

FOX CHAPEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Highlights



WELCOME OUR NEW MINISTER OF MUSIC, S.C. TOE!

We are excited to welcome Samson "S.C." Toe as Minister of Music.

An Ohio native, Toe comes to Fox Chapel Presbyterian after serving Reid Memorial Presbyterian Church as Director of Music and the Augusta Symphony Orchestra as Assistant Conductor, both in Augusta, GA.

A pianist by training, Toe has extensive experience leading choirs and orchestras. His passion for the congregation's song led him to fall in love with the organ and hymn leading.

Having felt a call to the music ministry at an early age, Toe is committed to ensuring that worship music and its preparation provide a truly worshipful experience for both the congregation and musicians, with the expectation that **"making music in the church for worship is ushering in the very presence of the living God."**

Toe has served congregations in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Tennessee, and Georgia, including Christ United Methodist Church in Bethel Park, PA as Director of Music. An active orchestral conductor, he has served on numerous orchestral staffs and has appeared as guest conductor and clinician for several orchestras and organizations, most notably as Conductor of the Memphis Youth Symphony in 2016.

After his senior year of high school, Toe was appointed Intern Assistant Conductor of the Canton Youth Symphony, a position he held for four seasons. Toe made his international conducting debut in the summer of 2012 when he was invited to conduct a series of concerts throughout Italy and Switzerland under the direction of Maestro Joseph del Principe.

While a student at Malone University, Toe served for two years as student conductor of the Malone University Chorale, regularly conducting the University Chorale, University Chamber Choir, and the University Chapel Choir. Toe was Principal and Founding Conductor of the Canton Community Orchestra and Chorus in his hometown of Canton, OH, and served as Chorus Master of the Malone Opera Theater Company, coaching members on solo literature and conducting the chorus in performances.

When not working, S.C. enjoys spending time with family and friends, reading, writing, and exploring good coffee and eating spots.

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Join us for a Meet & Greet

Greet S.C. Toe in the Atrium immediately following worship today at an all-church reception!

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"After screening over two dozen applicants in this national search," said Chris Chamberlain, Chair of the Minister of Music search committee, "the committee was unanimous and enthusiastic in their decision to recommend S.C. as our next Minister of Music."

Cate Mettenburg, chair of the Worship and Music committee and member of the search committee, said, "We are delighted to welcome S.C. to the FCPC community. As our new Minister of Music, S.C. brings a depth of musical experience, gifts, and passion to FCPC. We look forward to growing together with him in worship and music in the years ahead."

This Sunday at FCPC

10 AM: Combined Worship Service in Sanctuary, Kids' Church (Choir Room), Nursery Care (Room 109), Comfort Space (Room 107)

11 AM: Cookie Reception / Meet & Greet in the Atrium

Next Sunday:
All Services in the Sanctuary
SUN SEPT 8 / 8:15, 9:30, & 11AM WORSHIP



ALL CHURCH PICNIC
OCT 6 FROM 4:30-6 PM



Register for the Women's Retreat

"Caring for and Praying with Our Bodies"
SEPT 20-22 / ANTIOCHIAN VILLAGE / BOLIVAR PA

Use the QR code to register - deadline extended to September 5!



More information?

Please contact Pastor Ginger Thomas at ginger@fcpc.us or Janet Ummer at jsummer@fsm1.com.



Register for the Men's Retreat

OCT 11-13 / ANTIOCHIAN VILLAGE
BOLIVAR PA

More information?

Contact Paul Privett by email at privett@hotmai.com.

Use the QR Code to register online.



Music at FCPC



Give Choir or Handbells a Try!

THURSDAYS / BEGINS SEPT 5

Join the choir or handbell with S.C. Toe, new Minister of Music. The first rehearsal will be September 5th in the Sanctuary at 6:30 PM for handbells and 7:30 PM for the choir.

Join the FCPC Children's Choir

CHILDREN K-5TH GRADE WELCOME TO JOIN

Sunday, September 15th we will host an "experience the choir" day. Children will have a chance to learn more about the choir and sing a little during Kids' Church during both the 9:30 contemporary & 11:00 traditional services.

