



ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOVEMBER 1, 2026

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 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 opportunity is on Nov. 15 at 9:45 am. For more information, please contact Nancy McNeill at nmcneill@fpcasheville.org.

Mark your calendars for Sunday, Nov. 15

Please join us for a congregational meeting at 10:40 am in the sanctuary to formally dissolve the pastoral call of Rev. David Germer, who will be moving to Houston, Texas, for a new pastoral position later this year. Following 11 am worship, we will celebrate David, his family, and their time with us at a reception in the ground floor fellowship hall. The session will present a gift, and there will be a basket to receive notes and cards for David, Tracy, Josiah, Titus, and Naomi.

FAITH FORMATION @ FPCA

Sunday Mornings

- **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.
- **Text Talk** meets at 9:45 am in Room 112.
- **Faith & Fellowship** meets at 9:45 am in the ground floor fellowship hall. As we prepare for Advent, when God took on ordinary flesh, we'll spend time with three living artists. Read alongside scripture, their work helps us ask what it means to bear that image. Each class is hands-on and interactive. We'll look closely, talk together, and make something with our own hands. Next week (Nov. 8), we will explore the work of Amy Sherald and practice the discipline of seeing the image of God in others.

Presbyterian Women

PW will gather on Monday, Nov. 2, at 10:30 am in Room 112, where Rev. Dr. Patrick Johnson will lead a discussion on how Christian freedom is shaped not by self-interest but by love, humility, and concern for others. All women are invited to join these monthly gatherings as we share in study, prayer, and conversation.

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.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE @ FPCA

All Souls Cathedral Choir Performing Fauré's Requiem Tonight

Since Hurricane Helene displaced them from their sanctuary, All Souls Cathedral has used our facility in a variety of ways. Tonight, our sanctuary will host their Cathedral Choir, joined by an orchestra to sing "Requiem, Op. 48" by Gabriel Fauré, as well as a new piece, "O Lord, Support Us," by Katherine Webb. The choir will be joined by Jonathan Ross, baritone, and Tate Addis, organist. All are welcome to enjoy the performance beginning at 5 pm.

Still FLO (Young Adults) Serving with Saturday Sanctuary on Nov. 7

We will be trained together at 11:30 am, eat lunch with neighbors, serve together, and clean up after neighbors leave at 2 pm. Those who would like to can then venture together to a nearby spot for further fellowship and debriefing the experience. RSVP to David Germer at dgermer@fpcasheville.org by Nov. 3.

Womens' Studies: *The Things We Never Say* on Thursday, Nov. 19

We will gather at the home of Margaret Whitt at 10:30 am for a potluck brunch, followed by a discussion of the novel *The Things We Never Say* by Elizabeth Strout. Whether you've finished the book or simply want to join the conversation, we'd love to have you with us. Instructions for carpooling and directions will be provided to those who RSVP to life@fpcasheville.org.

Dementia Support Group at Central UMC

Dementia Partners AVL facilitates a support group for anyone who has a friend/family member/loved one on the dementia journey, caregivers, AND individuals who are on the dementia journey themselves. The group meets on the first and third Tuesday of each month at Central UMC from 2 to 3 pm. Learn more at dementiapartnersavl.org.

Stay in the Loop When Plans Change – Sign up for text messages!

We are beginning the process of having our church family opt in to text messages through Realm for timely updates about weather cancellations and other announcements we need to share quickly. We'll use texts sparingly, so you can stay informed without feeling overwhelmed. To opt in, text "start" to 828-382-8752. Questions? Email life@fpcasheville.org.

Parking Tickets

If you receive a parking ticket you believe to be in error, please bring it to the attention of Church Administrator Liz Thurston at lthurston@fpcasheville.org.

MISSION @ FPCA

Building Bridges Panel Discussions at FPCA – All are welcome!

We have been hosting the fall Building Bridges course here at FPCA, with a fantastic team of volunteers. Tomorrow, Nov. 2, is the final panel discussion, open to our community from 6:30 to 8 pm in the FPCA fellowship hall. The topic is "Reparations in Asheville." Contact David Germer at dgermer@fpcasheville.org with any questions.

