



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH LANCASTER PA

Worship for November 15, 2020

Rev. Dan Snyder

Rev. Dr. Steve Lytch

MUSIC

Mark Williams, Director of Music

Matt Weaver, Pianist/Organist

Nate Bankert, Vocal/Instrumental

Andy Kindig, Digital Production Coordinator

Sanctuary Flower Dedication

*The flowers in the Sanctuary are given in loving memory
of John F. Kohler
from his wife Julie Kohler and daughters
Beth Kohler and Cindi Hendricks*

WIFI: Welcome2FPC



Order of Worship

Prelude

Welcome & Call to Worship

Opening Hymn *O God, We Yearn for Safety*

Call to Confession

ONE: Before the earth was formed and even after it shall cease to be, God lives. In the short span of our lives, we see the eternal things. With assurance that we are created for a good purpose, let us confess our sin.

Confession

ALL: Merciful God, in our gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. In fear, we give in to temptations to hoard what our neighbors need. Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ.

(Time of silent prayers of confession)

ONE: In Jesus' name we pray,

ALL: Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

ONE: Keep silence before the Lord! The day of the Lord is at hand. Hear and believe the good news of a God who loves to forgive.

ALL: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

Passing of the Peace of Christ

Prayer For Illumination

ONE: Startle us, O God, with your truth, and open our minds to your Spirit, that we may be one with Christ our Lord, and serve as faithful disciples, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ALL: Amen.

Scripture Readings **1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 / Matthew 25:14-30**

Message

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Music During Candlelighting *Beautiful Name* (prerecorded)

(Worshippers will be invited to come forward to light a candle and bring prayer requests.

Please wait as ushers guide the flow of travel.)

Anthem *Be Thou My Vision* (prerecorded)

Benediction

Postlude

(For health and safety, please wait for ushers to dismiss you.)

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

5 Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. 2 For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. 3 When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! 4 But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; 5 for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. 6 So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; 7 for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. 8 But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. 9 For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, 10 who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. 11 Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Matthew 25:14-30

14 "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; 15 to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. 16 The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. 17 In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. 18 But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. 19 After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. 20 Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' 21 His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' 22 And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' 23 His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' 24 Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; 25 so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' 26 But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? 27 Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. 28 So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. 29 For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. 30 As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

O God, We Yearn for Safety

Lyrics: Carolyn Winfrey Gillette
Tune: ANGEL'S STORY

The musical score is written on four staves in a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some rests. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The lyrics are as follows:

O God, we yearn for safe - ty; We long to be se - cure. Yet
You give to some ten tal - ents, to oth - ers, two or three; To
You give the church the gos - pel, good news for us to share. You
O God it seems much sa - fer to live from day to day, pro -
faith - ful, lov - ing ser - vice is what you val - ue more. You
some you give one bless - ing, to man - age faith - ful - ly. For
give us great com - pas - sion for neigh - bors ev' - ry - where. You
tect - ing what you lend us and hid - ing it a - way. Yet
give us what is need - ed; You love, for - give and save. Then,
you, O Lord, are lov - ing and don't de - mand suc - cess; You
give us skills to serve you and lov - ing work to do. We're
all these gifts can't flour - ish when hid - den in the ground; When
send - ing us to serve you, you call us to be brave.
dai - ly call your peo - ple to lives of faith - ful - ness.
blest to be a bless - ing, and called to risk for you.
we are brave to share them, your bless - ings will a - bound.



**Sunday, December 6, 2020
2:00pm in the Sanctuary
First Presbyterian Church Lancaster PA**

A community partnership event between
First Presbyterian Church &
DeBord Snyder Funeral Home

The Blue Christmas service is an
interdenominational service
open to all, offering those on a journey of grief,
a place during this difficult time to
acknowledge their loss.

In-person participation is limited.
Please RSVP by Dec. 1
Online at www.fpclancasterpa.org
Or by phone: 717-394-6854

The service will follow CDC guidelines
and restrictions. Masks required.

First Presbyterian Church
140 East Orange Street
(additional parking at DeBord Snyder
across Orange Street)

If you would like to participate remotely,
the service will be livestreamed on Dec 6:
<https://my.gather.app/remember/blue-christmas>

info@fpclancasterpa.org
info@DeBordSnyder.com

Philippians Study

Join Rev. Dr. Michael Wilson for 4 weeks of study of this book of joy in hardship and hope in difficulty. We'll be talking about our lives together, our purpose in life, and the power of gratitude to shape up. November 1, 8, 15, 22 — 4:30 pm, in person at the church OR via Zoom. We'll spend an hour together - sharing God's Word in our lives and how we can respond faithfully. You can email the church at info@fpclive.org for the Zoom link.

Life With God in Quarantine: Steps Along Your Spiritual Journey

Sunday mornings at 10:30, November 1, 8,
15, 22, 29. Meets at the church. Contact
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