Weekly children's choir rehearsals will begin **Sunday, September 22nd**. Rehearsals will be held Sundays from 10:15-10:55 AM in the Choir Room (Room 209). The children will sing in worship services monthly.

We are delighted to welcome back Jenna Hayes Bowman. Jenna will be serving as our interim children's choir director at the beginning of fall.

Any questions, please reach out to Cate Mettenburg, chair of the Worship & Music Committee at cmettenburg@gmail.com or 434-466-7795.

Thank you!

Dear Congregation,
I want to express my sincere thanks for the generous gift upon my retirement. I will look forward to visiting that nursery in the near future. Audrey and I feel very blessed to have had so many wonderful years at FCPC, and we know that God's hand will continue to be upon you in many ways in the future.

All the best! Guy Russo



New Women's Bible Study

BEGINS SEP 25 / 9:30-11AM / CHAPEL

Join us for a new nine-month Women's Bible Study in September focusing on the life of David and 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, cristiegood@gmail.com, cmettenburg@gmail.com, or juli_huntington@msn.com. *Financial assistance is available. Contact Pastor Ginger (ginger@fcpc.us) for more information.*



Rise Against Hunger

OCT 5 / 9:00 AM-NOON / FELLOWSHIP HALL

Please join us in a meal packaging experience in the movement to end hunger.

Register using this link:

<http://events.riseagainsthunger.org/foxchapel2024>



THANK YOU MOVE UP DAY VOLUNTEERS!

Thank you to all who helped move Harvest Fair items up from the lowest level last Sunday. We appreciate all of your hard work!

Volunteer Set Up

Volunteers are needed to help with set-up as we prepare for Harvest Fair! For information, contact **Gwen Zaleski at gwendazaleski@gmail.com.**

Donated Baked Goods

We need donated baked goods for the Harvest Fair baked goods sale. Please remember us as you bake for your family. Drop off baked goods donations in the kitchen beginning **September 3.**

Care & Concern

We hold these friends in prayer:

Jeanne Odenheimer, friend of Bob Heister
Carol, friend of Gail Harger
Carol Kelch, relative of Al & Diane Tung
Lauren, Harvest Fair Community Partner
Grace Frances, Kim Power's mother
Matt Beardsley, Bob Heister's nephew
Jane May, Sue Patrick's sister
Tom Taylor
Christiane "Kiki" Sessa, daughter-in-law of
Jean & Bob Simmonds
Hutch Hutchison

We pray for those who grieve:

- For Bob and Suzanne Wilson at the death of Bob's brother Dave on August 17.
- For Paul Soske and family at the death of his wife Ann on August 19.
- For the family of Joan Donovan at her death on August 13.

Celebration of Life:

- Marilyn Noll's Celebration of Life will be September 8 at 3 PM at Wellspring Conference Center (11411 Neelsville Church Rd., Germantown, MD). Her obituary can be found online at www.heflebowerfuneralservices.com/obituaries/marilyn-noll

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.

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

Birthdays

SEP 1: Bill Berner, Ann Borland, Ann Plunkett, Ann Plunkett

SEP 2: Coleman Strohm, Linda Wash, Ashby Daniels, Lynne Williams, Melissa Erin

SEP 3: Sue Stewart, Jake Chivinsky, Lydia DeMotte, Briggs Buchanan

SEP 4: Ivor Wood

SEP 5: Bob Wilson, Pascal Mol

SEP 6: Lisa Smith

SEP 7: Tom Jolly, Jill Wolff, Ed Brunins, Jake Bagley



GriefShare Group

BEGINS THURS SEPT 12 FROM 9:30-11:30 AM

GriefShare is a 13- week Christian faith-based support group that will be offered weekly.

Find a group & register:
griefshare.org/findagroup.

More information? Kim Power at kimpower@gmail.com / 412-965- 8794, or Gail Harger at gailharger@verizon.net / 412-963-7207.

Children & Family Ministries (Infant-5th Grade)

SUNDAY MORNING

10 AM WORSHIP

For ages 3 to 5th grade. Children are signed in before worship and begin the service with loved ones. During the Passing of the Peace, children are led to the Choir Room. Parents/guardians can pick up their children in the Choir Room.