Saturday Sanctuary

Every Saturday for roughly six months, we provide a warm meal and a safe, welcoming space to neighbors, building relationships and finding Jesus in our midst, right in the fellowship hall. Contact David Germer at dgermer@fpcasheville.org with questions or to join the email list.

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 1, 2026

Rev. Caitlin Johnson will be preaching at 8:45 and 11 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.
Text Talk will meet at 9:45 am in Room 112.
Faith & Fellowship will meet at 9:45 am in the ground floor fellowship hall.
The All Souls Cathedral Choir will perform Fauré's *Requiem* at 5 pm in the sanctuary.

Monday, November 2, 2026

Presbyterian Women will meet at 10:30 am in Room 112.
Building Bridges panel discussion will meet from 6:30 to 8 pm in the fellowship hall.

Wednesday, November 4, 2026

The Men's Group will meet at 9 am in Room 112.
Women's Bible Study will meet at 11 am in Room 112.
Wednesday night dinner will be served at 5:15 pm in the fellowship hall.
Youth Music will meet from 5:15 to 5:45 pm in the choir room.
Parent Group will meet from 5:45 to 7 pm in Room 214.
Beginning Choir and Junior Choristers will rehearse from 6 to 6:45 pm.
Chancel Choir will rehearse from 7 to 8:30 pm in the sanctuary.

Thursday, November 5, 2026

The Liturgical Arts Team will meet at 1:30 pm in Room 205.

Saturday, November 7, 2026

Saturday Sanctuary will take place from 10:30 am to 2 pm in the fellowship hall.

Sunday, November 8, 2026

Rev. David Germer will be preaching at 8:45 and 11 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.
Text Talk will meet at 9:45 am in Room 112.
Faith & Fellowship will meet at 9:45 am in the ground floor fellowship hall.
Youth Group will meet from 5 to 8 pm in the ground floor fellowship hall.

Partners at 40 Church Street



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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 the pastor on call this week.

We pray for:

Jerry & Micki Argall and family, as they grieve the death of Jerry's brother Glen on October 6 following a brief illness.

Pamela Baker and family, as they grieve the unexpected death of her brother-in-law, Newell Baker, on October 12 in Atlanta, Ga.

Jerry Bleckley, as he navigates cancer treatments.

Martha & Bo Branden's son in law, as he navigates health issues.

Jean Corliss, daughters Erin & Jamie, and family, as they grieve the death of husband and father Steve on October 20.

BJ Crosby's brother Gary, and his wife, as Gary has been diagnosed with stage 4 cancer.

Frank & Cathie Dodson, as Frank continues to receive chemo treatments at Wake Forest.

Marian Fincher, as she recovers in Givens Skilled Care after a fall.

Nathan Gruver's mother, Sandy, as she receives weekly chemotherapy treatments.

Rebecca & Doug Huntley's dear friend Cindy Radcliffe, diagnosed with an inoperable brain tumor.

Julie Lehman, Michael Poulos, and family, as they grieve the death of Julie's mother, member **Judi Lehman**.

Alice Lentz, as she grieves the death of her brother, Kenny, on October 4 after a tough battle with cancer.

Fran Ogasawara, who is in rehab following a recent hospitalization.

Jean Shearouse's mother, Mary, who was recently hospitalized and is now home.

Susie Sweet's brother David, as he recovers from a knee replacement.

We are thankful for:

Steve Aschmann, who celebrated the 50th anniversary of his ordination as Minister of Word and Sacrament in the PCUSA on October 31.

The birth of **Bodhi Farmer**, son of **Bailey & William Farmer** and brother to **Liam**, on October 20.

Please join us in celebrating the following members who have birthdays this week:
Curtis Williams, David Germer, Paul Christiansen, Emily Friend, Char Frellick, Nancy Abernethy, Ruth Anderson, Jo Nan Hester, Luke Beardsley, Judy Rittmeyer, Clay Griffith, Beth Leonard, Em Littlejohn, Debby Vance, Jeff Aiken, and Alexis Rachkovsky Phifer.