

FOX CHAPEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Highlights



Moving Forward After the Election

Dear friends,

Our country's election has been a deeply fracturing experience for our nation and communities everywhere, including our own. Whether disappointed or glad about the election results, it is an important time to ask, "What's next?"

As a pastor, I sense God's call for our church to be part of the healing work that is needed in our community, as source of hope, and at work for the wellbeing of all. Our "Purpose & Pathways" statement can remind us of what kind of community God has called us to be in this moment:

As a community of Christ's disciples, we joyfully participate in Christ's mission of love and peace, transformation and hope by:

- inviting and welcoming all people into a life with God and a caring fellowship of faith;
- glorifying God through engaging worship, prayer, and praise;
- nurturing the spiritual growth of people of all ages and equipping them for lives of ministry, and;
- following the Spirit to witness to God's Kingdom through compassion, justice, and service.

In what ways do you feel called to help make our congregation a place where all can find a sense of belonging, peace, dignity, and respect, welcomed fully and completely into our faith community?

How do you feel called to help make our worship a time that unites us in our praise of God and encourages us in our commitment to the ways of God's Kingdom?

Where do you sense God's leading to help make our congregation a place where every person can be invited into a life of faith, experience growth in discipleship, and be prepared to use their gifts to participate in God's work in our congregation and in the larger world?

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Children and Youth Sunday / One Service Sunday

TODAY / SUNDAY NOV 10 / 10 AM / SANCTUARY

Welcome to an all-church worship service led by our children and youth.

We thank those who brought a can of whole kernel corn with them to worship to support Light of Life's Annual Thanksgiving Dinner Drive.

Join us for a reception in the Atrium following the service to celebrate our children and youth. Donuts and cider will be served. All are welcome to attend!



Congregational Meeting

SUNDAY / NOV 17 / 12:10 PM / SANCTUARY

Members of the FCPC congregation are asked to attend a congregational meeting following the 11:00 service for the purpose of electing elders and deacons for leadership beginning in 2025.

And in what ways do you feel God's strong leading to join with others in our church family to fight for justice, bring compassion to individuals and communities that need healing, and serve the suffering in ways that bring transformation to lives and our world?

Take the time you need after this difficult election season to care for yourself and check in with others. And when you are ready, ask God to guide you in answering the question, "What's next?" Then come and talk to me about how we can pray and work together to help our church be the community of love and peace, transformation and hope, that God is calling us to be.

With hope in the power of Christ,

Singer

Prepared Meals for Circles Sharpsburg



Circles Sharpsburg is a comprehensive anti-poverty program to empower participants to achieve personal and community goals.

Our church has committed to providing dinner for 30 people on the first Tuesday of each month. We are looking for people to provide various dishes for the dinner each month--dates and what is needed are given in the SignUpGenius below.

Contributions are to be dropped off in Sharpsburg at Roots of Faith at 5:15 pm at 800 Main Street. If you are able, please consider signing up! The Circles program really appreciates the dinners we bring.

Sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f054da9aa28a1fa7-circles#/> or scan the QR code.

Questions? Contact JoEllen Leech at leechjoellen@gmail.com



Doves are Coming!

Please join the FCPC Deacons in their annual Dove Tree ministry, bringing the love of Christ to needy families this Christmas! Dove Tree adoptions will be available on Nov 17, 24, and Dec 1 before and after all three worship services. All gifts need to be returned to the church on Sunday, December 8th between 9:00 am and 12:00 noon.

Benefiting agencies are East End Cooperative Ministries, Sojourner House, Homewood Early Learning Hub and Family Center, and Poppin' Tags Free Store in Russellton. Thank you for helping to make this a Merry Christmas for these families.

Questions? Contact:

- Kathy Smith at 412-965-9592
- Brenda Karas at 724-393-4161





Caregiver Coffee Hour

NOV 22 / 10-11AM / LOUNGE

Caregiver Coffee Hour is an opportunity to give and receive support from other caregivers through conversation, the sharing of ideas, and prayer. All caregivers are welcome. You do not need to sign up, just drop in for a warm cup of coffee or tea. Hope to see you there.