10 AM NURSERY CARE

Room 109, ages 0-3. Staffed by experienced adults.

10 AM COMFORT SPACE

Room 107. A place to comfort or feed a child and watch the worship service.

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.



Current Children's Series

ADVENTURES IN THE FIRST CHURCH / 9:30 & 11AM KIDS' CHURCH

We're excited to share our current Kids' Church series to help your children learn about the early Church from the Book of Acts.

- **SEP 1** / Acts 10 Cornelius and Peter
- **SEP 8** / Acts 12 Peter Escapes Prison



Help Care for the Garden

SIGN UP FOR WEEKLY FCPC GARDENING

Be a part of tending the FCPC garden which grows and harvests fresh produce for local food pantries! It's a great family activity. Sign up through the QR code.

Learn more: Contact Courtney Borntraeger at courtborn@gmail.com.



Preschool Fall Registration

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE / REGISTER TODAY!

There is still time to register for the upcoming preschool year beginning in the Fall. Limited spaces are available.

More Information? Contact Karin at karin@fcpc.us or visit the website at www.fcpc.us/preschool.

Youth Ministry (Grade 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.

SUN SEP 1 | No Youth Group

YOUTH GROUP UPDATE & PARENT MEETING

SUN SEPT 8 2PM / IN THE SANCTUARY

There will be an **extremely important meeting with parents of youth-group age kids on Sunday, September 8 in the Sanctuary at 2:00 pm**. Please make every effort to attend.

Youth Group activity during that time will be to help take down the Harvest Fair materials, under the guidance of youth leaders Tracy Edwards and Dawson Tupponce, plus a few additional adults.

At the parent meeting we will provide an update on the plans for Youth Group for the fall as we search for the new Youth, Young Adult and Mission Director. The Youth Program during this period depends upon adult volunteers for a few key roles which we will outline at the meeting.

Tracy Edwards and Dawson Tupponce will remain in their current roles as the leaders of the groups, will use the "Orange Curriculum" under the guidance of members of the Christian Nurture Committee. At least one adult volunteer is needed for every Sunday Youth Group meeting to provide additional guidance and oversight.

Reminder - there is no Youth Group this Sunday, September 1st.

Watch for information about the Middle School and High School November weekends at Laurelville in the next Highlights and email blast!

Ways to Give

Give Online

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



Make a Financial Pledge

You can make a financial pledge to FCPC no matter the time of the year. 2024 pledges can be made online via our website at www.fcpc.us/giving or by contacting Sarah Hays, Office Administrator at sarah@fcpc.us or call 412- 963-8479.

This Week at FCPC

MON SEP 2

Church building closed for Labor Day

TUE SEP 3

8 AM Men's Prayer Fellowship (Offsite)

9 AM First Day of Preschool

9:30 AM Staff Devotions & Meeting
(Choir Room)

5:45 PM Meditation/Contemplative Prayer
Group (Choir Room)

WED SEP 4

9 AM Preschool

9 AM GriefShare Training (Library)

THURS SEP 5

9 AM Preschool

2:30 PM Stephen Ministry (Bride's Rm)

6:30 PM Handbell Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

FRI SEP 6

9 AM Preschool

5-9 PM Harvest Fair

Sat SEP 7

9 AM-4 PM Harvest Fair

SUN SEP 8

8:15 AM Cup and Loaf Worship (Chapel)

9:30 AM Contemporary Worship
(Fellowship Hall)

11 AM Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)

2 PM Youth Parent Meeting (Sanctuary)

Welcoming to the FCPC Staff



We welcome back Jenna Hayes Bowman as Interim Children's Choir Director. Jenna led the FCPC children's choir several years ago, and we are grateful she is stepping in to give our children's choir a great start this fall from mid-September to mid-October.

We welcome Katie Caracciolo as Temporary Administrative Assistant.

Katie will be joining the office staff starting Tuesday, September 3. Stop by the front desk to say hello the next time you're in the Church Office!



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