

Building Use Information



THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN



CHURCH IN GERMANTOWN

The mission of The First Presbyterian Church in Germantown is to reflect the loving presence of Christ as we serve others faithfully, worship God joyfully, and share life together in a diverse and generous community.

About Us

The First Presbyterian Church in Germantown (FPCG) is a member of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and has been a proud presence in the Germantown neighborhood since 1809. Initially named “The English Church in Germantown”, FPCG was formed when members at a previous church had their request for an English service denied in favor of the usual German services. They originally met in the home of FPCG’s first pastor, later purchasing land on Germantown Avenue. For several years, The English Church severed its connection with the Philadelphia Presbytery due to their new pastor’s outspoken opposition to slavery. The church eventually splintered, with those siding with the Presbytery forming their own church. In 1811, the cornerstone for the new church building was laid. It was in 1831 that the church’s name was changed to “The First Presbyterian Church in Germantown”. FPCG continued to grow, at one point serving over 900 students in Sunday School every week. During this time, FPCG built a new church, where it has been ever since. It was at this time that the practice of pew-renting was abolished, and the church shifted to a free-will offering. In 1854, Germantown was officially incorporated into Philadelphia, with the first trolley lines opening in 1894. As the years went on, FPCG became an integral part of the community, assisting with various community organizations and supporting sister churches. The church continued to grow, with the west and east transepts being built in 1888 and 1892, respectively. In 1917, FPCG was gifted its organ, named the McLean Organ in honor of its benefactor. The entire sanctuary was remodeled to accommodate this gift, and the same lights and pews are used to this day. From 1945-1949, Violet Oakley painted a series of murals at FPCG, with a focus on women in the Bible. By the early to mid 1940s, membership at FPCG stood at over 2,000 people, and it became known as “the church at the crossroads”. In 1998, FPCG became host to the newly-formed Germantown Avenue Crisis Ministry, a vital ministry that serves our community to this day. We look forward to hosting you and continuing FPCG’s legacy of community outreach and support.



Frequently Asked Questions

Is parking available?

Yes, FPCG has two gated parking lots.

Is FPCG handicap accessible?

Yes, FPCG is handicap accessible and has a building access ramp.

Is insurance required for events?

Yes, event insurance is required and can be obtained as a rider through personal owner's or renter's insurance. Contact us if you need information on how to obtain insurance through a third party.

Are tables and chairs included?

Yes, usage of tables and chairs is included in the rental fees.

Is setup and breakdown included?

Yes, it is included. We ask that you give us setup specifics no later than one week in advance, and we require a two week notice if there will be audio/visual (AV) needs.

Are we allowed to have alcohol at our events?

Alcohol usage is dependent on Session approval.

Are we allowed to sell tickets or products?

As long as the proceeds are part of a fundraiser, sale of tickets and/or products are allowed.

My non-profit is a registered 501(c)(3) and is looking for a long-term rental. Is this something FPCG offers?

Yes, FPCG has long-term office rental space available. Building use is included in rental cost and will not incur additional fees beyond what is required for the sexton(s). Please contact us to discuss specifics and to schedule a tour to see if FPCG is the right fit for you.

Please email office@fpcgermantown.org with any further questions, to arrange an event, or to schedule a tour.

Sanctuary





Features

- ❖ movable pulpit, screen, and table
- ❖ fully integrated sound system
 - ❖ 60 chair choir loft
 - ❖ acoustically designed
 - ❖ 500 person capacity

common uses: worship services, weddings, funerals, and concerts

Piano and organ use is at the discretion of the music director.

Longstreth



Features

- ❖ stage
- ❖ A/V capabilities
- ❖ 200 person capacity

common uses: receptions, birthday parties, blood drives, town halls, community meetings

Piano use is at the discretion of the music director.

Jennings



Features

- ❖ A/V capabilities
- ❖ 60 person capacity

common uses: receptions, meetings

Piano use is at the discretion of the music director.

Finney



Features

- ❖ A/V capabilities
- ❖ 40 person capacity

common uses: meetings, receptions

Piano use is at the discretion of the music director.

Primary Room



Features

- ❖ A/V capabilities
- ❖ white board
- ❖ 50 person capacity

common uses: birthday parties, meetings, receptions

Gym and Youth Lounge



Features

Gym

- ❖ A/V capabilities
- ❖ basketball court
- ❖ four basketball nets

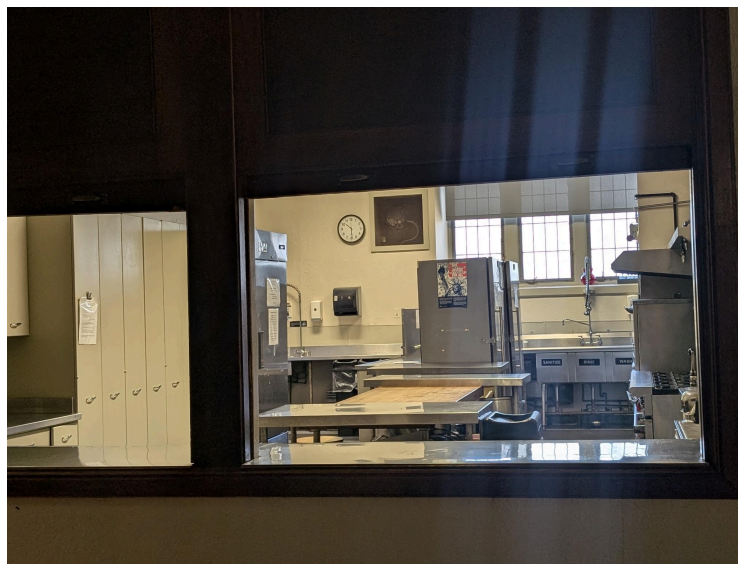
Youth Lounge

- ❖ kitchen
- ❖ A/V capabilities
- ❖ 75 person capacity

common uses: athletic events, birthday parties

*Gym availability is limited due to on-going church programming.
Due to limited ventilation, frying in the Youth Lounge kitchen is not permitted.*

Kitchen



Features

- ❖ four ovens
- ❖ ten burner gas stove
- ❖ refrigerators and freezers
- ❖ two commercial sink stations

Building Use Fees

Members and Friends of FPCG

1-49 Attendees	\$35
50+ Attendees	\$50

Nonprofit Public, Civic, or Service Events

1-25 Attendees	\$50
26-50 Attendees	\$100

An additional \$100 fee will be required for use of the kitchen.

Nonprofit Public, Civic or Service Events over Fifty Attendees and General Use by Non-Members

Sanctuary	\$400	Longstreth	\$300
Jennings	\$230	Finney	\$175
Primary Room	\$175	Gym	\$175
Kitchen	\$300	Youth Lounge	\$175

All events also require a sexton. The number of sextons required is dependent on event size and type.

Wedding and Funeral Fees

	Members and Friends	Non-Members
Minister	\$0 (funeral) \$250 (wedding)	\$250 (funeral) \$300 (wedding)
Director of Music/Organist	\$225	\$350
Soloist (each)	\$125	\$200
Special Instrumentalist (each)	\$125	\$200
Sexton (each)	\$125	\$200

Building use fees are not included, and will be assessed per building use contract.

A rehearsal fee is included in the instrumentalist fee.



Interested in long-term office space rental? We have several spaces available. Please contact us so we can schedule a time to discuss your needs and arrange a tour of FPCG.

