



Service For The Lord's Day

September 27, 2026

****Those who are able, please stand.***

10:00 A.M.

WELCOME! We are glad you are worshiping with us today. We pray that you will be challenged and find joy, hope, and celebration in this time spent together in the presence of God. *Please sign and pass the "Ritual of Friendship" booklet; then, return it to the first person.*

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

O Lord, I come to You with open hands to receive the gift of Your grace with a thankful spirit. Help me to praise You and continue to share the faith with a new generation, so that our praise of You continues forever.

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER TO WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

"Prelude for Organ"

Boehly

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Responsive)

Leader: Before You created the whole world, before the mountains were made,
from the beginning to the end, You are God.

All: Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations.

Leader: Teach us to count our days, so that we may gain a wise heart.

**All: Satisfy us with Your faithful love every morning.
Then we can sing and be glad our whole life long.**

Leader: Lord, since the start, You have been like a home to us.
Show us Your mighty acts.

**All: Behold, God does something new for each generation.
Yes, Lord, let our children see Your glorious power.**

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION** *(Worship Leader)*

***OPENING HYMN** “O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!”

No. 41

***CALL TO CONFESSION** *(Worship Leader)*

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *(In Unison)*

God of abundant goodness, we confess that we want Your grace for ourselves but often wish punishment or exclusion on others. We judge the efforts and motives of others while ignoring the faults of our own. Forgive us, we pray, when we let jealousy overtake us. Forgive us, we pray, when we are petty even in the presence of Your generosity. Forgive us, we pray, when we feel slighted by You. May we ask once again for Your mercy? Will You help us to be once more merciful toward one another? We pray in the name of Christ Jesus, by Whose grace we are saved. Amen.

***KYRIE** “Lord, Have Mercy upon Us”

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON** *(Worship Leader and In Unison)*

Leader: Friends, put your trust in the Good News of the Gospel.

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

***GLORY BE TO THE FATHER**

No. 581

GOD’S PEOPLE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION *(In Unison)*

Gracious God, Your Word surprises, challenges, upsets, and overturns our way of seeing and thinking. Come and find us today wherever we are, however we are. By the power of Your Holy Spirit, cause that which is withering in us to blossom and that which is exacting in us to broaden until we see as You see, and thereby glimpse the kingdom You are bringing. In Christ’s name, we pray. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalms 65: 1-2, 8-13

ANTHEM

“Et in Terra Pax”

Lightfoot

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Mark 4: 1-9, 13-20

SUNDAY MESSAGE

“Unless A Seed Is Planted”

Mary Ann Bromley, CRE

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** “The Apostles’ Creed”

Hymnal Page 17

***HYMN**

“Just as I Am, without One Plea”

No. 442

WE SHARE THE GOOD NEWS OF THE LORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Hymnal page 35

...“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, the power and the glory forever. Amen.”

WE MAKE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

“Offertory for Organ”

Boehly

***DOXOLOGY**

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

No. 606

***OFFERTORY PRAYER** *(In Unison)*

God of the harvest, we are privileged to be counted among those whom You have called, graced to have been given Your work to do, blessed to receive more than we will ever earn. Accept, we pray, our thanksgiving and offerings, and do what You choose with what already belongs to You. In Christ’s name we pray, Amen.

***HYMN**

“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”

No. 700

***A CHALLENGE AND BLESSING**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE** “Amen”

***WE SHARE A SIGN OF JESUS’ PEACE**

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you

All: And also with you.

***POSTLUDE** “Postlude for Organ”

Boehly



THE DEACONS would like to thank all who remember the Deacons’ Cupboard while shopping. They are requesting **small laundry detergent, shampoo, and dish soap** for the month of **September**. You may leave your items in the Deacons’ box in Fellowship Hall.

RADIO MINISTRY is funded by **Cindy Athya**. Our service is broadcast at 10:00 a.m. Sundays on 1570 AM and 97.7 FM and talk977.com. If you would like to contribute to this ministry, donations for the Radio Ministry may be placed in the offering plate; contributions may also be mailed to the Church Office with “Radio Ministry” in the memo of the check.

PASTOR LESLIE’S FIRST SUNDAY: What an exciting time at FPC Warren! Rev. Dr. Leslie Traylor’s first day in our pulpit will be **October 4**, and we as a congregation (as well as Pastor Leslie) are excited for this new time in our church. Please remember to get into the habit of wearing your name tag to assist Pastor Leslie in learning all our names and faces as she begins her leadership at FPC.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY: September 16–October 28, 5:30–7:00 p.m. Join us each Wednesday evening for an entertaining and thought-provoking Bible study inspired by the beloved *Andy Griffith* and *Mayberry R.F.D.* television programs. Each evening, we will explore lessons and values that connect the simple wisdom of Mayberry with our lives of faith. Topics will include service, peace, commitment, accountability, courage, temptation, and more. This eight-program series gives you plenty of opportunities to join us. Come for one, a few, or all eight programs! Sign-up in Fellowship Hall.

