and Serve

Please see the website (firstpreswc.com) for a complete list of programs and ways to connect.

Our sympathy and prayers are with Kaela and PJ Dakes and family on the death of Kaela's father.

New Sermon Series – We have begun a new sermon series called *Practices*, which will last until Thanksgiving. After focusing on how Christ is the rock of our faith and our lives, we'll be looking at the ways this is lived out, and how we actually engage in the practices of our faith. In conjunction with our Bible Book-It program, we'll be challenging ourselves to prioritize the practices of our faith so that we might grow in a greater knowledge of who God is in our lives.

Bible Book-It: Bible Book-it is a program that invites everyone to set their own weekly Bible reading goal and spend time in God's word during the month of October. How did your third week of Bible reading go? Check in with Sara at the table in Fellowship Hall this morning to catch up on prizes and to get the list of recommended readings for the coming final week.

Worship Night - The Contemporary Worship Band is excited to host our second annual Worship Night here at First Pres. We hope that you will join us on Sunday, November 16th from 5:30-7:30pm. This will not be a service, but an opportunity to worship and enjoy some new company while singing and playing to the honor and glory of God. We are thrilled to open up our doors not only to our church, but the community surrounding it. Please invite friends and family to tag along with you and keep the band in prayer, as we set up for what will hopefully be a very powerful night.

Family Fun Night at Urban Air: First Pres kids and youth are invited to a family fun night at Urban Air on Friday, November 7 from 5:30 - 7:30 pm. This is a chance for parents to catch up, for kids to blow off some steam at the end of the week, and all our families to have some fun together. A pizza dinner and socks are provided but signing up ahead of time is required. Go to the sign-up tab of the church's website or talk to Sara Pantazes.

Thank you to the West Chester Downtown Foundation - We are grateful to WCDF for awarding a \$500 grant to support our Wednesday Lunch Program. Many thanks to their board for the work they do preserving West Chester's architectural heritage and sponsoring programs that benefit its residents.

Special Giving Tree Sunday - Today, a single Christmas Tree is in Fellowship Hall, filled with ornaments from Pocopson Home. To participate, just do the following:

1. Choose an ornament.
2. Write your name next to the number on the clipboard that matches your label.
3. Purchase and wrap the gift.
4. Attach the original tag to the gift before you bring it back to church.

The rest of the Giving Trees will be up November 16. Thank you for helping to make Christmas a happy time for our friends at Pocopson.

Christmas for Migrant Families - Each year First Pres supports the work and efforts of Chester County Migrant Ministry to provide Christmas gifts for our neighboring families in need. When you volunteer to sponsor a family, you will receive their names, ages, and some of their needs and wishes. Volunteers buy gift cards and return them to the church by Wed Dec 7, 2025. We also welcome financial donations. Make your check directly to First Presbyterian and write Christmas for Migrant Families in the memo line or pay via the First Pres website. Join in to share your gifts and your faith in a special way this Christmas season. Sign up by contacting Nancy Haughton (nancy.k.haughton@gmail.com)

Officer Nominating Process - The church's Nominating Committee is looking for nominations for the offices of Elder and Deacon. Elders are elected by the congregation and are the decision makers for the congregation along with our pastors. Deacons are elected by the congregation and serve to support the pastors and our church members in congregational care. If you know of a member who may feel called to serve in one of these roles, including yourself, please use the QR code below or click the "Elder and Deacon Nominations" tab across the top of the church website to submit their name. Thank you for your participation in this important process for the life of our congregation.



First Presbyterian Church of West Chester

October 26, 2025



Order of Worship for Reformation Sunday

**Please rise in body or spirit*

Prelude	Rondeau Fanfare Minuet and Bourree	Joseph Mouret G. F. Handel
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Call to Worship*
Creator God, you call us to hospitality,
to give as generously to others as you have given to us.

For there are saints among us.
**Loving God, you call us to live in your light
and with compassion for one another.**

To love without judgment, of ourselves or of others.
**We gather as one Body, seeking to walk in the way
you have set for us.**

We gather as one Body,
to worship the Christ who is love.

Hymn 275* A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Welcome

Sacrament of Baptism
Sylvie Quinn Guidone, born October 3, 2024,
child of Ashley and Jonathan Guidone

