

CONNECTION AMONG CHRISTIANS

Our local church is a place to build
meaningful relationships through
the gift of our one faith.

First  United

Methodist Church of Lancaster
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October 12, 2025



First United Methodist Church

Our Vision

To be a central hub of Christian
ministry in Lancaster County & beyond

Our Mission:

Connect people to Jesus Christ
& the church, grow Christian disciples,
& relieve suffering

October 12, 2025
8:15 & 10:45 AM

Prelude

“Softly and Tenderly”

(arr. Jeff Honoré)

“Nocturne in A Minor”

(Karen Buckwalter)

Wesley Handbells- Peter Omundsen, Director

Announcements & Greeting

Pastors Jason Ríos & Laura Sambrick

(10:45 AM) Introit

“God, Whose Love is Reigning O’er Us”

(John Goss)

Chancel Choir– Brian Norcross, Director

*Call to Worship

Leader: Happy are those who are faithful.

People: Blessed are those who seek God.

Leader: We affirm that we belong to Christ.

People: Joyful are those whose hearts are filled with praise.

Leader: Come, let us love the Lord our God.

All: We come to worship the One who leads us in the ways of life.

*Hymn No.140

“Great Is thy Faithfulness”

Common Prayer

Come, Holy One: teach us your ways, lead us in your paths, guide us on our journey. Speak to us your words of life, for you offer us direction and wholeness when we hear your voice and follow. You bless us with your love, shower us with your grace, and help us grow in faith. We seek you, O God, with all our hearts. Be near us this day. Amen.

Scripture

Psalms 25: 1-2a, 4-6

(pew Bible, OT, p. 475)

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

- - *Ushers will collect the offering during the anthem* - -

(8:15 AM) Anthem

“Jesus Paid It All”

(arr. Dan Forrest)

Peter Omundsen, organ

(10:45 AM) Anthem

“Forth In Thy Name, O Lord I Go”

(Howard Helvey)

Chancel Choir– Brian Norcross, Director

*Doxology, No. 95

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

And God will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of God's hand.

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Laura Sambrick

(10:45 AM) The Lord's Prayer

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

** * Children ages 3-5th grade are dismissed to Jr. Church * **

*Hymn No. 465

“Holy Spirit, Truth Divine”

Scripture

1 Corinthians 3:4-11

(pew Bible, NT, p. 157)

Message

Worship Series: “Created for Connection”

Pastor Jason Ríos

Week 6: “A Long-Lasting Connection”

*Affirmation of Faith

Apostles' Creed

Hymnal, No. 881

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Song of Praise, No. 77

“How Great Thou Art” (refrain)

**Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee; how great thou art, how great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee; how great thou art, how great thou art!**

8:15 AM ONLY

Invitation to The Lord's Supper

Confession and Pardon

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(All pray in silence.)

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
Glory to God. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

8:15 AM ONLY (continued)

The Lord's Prayer

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Sharing the Sacrament

Congregational Prayer (8:15 seated, 10:45 remain standing)

Loving God, you call us into community, teach us your ways, and bless us with abundant life. Yet we turn aside to follow other paths: we take the easy way out, listening to the world's call rather than your call to commitment; we quarrel with one another, letting differences divide us; we cherish our resentments, shutting off our hearts from forgiveness and reconciliation; we cling to petty jealousies, feeling we deserve more than we have. Forgive us when we wander from your love. Draw us into community with each other, and feed us with the milk of your grace, that we may grow in faithfulness and work together in peace. Amen.

*Hymn No. 545

"The Church's One Foundation"

*Dismissal with Blessing

*Response, No. 670

"Go Forth For God" (stanza 1)

Go forth for God, go to the world in peace; be of good courage, armed with heavenly grace, in God's good Spirit daily to increase, till in the kingdom we see face to face. Go forth for God, go to the world in peace.

