



ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOVEMBER 16, 2025

Below you will find a variety of ways to connect at FPCA

For more information on any of these please email life@fpcasheville.org. For a full staff list, please go to fpcasheville.org/leadership-staff. To see and sign up for our weekly email, please go to <https://fpcasheville.org/weekly-news/>.

Interested in joining FPCA?

Our Session welcomes new members on the third Sunday of the month in the library. Our next class is today, Nov. 16, at 9:45 am. For more information, please contact Nancy McNeill at nmcneill@fpcasheville.org.

FAITH FORMATION @ FPCA

Sunday Mornings

- **Text Talk** meets at 9:45 am in Room 112 to discuss the weekly sermon scripture.
- **Percolating Presbies** meets at 9:30 am in the second floor youth suite.
- **Godly Play** meets at 9:45 am on the first floor children's hall.
- **Faith & Fellowship: "A Dynamic Adventure: Christians Engaging Culture Where They Are"** meets at 9:45 a.m. in the ground floor fellowship hall. As Craig and Lynn Sumey prepare to serve in Scotland in the new year, they'll share insights from their work to revitalize the church with Communitas International. Together we'll hear and process how God's welcome begins long before anyone walks through church doors—through everyday relationships that embody grace, hospitality, and hope.

Advent Celebration for All Ages on Sunday, Nov. 23

Start the season together at 9:45 am in the fellowship hall. We'll share breakfast and get ready for Advent with one another. Each household can make an Advent wreath to use at home, and children will create a Christmas ornament to take with them. Supplies provided. Come for good food, shared preparation, and the joy of beginning this season together. Everyone is welcome! If you have fresh greenery, bring some cut and ready to share.

The Men's Group

The Men's Group meets on Wednesday mornings at 9 am at the church in Room 112 to discuss matters of faith and life. For more information, contact Shannon at sjordan@fpcasheville.org.

Still FLO: Theology on Tap for Young Adults on Saturday, Nov. 22

Introducing "Theology on Tap," a chance to gather over drinks at a fun location, check in on one another in our lives, and discuss a relevant topic as it intersects with our faith. Young adults (20s and 30s, and inclusive of others) are invited to join us for our first Theology on Tap gathering on Saturday, Nov. 22, at 5 pm at Zillicoah Beer Co. Our topic will be "Why and how to hold onto Christian faith amidst rising Christian nationalism." Contact David Germer at dgermer@fpcasheville.org for more information.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE @ FPCA

Advent at Home: Simple Family Practices for Wonder & Waiting

For grownups of pre-K and kindergarten families, meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 19, at 5:30 pm. Advent invites us to slow down and notice—to cultivate wonder in the everyday, curiosity about the sacred story unfolding, and intentionality in how we welcome this season at home as families. This workshop celebrates the holy potential of small practices in the season of Advent that, over time, can root our children in wonder and shape their capacity to see God's presence in the world. RSVP to Caitlin Johnson at cjohnson@fpcasheville.org.

Womens Studies — BeLoved Tiny Home Village on Thursday, Nov. 20

We'll meet at FPCA at 10 am to carpool to BeLoved's Tiny Home Village in East Asheville (or you can meet us at 15 Overbrook Place at 10:30 am). Amy Cantrell will share about the Village and the broader work of BeLoved Asheville, especially in response to Hurricane Helene. Afterward, we'll gather for lunch at La Rumba. RSVP to life@fpcasheville.org; let us know if you plan to carpool and whether you'll join us for lunch.

Lunch Bunch at Apollo Flame Bistro (Hendersonville Rd.)

Lunch Bunch will meet on Monday, Nov. 24, at 11:30 am. It's a great time for fellowship and enjoying a good meal with others in the FPCA family. RSVP to life@fpcasheville.org.

Celebrating Rev. Dr. Patrick Johnson's 10 Years of FPCA Service

This December marks 10 years of Patrick's leadership in our church. On **Sunday, Dec. 14**, following the 11 am Lessons & Carols service, we will honor him with a presentation in the sanctuary (childcare provided through the end of the presentation). All are invited to a potluck lunch in the fellowship hall. Please bring a dish according to the first letter of your last name: A-C will bring fruit, D-G salads or salad toppings, H-O vegetables, and P-Z desserts. (If you have a favorite potluck item that you are known for, by all means, bring that, even if it's not your "assignment.") Ham, mac and cheese, and sheet cake will be provided by Congregational Life Committee.

Poinsettia Dedications for Loved Ones — Due Dec. 16

Each Christmas season, we decorate the sanctuary and chapel with poinsettias and greens for our worship services. This year, white poinsettias and cyclamen may be dedicated in honor and in memory of loved ones. To make a dedication, pick up a form in the narthex, or give on Realm, selecting "Chancel Flowers" from the dropdown menu. Suggested donation is \$20 each.

