



SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 2026
CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

Welcome & Announcements

Passing the Peace*

*Great Things**

*Living Hope**

*O Come To The Altar**

Psalm 103:1-8

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Goodness Of God*

Genesis 45:1-15

Sermon - A Deep Forgiveness

*Graves Into Gardens**

Benediction*

*Please rise in body or spirit

WAYS TO CONNECT & SERVE

Join the Sunday School Teaching Team

Would you like to know more First Pres families? Do you enjoy being with kids? Do you want to learn or relearn some Bible stories? Are you looking for a small but important way to be part of the church? Then teaching Sunday School might be for you! We are looking for new Sunday School teachers this year who are willing to help lead elementary aged kids once or twice a month during the 9:00 worship service. If you are interested or want more information, contact our Director of Faith Formation, Sara Pantazes, by calling the church office or spantazes@firstpreswc.com.

Coffee Ministry - Volunteers Needed!

We are looking for additional help with serving coffee on Sunday mornings. You would be paired up with someone who has done it before and we will provide the training! We are especially in need of servers on August 23. Please sign up online or see Elizabeth Hess or Caroline Cupp.

Clothing Closet Donations Needed

We would be so grateful if, when you are purging your children's closets before the school year begins, you would donate unwanted clothing items to our mission. We would appreciate sizes 4 through 16, boys and girls; cooler weather clothing is needed (no shoes or boots). A bin is provided in Fellowship Hall. Many thanks from the Clothing Closet Committee.

Church Grounds Clean Up Day

We are asking for volunteers to help out on Saturday, August 22 (rain date Saturday, August 29), starting at 8:30am, to do weeding, clearing out beds, trimming bushes, etc. to make our church and rental properties look great. If you would like to participate, please contact Carmelo Ortiz (2021cortiz@gmail.com).

Leading in Worship

Rev. Andrew Esqueda, Senior Pastor
Rev. Caroline Cupp, Sr. Assoc. Pastor
Kiana Rivera, Worship Band Leader
Members of the band

Blood Donations Needed!

For only the second time in history, the American Red Cross has declared a blood supply crisis. First Pres will be hosting a Blood Drive on Tuesday, August 25 from Noon to 5:00pm in Fellowship Hall. Please prayerfully consider whether you can help out in this emergency. As an incentive, everyone who donates will receive a \$20 Amazon gift card from the Red Cross via e-mail. See this week's e-news for more information or to register.

Backpack Tags & Root Beer Floats

Join us Sunday, August 30 for a special morning! During both worship services we will share a back-to-school blessing with all our students, teachers, and school employees. Make sure to stay after 9 or come early to 10:45 because during coffee hour, we'll be serving root beer floats alongside our usual coffee and juice! A fun, old-fashioned treat to send off summer and start off the new school year with joy.

Single Service - September 6

There will be a single worship service at 10:00am on Sunday, September 6. There will not be any children's programs but the Nursery will be open. In addition, the church office will be closed on Monday, September 7 in observance of the Labor Day holiday.

Church Picnic

Fall Kickoff is just around the corner on September 13. Come at noon for our annual picnic (in the "backyard" along the alley). We'll have fried chicken, a bounce house, golf putting and face painting! Sign up to bring a side dish on the website. Bring a friend!

First Pres Travelers

If interested in either a guided tour of the Chester County History Center or a trip to see "Joshua" at Sight & Sound Theater, please see this week's e-news for more information.

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