

FOX CHAPEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Highlights



A Welcome to All

Welcome to Fox Chapel Presbyterian Church for this special time of worship on Christmas Eve. Whether you are here for the first time, here after being away for a while, or here every week, you are welcome here.

There's a place here for you. FCPC is a congregation that invites all people to experience the joy of God's love and acceptance, the support of a caring community of faith, and the transformation that comes with study and service together. Take a look at this newsletter and our website (www.fcpc.us) to see how you can join in! And reach out to one of our pastors if you'd like to meet or talk.

Thank you for joining us on Christmas Eve. May the wonder of God's love in Jesus be a special gift to you this Christmas and always.

Join Us for Sunday Worship

At FCPC, we experience thoughtful, thematic liturgy, which includes the prayers and spoken responses of the congregation. Our music ranges from the majestic organ and professional quartet to acoustic guitar and a full worship band. All are welcome in our worship services!

Sunday Worship Times

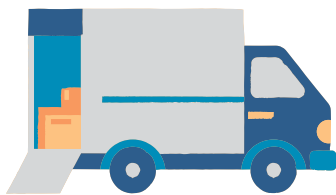
Cup & Loaf Service, 8:15 AM, Chapel
Contemporary Service, 9:30 AM, Fellowship Hall
Traditional Service, 11 AM, Sanctuary

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Get the weekly Highlights newsletter delivered straight to your email inbox! Sign up at tinyurl.com/FCPCEmail or scan the QR code.



Fill the Truck Food Drive



Get involved in FCPC's annual Fill the Truck event. Gather non-perishable items, such as cereal, pasta, peanut butter, paper towels, toiletries, etc., and bring them in during the month of January. Items will be sorted, packed and delivered to: Bread of Life Food Pantry, Sharpsburg Food Pantry, Singing Winds Food Pantry on February 2. All ages and skill levels are welcome!

Women's Bible Study

Join us for the second half of Women's Bible Study in January focusing on the life of Nehemiah and Esther. This study is open to the community, so invite a friend! **Materials cost is \$25.**

For questions, reach out by email to: sarahdatt@gmail.com or cristiegood@gmail.com.

Financial assistance is available. Contact Pastor Ginger (ginger@fcpc.us) for more information.

Friday Book Group

First meeting of 2025 on January 10th.

The book selected for discussion is *James* by Percival Everett, which won the 2024 National Book Award for fiction and the 2024 Kirkus Prize as well as being selected as Barnes and Noble's Book of the Year. It is a retelling of Huckleberry Finn from the viewpoint of Huck's black companion Jim. The book can be obtained from Barnes and Noble and Amazon, among other booksellers.

Questions? Contact Bev Reding at 412-780-2444

Get Involved in Upcoming Groups & Events

Annual Chili Cook-Off

JAN 26, 2025 / 12:30-2 PM / FELLOWSHIP HALL



For the 17th year, the entire congregation is invited to attend and sample the products of the church's best chili cooks, who will be vying for bragging rights (and hot prizes). Again this year, the Cook-off will remember its late, great champion of champions, B.J. Ferguson. B.J. surely would want to know: Who will be able to say that he or she has the best chili in the church and whether prior years' winners repeat in 2023!!

E-mail Chet Karas at karas756@comcast.net to sign up.

Caregiver Coffee Hour

Date and Time: Last Friday of every month / 10-11 AM

Caring for someone with physical, developmental, mental health, or age-related challenges can feel overwhelming and lonely. 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.



Contact Nikki Rosswog at 412-963-8466 or nikki@fcpc.us with questions

Need a caring presence?

Stephen Ministers at FCPC provide one-on-one, Christ-centered care to people in the congregation and the community experiencing life difficulties.

If you or someone you know may benefit from a Stephen Minister, please contact Nikki Rosswog (nikki@fcpc.us).



Call for Musicians

Interested in leading through sharing musically in one of our worship services? You are most welcome! We have opportunities to play the piano, other instruments, and sing at 8:15am; play in the band or sing, at 9:30am; play an instrument or sing in the choir at 11:00am. There is also the opportunity to play in the handbell choir on Thursdays at 6:15pm.

Contact S.C. Toe if interested or with any questions at sc@fcpc.us

Notice for Scripture Lay Reader Volunteers

Pastor Roger: "Having other voices present in worship has made a wonderful contribution." If you are looking for an opportunity to share your voice and to get involved in worship services, give scripture reading a try. We are now working on the schedule for the first quarter of 2025, and are looking for volunteers to participate. No experience is needed, just share your Sunday availabilities.

Interested or have questions? Contact Judy Grune at grunefamily@gmail.com or at 412-780-5053.

Youth Ministry (Grades 6-12)

DO YOU HAVE A 9TH GRADER WHO'S INTERESTED IN JOINING THE CHURCH? SIGN THEM UP FOR CONFIRMATION!

Confirmation prepares youth to engage in the life of the church! It provides a space to wrestle with big questions like, "Who is God?" or "What is God doing?" or "How can my faith impact the world around me?" This exciting journey invites students to deepen their faith and officially become members of Fox Chapel Presbyterian Church.

SIGN UP FOR MORE INFORMATION USING THE QR CODE BELOW.



CONTACT EMMA KATE LANDER, INTERIM MINISTER OF YOUTH, AT EMMAKATE@FCPC.US OR (410) 858-7311 WITH ANY QUESTIONS!

FCPC Youth Group

6th-12th graders are invited to join us weekly from 2:00-3:30 on Sunday afternoons for youth group!

Youth group provides a safe space for youth to have fun, be known, build community, and experience God. Our goal is to help youth grow in their love for God, their love for others, and their love for who they are.

Sign up for our weekly newsletter here:



Children & Family Ministries (Infant-5th Grade)



Wednesday Night Live Kids' Club

Open to all kids K-5th grade
Wednesdays 6pm-7:30pm Starting January 8
Get closer to God and to each other through crazy games, fun art projects, snacks, and so much more!

Drop in or Sign Up!

Questions? Contact Pastor Lori 412-737-1412

**JANUARY 25
5:30PM-8PM**

WINTER FAMILY Fun Night

DROP IN AND HANG OUT!

Dinner, Crafts, Open Gym, Toys & Board Games

SIGN UP! FOLLOW OUR QR CODE OR CLICK HERE! DINNER IS AVAILABLE! TURKEY & CHEESE SANDWICHES, FRUIT, BAGGED SNACKS, DRINKS!



FCPC Preschool Tours

Families interested in learning more about the preschool and the enrollment process are encouraged to schedule a tour with us. Contact Karin, Stephanie, or Jason in the preschool office at karin@fcpc.us, 412-552-9382, or preschooladmin@fcpc.us. We're excited to hear from you!

SUNDAY MORNINGS FOR CHILDREN

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.

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.

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.

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Giving

Give Online

- + Scan the QR code to give online
- + Text the word GIVE to 412-201-0557



2024 Giving Statement

Annual giving statements will be emailed in January 2024. Please be sure to you are able to receive emails from giving@fcpc.us. Please contact the church office if you are unable to receive an emailed giving statement.

2025 Financial Pledge

If you have not yet made your stewardship pledge for the coming year, there is still time. 2025 pledges can be made online via our website at www.fcpc.us/giving or by contacting Sarah Hays, Office Manager at sarah@fcpc.us or call 412-963-8479.

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