MISSION @ FPCA

Saturday Sanctuary

Saturday Sanctuary, our ministry of welcome, hospitality, relationships, and food with our downtown neighbors, is in full swing and continues each Saturday through March 2026. Contact David Germer at dgermer@fpcasheville.org with questions or to be added to the email list for volunteer opportunities.

Loaves & Fishes Alternative Gift Market on Sunday, Nov. 30

Our annual holiday alternative gift market returns on Sunday, Nov. 30, from 10 am to 1 pm in the fellowship hall. Come learn about a dozen organizations and consider a donation to support the vital work they do in our community. Give in person by cash or check, or online by Dec. 20. Learn more and preview our participating organizations on the church website.

LIFE AT FPCA



Below are some of our upcoming church events. For a full list, scan to see our most recent Thursday News.

For information on our Staff and Leadership, please scan here:



Sunday, November 16, 2025

Rev. Dr. Patrick Johnson will be preaching at 8:45 and 11 am.
New members will be received at 9:45 am in the library, Room 108.
Faith & Fellowship will meet at 9:45 am in the ground floor fellowship hall.
Text Talk will meet in Room 112 at 9:45 am.
Percolating Presbies will meet at 9:30 am in the second floor youth suite.
Godly Play will meet at 9:45 am on the first floor children's hall.
Youth Group will meet from 4:30 to 7 pm in the fellowship hall.

Wednesday, November 19, 2025

The Men's Group will meet at 9 am in Room 112.
Wednesday night dinner will be served from 5 to 5:45 pm in the fellowship hall.
Beginning Choir and Junior Choristers will rehearse at 5:30 pm.
Advent Workshop for Pre-K & Kindergarten Grownups will meet from 5:30 to 6:30 pm.
Handbell Choir will rehearse from 6 to 6:45 pm in the choir room.
Chancel Choir will rehearse from 7 to 8:30 pm in the sanctuary.

Thursday, November 20, 2025

Women's Studies meets at 10 am to carpool to BeLoved's Tiny Home Village.
The Liturgical Arts Team will meet in the second floor workroom at 1:30 pm.

Saturday, November 22, 2025

Saturday Sanctuary will take place in the fellowship hall from 10:30 am to 2 pm.
Still FLO will meet for Theology on Tap at 5 pm at Zillicoah Beer Co.

Sunday, November 23, 2025

Rev. Dr. Patrick Johnson will be preaching at 8:45 and 11 am.
Advent Celebration Breakfast will take place at 9:45 am in the ground floor fellowship hall.
Text Talk will meet in Room 112 at 9:45 am.
Percolating Presbies will meet at 9:30 am in the second floor youth suite.

Partners at 40 Church Street



FPCA Affiliations

COMMUNITY JOYS & CONCERNS

Please pray for these joys and concerns in our FPCA Family. If you have a prayer request, please call the church office at 828-253-1431 or email life@fpcasheville.org. If it is an emergency, please reach out to the church office, and if after hours, please choose option 5 to reach Patrick Johnson, our pastor on call this week.

We pray for:

Judy Byers and family, as they grieve the death of Judy's husband **Jeff Byers** on October 20. A memorial service was held at FPCA on November 8.

Pamela Culp, as she faces long term issues related to her stroke and seizures.

Emily and family, daughter-in-law to Susan Gaddis as she continues recovery from a double lung transplant and remains under care at Duke.

David Godchaux, as he continues physical therapy after a stroke on September 21.

Cat Kessler, as she recovers from planned surgery on November 5.

The Moss family, as **Grant** continues treatment for cancer.

Geneva Neeriemer, for her ongoing recovery from a stroke.

Beth and Tom Robrecht, as Tom begins cancer treatment in the near future.

Jonathan Ross and family, as they grieve the unexpected death of his mother on October 24.

Sandy and Danny Sellers and their family, as they navigate Sandy's diagnosis with a serious health condition.

Karen King-Smith and family, as her daughter Rachel navigates a difficult time in her life.

Jill Varney, friend of Sandra Hunter, lost her sister Joanna after a long illness and her son has just been diagnosed with myotonic dystrophy.

Susie Wheelis, as she recovers from surgery on her arm on November 6.

Cosette Williams, as she recovers from knee replacement surgery on November 12.

Chad Wood, as he recovers from a serious car accident.

We are thankful for:

Fran Ogasawara, who celebrates her 99th birthday on Tuesday!

Please join us in celebrating the following members who have birthdays this week: **Sadie Smith, John Anglin, Janie Cooper, Susan Neff, Jeremy Jones, Fran Ogasawara, Dan Snyder, Lisa Hart, Debby Trump, Charles Dickens, Janine Goldin, and Reagan Webb.**