Postlude

"Recessional"
Peter Omundsen, organ

(Franklin Ashdown)

8:15 AM Worship

Usher Chief - Barry Rodeffer
Acolyte - Natalie Reed
Liturgist - Kathy Johnson
Pastors- Jason Rios & Laura Sambrick
Ministers- First Church Congregation

10:45 AM Worship

Usher Chief - Barry Rodeffer
Acolyte - Jeff Fisher
Liturgist - Carolyn Darrenkamp
Pastors- Jason Rios & Laura Sambrick
Ministers- First Church Congregation

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Today we remember & give thanks for the life of Faye Dissinger,
who passed away on Friday, October 4, 2025.


SLEEPING ROUGH– You’re invited to join our Missions & Outreach Team to provide sub zero sleeping bags for Tenfold. Caseworkers distribute them as temperatures drop and many in our community are forced to “sleep rough”. You may use this QR code to donate funds or make a check payable to “First UMC” with “Sleeping Bag Drive” in the memo line. Or you may purchase or donate gently used subzero sleeping bags and place them in the Gathering Place drop areas on Sunday mornings. All monetary donations will go to Tenfold specially to purchase sleeping bags. Thank you for supporting our neighbors who call the street home.

STOCK UP ON GROCERY CARDS FOR THE HOLIDAYS! An easy way to support the ministries of First Church is by purchasing grocery store cards to do your regular weekly shopping. Each week at the Welcome Center (after 8:15/ before 10:45 AM services) gift cards are available from Stauffer’s, Giant & Weis. First Church receives a percentage of all card sales but you get the FULL purchase price. Stauffer’s of Kissel Hill give us a 5.5% return on their cards so stop by the Welcome Center on Sunday and get some cards just in time for your Fall and Christmas shopping! Contact Lois Greene with questions (lois.j.greene10@gmail.com)

IT’S YOUR TIME TO SHINE! Now is your time to be part of the team who welcomes guests to our church, making them feel comfortable and getting them where they need to go. **GREETERS** are the first people we see as we enter and **USHERS** help keep worship running smoothly. Both positions are important but easy to do. If you would like to serve, please contact Katherine Spear (kgs.130@gmail.com).

ONLINE DIRECTORY REMOVAL– Due to recent spam attacks, we have removed our online directory from our website. Even though it was password protected, we want to be extra cautious. New printed directories are available by request so please let us know if you would like one.

“ADOPT A CHILD” AT DISCOVERY CORNER ACADEMY! Today is the last day of the “Adopt A Child” scholarship fundraiser! Members of the DCA Board will be in the Gathering Place after all services. The scholarship fund gives children the opportunity to receive a Christian education that, otherwise, they might not be able to afford. To support our scholarship fund, please make checks payable to “First UMC” with “DCA Scholarship” in the memo line or **with this link**. Thank you for your support!

Fall Bible Study

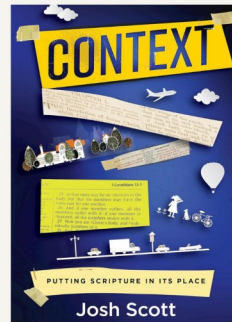
Context: Putting Scripture in Its Place

by Josh Scott

Led by Pastor Jason and Pastor Laura

October 16-November 20, 6-7:30PM

This fall, join us for **Context: Putting Scripture in Its Place** by Josh Scott—a six-week Bible study featuring video teaching and group discussion. We'll take a closer look at familiar Bible verses we may know by heart, but not always in their original setting. Josh Scott explores the people, places, and times behind these passages, uncovering fresh and eye-opening insights often missed when verses are read out of context. It's a great opportunity to connect with our pastors, meet new friends, and deepen your faith. *Childcare will be provided.*



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FALL FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25



GOSPEL MAGIC SHOW BY ERIK HERSHEY
COSTUME CONTEST
PUMPKIN DECORATING
TRICK OR TREAT TRAIL & MORE

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here

12 - 2:00 PM

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