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 Joseph Mouret
Minuet and Bourree G. F. Handel

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

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we long to be faithful stewards of your abundant grace. To serve each other in love and humility. To serve your world with wisdom and energy. Forgive us when we stumble over pride, when our words and actions are not guided by love. Turn our hearts toward you when we act in selfish ways.

Restore our energy when it is gone.
Sometimes, O God, our efforts fail.
Yet your abundant grace is strong and eternal, and forgiveness is ours through Jesus Christ.
Thanks be to God. Amen

Assurance of Forgiveness

Our God is one of abundance: abundance of love, grace, and forgiveness.

Through Christ we are forgiven and redeemed. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Response*

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Passing of the Peace*

Children's Message

During the singing of the following response, children may join their teachers for Sunday School. Families can pick up their children after the service in their classrooms on the 2nd floor.

Response God of Great and God of Small Hymn 19

First Scripture Reading Isaiah 58:6-11 OT p. 688

Anthem Hold Out Your Light

arr. Moses Hogan

Prayers of the People and 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.

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Gavotte

Edward Grieg

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication*

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.

Hymn 298* Lord, You Give the Great Commission

Second Scripture Reading 2 Corinthians 9 NT p. 183

Sermon Living Abundance

Rev. Andrew Esqueda

Hymn 36* For the Fruit of All Creation

Blessing*

Postlude Improvisation on For the Fruit of All Creation

Assisting in worship today:

The Miner Street Stringers; Adriana Park, Director
The Chancel Choir

All are welcome in worship. We are a community of people of all ages who cry, vocalize, stim, fuss, stand, sit, and come and go as needed.

The sounds of people are the joyful noise of God's creation.

Audio amplifiers are in a basket at the back of the sanctuary.

There are also screens in Fellowship Hall that stream the service if you need to step out.

The nursery is available for children ages 0-3 years. Please ask a greeter if you would like additional information about Sunday School or children's programming.

Rev. Andrew Esqueda, Senior Pastor
Rev. Caroline Cupp, Senior Associate Pastor
Sándor Kádár, Director of Music
Sara Pantazes, Director of Faith Formation
Elizabeth Hess, Director of Engagement
Amanda Erno, Children's Music Director
Ann Ellis, Choir Accompanist
Kiana Rivera, Lead Singer, Contemporary Band
Jennifer Rosenberg, Preschool Director
Greg Ondo, AV Tech
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