Due to the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday, Caregiver Coffee's meeting date has changed to Nov 22nd.

Questions? Contact Nikki Rosswog at 412-963-8466 or nikki@fcpc.us



The Longest Night Service

TUESDAY / DEC 17 / 7:00 PM / ATRIUM

All are invited to our annual Longest Night Service, a quiet service of music and reflection for those seeking peace during the holiday season.

Questions? Contact Nikki Rosswog, Minister of Congregational Care, at nikki@fcpc.us

Haiti H2O Pumpkin Sale Thank You!

Thank you to all who volunteered at the Pumpkin Sale and who supported the effort by purchasing pumpkins! We had decent weather and connected with new and old supporters throughout the weekend. You helped to sell \$4,640 worth of pumpkins! This will provide roughly \$2,600 toward the ministries of our partners in Haiti. (We purchase the pumpkins locally from Soergel's Orchard.)

And, in case you missed this, you can read about the importance of pumpkins in Haitian culture and get a recipe for a delicious pumpkin stew at <https://www.haitih2o.org/h2o-koneksyon/soup-joumou-and-its-history-in-haiti>.

We are so grateful for Fox Chapel Presbyterian Church and the way that you share your resources with Haiti H2O. Without your support, our partner churches in Haiti would struggle to care for their neighbors.

Mesi anpil (Many thanks), Rhonda



HAITI H2O
HOPE TO OPPORTUNITY

Music at FCPC

Call for Musicians

Interested in playing in our 8:15am or 9:30am worship services? There is room for you. We are looking for musicians to help lead us in worship. Reach out to S.C. Toe, Minister of Music, at sc@fcpc.us if you are interested or have any questions.

Calling Instrumentalists

Do you play an instrument? Don't think you're old enough? Think it's been too many years since you've picked it up? I want to hear from you! Pop in my office, give me a call, or send me an email. I would love to hear from you! - S.C.



Try Chancel Choir or Handbell Choir! THURSDAYS / JOIN NOW!

Join the chancel choir or handbell choir with S.C. Toe, new Minister of Music. Rehearsals are held Thursdays in the Sanctuary at 6:15 PM for handbells and 7:30 PM for the choir.

Interested? Contact S.C. at sc@fcpc.us

Join the FCPC Children's Choir

Children K-5th grade welcome to join

Rehearsals are held weekly on Sundays from 10:15-10:55 AM in the choir room (room 209). The children will sing in worship services monthly.

Questions? Please reach out to S.C. Toe, Minister of Music at sc@fcpc.us

Fox Chapel Presbyterian Church Lessons & Carols Festival Choir

**Weekly Rehearsals
Thursdays at 7:30 pm**

**Lessons & Carols
December 15th 11:00 am**

Merry Christmas! Even as I type this phrase, I find it hard to believe that it's that time of year already. My name is S.C., and I have the honor of serving FCPC as Minister of Music. I can hardly contain my excitement about the coming season and all the wonderful music just waiting to come to life! I do hope that you will join us beginning November 7th at 7:30 pm for weekly one-hour rehearsals. We will be leading worship December 15th at 11:00 am at our annual Lessons & Carols Service. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out at sc@fcpc.us or (412) 963-8243. I'd love to hear from you!

Care & Concern

We celebrate with:

- Barbara Frey on the birth of her grandson George James Longo on October 22.
- Brenda and Chet Karas on the birth of their granddaughter Ainslee Marie Bowser. Proud parents are Hanna and Jared Bowse.

We hold these friends in prayer:

Jonny Wallisch
Jane May, sister of Sue Patrick
Lorraine, friend of Diane Tung
Eva Havlicsek
Ewan Boag, Grandson of Emy and Bill Boag
Mary Crepeau
Armand Caldwell, FCPC caretaker
Noah and Aysha Baker, family of Corinne Baker
Shawn Stelitano, husband of Heather
Carol Henderson
Mary Hanna
Elizabeth Ya Senka, sister of Fay Powell
Alison Bischoff
Friends of Gail dealing with end of life issues
MacKenzie and Chasen Strawn, family of Marcia
Mayhew
Eddie Rosenthal, son of Lili Rosenthal
Rev. Joan Hogge, former FCPC associate pastor
Jane May, sister of Sue Patrick
Lorraine Tabish, mother of Kim Siddons
Tom Taylor

We pray for those who grieve:

- For Cheryl Dattilo, at the death of her husband James Dattilo on October 12.