FIRST SUNDAY SPEAKER SERIES: Our first speaker will be Dominic Mararri, Director of Public Relations from the Warren Family Mission. Mark your calendar and join us on **Sunday, October 4, at 11:15 a.m. in the Parlor.**

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY: Exploring the Parables of Jesus. A parable is a story about a simple, familiar subject that Jesus used to illustrate a deeper and more meaningful spiritual truth. Together, we will discuss these stories, share our interpretations, and consider how Jesus' teachings speak to our lives today. Join us **Sunday at 9:00 a.m. in the Parlor.**

WOMEN OF FPC MARK YOUR CALENDARS! The Aspire Women's Event will be held again this year on **Sunday, October 18**, in Hermitage, PA. We will **meet at the church at 2:30 p.m.**, travel to Hermitage, and enjoy lunch before the event begins at 5:00 p.m. Your cost is \$15.00. **Sign up in Fellowship Hall by October 5.**

MISSION OPPORTUNITY: The churches of Eastminster Presbytery have been invited to participate in our second Mission Service Project of 2026 at the Warren Family Mission. Our task on **October 17** will be preparing for the Mission's annual coat giveaway. Participants are asked to arrive between **9:30 and 9:45** that Saturday morning. Lunch is included, and the project should wrap up about **1:00 p.m.** **Please sign up in Fellowship Hall by October 5.** This is a wonderful opportunity for our Church to support the mission work of Eastminster Presbytery right in our own backyard!

VOLUNTEERS: Now is the time to take advantage of ways you can grow and serve our Church. There are sign-up sheets in Fellowship Hall for small groups and volunteer options. Please consider where you can join and serve.

MIRIAM ESTHER CIRCLE will discuss Lesson 2 in "United Through Christ, Bound to Each Other" on **Thursday, October 1, at 11:00 a.m.** in the Parlor. Lunch will follow in Fellowship Hall at 12:00 p.m. Bring a bag lunch. Dessert will be provided.

FPC CRAFTERS will meet on **Wednesday, October 7**, at 10:00 a.m. in Badger Hall to make gifts for the veterans. All are welcome!

GHOST WALK: FPC will be ground zero for the 2026 Ghost Walk, which will be held **October 16, 17, 23, and 24, from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m.** Tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children age 12 and under. Tours leave every 15 minutes. Bring your family and friends for this educational and entertaining event.

COMMISSIONED RULING ELDER:

DIRECTOR OF FAMILY AND YOUTH MINISTRY:

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY:

LAY READER:

RADIO, LIGHTS AND SOUND SYSTEM:

VIDEO PROJECTION:

Mary Ann Bromley

Marissa Robbins

Melanie A. Vlad

Mary Kilpatrick

Jelani Lampley

Richard Coupland and Alexis Musgrove

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

Sun, Sept. 27	- Choir Rehearsal 8:30 am
	- Bible Study, P 9:00 am
	- Worship 10:00 am
	- Sunday School, B 10:15 am
	- Bell Practice 11:15 am
Mon, Sept. 28	- OA, P 10:00 am
	- Girl Scouts, B..... 5:30 pm
	- AA, MC 7:00 pm
Tues, Sept. 29	- Al-Anon, MC 9:30 am
	- Girl Scouts, FH 5:00 pm
	- Girl Scouts, B..... 5:30 pm
	- NA, MC 7:00 pm
	- Session Meeting, FH 7:00 pm
Wed, Sept. 30	- Bible Study, FH 5:30 pm
	- AA, MC 6:30 pm
Thurs, Oct. 1	- Miriam Esther Circle, P 11:00 am
	- Church Life, Z 4:30 pm
Fri, Oct. 2	- Church Office Closed
Sat, Oct. 3	- AA, MC 11:00 am
	- Steering Clear Event, FH 8:00 am
Sun, Oct. 4	- Communion/2 Cents-a-Meal
	- Choir Rehearsal 8:30 am
	- Bible Study, P 9:00 am
	- Worship 10:00 am
	- Sunday School, B 10:15 am
	- First Sunday Speaker, P 11:15 am

FH-Fellowship Hall MC-Mable Culver P-Parlor B-Badger Hall T-Tieffle Lounge Z-Zoom