We pray for those affected by Recent Hurricanes:

- Kitty Skinner's sister Judy and husband Paul in Brevard, NC
- Charlie Skinner's cousin Carol in Clearwater Beach, FL
- MegScott Franklin, niece of Roger Owens, and all college students displaced from western NC.
- Julie and Karl Ruch and children, DJ Hammerschmidt's cousins, displaced from Asheville NC.
- Rev. Brian Smith, godson of Bill and Emy Boag, in his mission to gather and distribute relief supplies in NC.

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

- 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.

To keep this list current, please renew requests on a monthly basis for continued prayers.



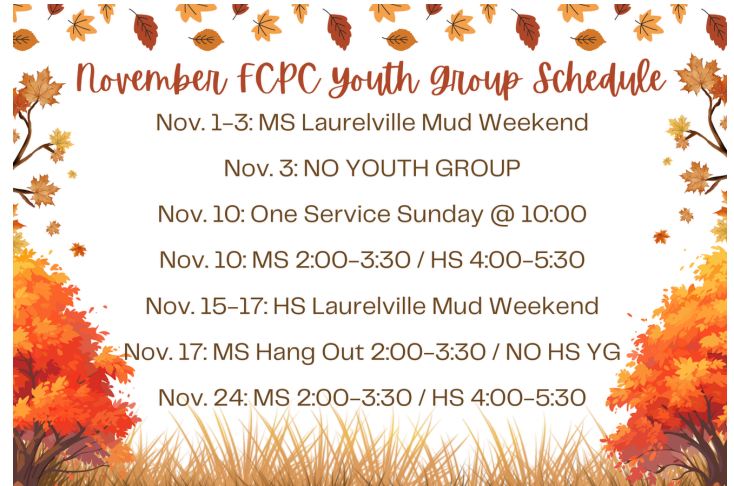
Letters of Concern

Every week the deacons send letters of concern to members of our church family who are experiencing joys or concerns. You are invited to sign these letters each week before or after all worship services.

Youth Ministry (Grades 6-12)

We invite all middle and high school students to join our weekly Sunday afternoon youth group. We meet in the Youth Lounge for games, snacks, discussions on how scripture impacts our life, and to grow together as a community. Bring a friend!

Questions? Contact Emma Kate Lander, Interim Minister of Youth, at emmakate@fcpc.us or 410-858-7311



Make a Difference as a Youth Group Volunteer!

Want to share Christ's love and support with teens? Talk to Emma Kate Lander about serving as a volunteer for youth ministry for youth group gatherings, special youth events, or a trip with youth.



Birthdays

NOV 10 Jon Sweringen, Wesley Fravel, Lincoln Baldwin, Robert Bartolacci

NOV 11 Marilyn Carpenter, Sarah Bell, Laurie Garzarelli, Emily Linder

NOV 12 Andrew Friend, Libby Datt, Lillian Stallard

NOV 13 DJ Hammerschmidt, Sarah Jane Inglis, George Demetri, Claire Heary, Heather Delaney

NOV 14 Hannah Roth

NOV 15 Dudley Hawley, Annabel Siddons, Juli Huntington

NOV 16 Lois Tomlinson, Tracy Thurman, Sean Jewart, Dave Brett



Hiring! - Administrative Assistant to FCPC Preschool Director

Fox Chapel Presbyterian Church Preschool is searching for a self-motivated, energetic, and reliable individual to fill an immediate opening for an Administrative Assistant position.

Candidates will need to have a love for the high energy Christian environment of toddlers, preschoolers and their families. The ability to multitask, prioritize projects, and be flexible is required. See the full job posting at www.fcps.us/preschool/jobs

Please send resumes to: Ms. Karin Miller, Director of Preschool Ministries at karin@fcpc.us



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 in the Lowest Level.

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 in the Lowest Level.

Questions? Contact our Minister of Children and Families, Pastor Lori Bass-Riley, by email at lori@fcpc.us or call/text at 412-737-1412.



Wednesday Night Live! Kids Club

WEDNESDAYS / 6:00-7:30 PM

A place for your child to Have Fun! Make Friends! Grow in Faith! Children ages K-5th are welcome.

Contact Pastor Lori with any questions! 412-737-1412 (call/text)



ADVENT-URING!

NOV 24 / 10:30 AM - 1 PM / ATRIUM

Let's go on an Advent-ure to get ready for the Advent season together. All ages are welcome to come for a variety of Advent related crafts. Design an Advent wreath, make treats for animal shelters, pick up an Advent devotional, and more! Snacks will be provided and it is a suggested \$15 donation for the wreath kits.

Questions? Contact Pastor Lori at 412-737-1412 (call/text)

This Week at FCPC

SUN NOV 10

- 9:45 AM** Small Group (Lounge)
- 10 AM** Combined Worship Service
- 11 AM** Small Group (Library)
- 11 AM** Children & Youth Reception (Atrium)
- 2 PM** Middle School Youth Group (Youth Lounge)
- 4 PM** High School Youth Group (Youth Lounge)
- 7 PM** Small Group (Lounge)

MON NOV 11

- 9 AM** Preschool
- 10 AM** Small Group (Lounge)
- 2 PM** Knitting Group (Library)
- 7 PM** Building & Grounds Committee (Chapel)
- 7 PM** Fellowship Team (Lounge)
- 7:30 PM** Small Group (Zoom)

TUE NOV 12

- 8 AM** Men's Prayer Fellowship (Lounge)
- 9 AM** Preschool
- 9 AM** AAUW Meeting (Chapel)
- 11 AM** Small Group (Sharpsburg Tower)
- 2 PM** Small Group (Longwood Retirement Home)
- 5:45 PM** Meditation/Contemplative Prayer Group (Lounge)

WED NOV 13

- 9 AM** Preschool
- 9:30 AM** Women's Bible Study (Chapel)
- 6 PM** Wednesday Night Live! (Fellowship Hall)

THURS NOV 14

- 9 AM** Preschool
- 9:30 AM** GriefShare (Chapel)
- 6:15 PM** Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 7:30 PM** Lessons & Carols Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 8:30 PM** Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

FRI NOV 15

- High School Laurelville Trip**
- 9 AM** Preschool

SAT NOV 16

- High School Laurelville Trip**

SUN NOV 17

- High School Laurelville Trip**
- 8:15 AM** Cup and Loaf Worship Service (Chapel)
- 9:30 AM** Contemporary Worship (Fellowship Hall), Kids' Church (Lowest Level), Nursery Care (Room 109), Comfort Space (Room 107)
- 9:45 AM** Small Group (Lounge)
- 10:15 AM** Children's Choir (Choir Room)
- 10:40 AM** Small Group (Library)
- 11 AM** Traditional Worship Service (Sanctuary), Kids' Church (Lowest Level), Nursery Care (Room 109), Comfort Space (Room 107)
- 12:30 PM** Children's Intro Bible Class (Lowest Level)
- 2 PM** Middle School Youth Group (Youth Lounge)
- 7 PM** Small Group (Lounge)

Dear church family,

One of FCPC's facility caretakers, Armand Caldwell, had a major house fire last week, losing everything. Our compassion goes out to Armand in this difficult time, and many are asking how the church can help.

A GoFundMe page has been created by Armand's sister Beda Adams, to benefit Armand and his college age son Isaac as they try to find a new home and begin to replace belongings. Members of session invite FCPC members who feel led to help Armand to donate through the GoFundMe page (<https://gofund.me/f18dd903>) or to give a personal gift to Armand Caldwell directly or with the assistance of Pastor Ginger Thomas or office manager Sarah Hays. Checks should be made payable to Armand Caldwell and are considered personal gifts.

As we offer support, we are part of the work of Christ to bring compassion, help, and hope during this time when Armand and Isaac need it most.

In Christ, Pastor Ginger Thomas



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