

## 2010 Church Profile:

# Faith Presbyterian Church

*Lancaster, New Hampshire*

**Summary:** Faith Presbyterian Church moved to Lancaster, New Hampshire, in September of 2006. Previously, the church met under the name Jefferson Presbyterian Church and Shiloh Chapel (1983-2005). The church currently meets at the old Sullivan Drug Store building on Main St. in Lancaster. Lancaster is the county seat for Coos County in northern New Hampshire. It is located next to the Vermont border on the Connecticut River and is minutes away from Mount Washington. Lancaster is at the intersection of Rt. 2 and Rt. 3 - two main northern routes people take to escape to the mountains for year-round recreation.



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source: [www.webshots.com](http://www.webshots.com)

### **History**

**Work Begun:** 1983

**First Worship Service:** 1983

**Particularized:** 2004

### **Membership**

**Communing Members:** 17

**Covenant Children:** 7

**Pastor:** Mike Kooy

**Asst./Assoc. Pastor:** none

**Ruling Elders:** 2

**Deacons:** 0

### **Worship/Sunday School**

**Sun. morning worship:** 10:00

**Sun. evening worship:** Prayer 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday (4:00 PM)

**Sunday school:** 9:00 a.m.

**Mid-week meeting:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Tue/month

**Worship style:** traditional/liturgical

**Ministry Highlights:** Worship, fellowship, outreach, day camp.

### **Introduction to Lancaster**

**Median Household Income, 2008:** \$46,433

**Median House/Condo Value, 2008:** \$150,479

**Cost of Living, 2009 (US average = 100):** 85.4

**Unemployment Rate, 10/09:** 6.5%

**Educational Attainment Breakdown (age 25+)**

High School or higher 86.7%

Bachelor's Degree or higher 23.6%

Graduate/Professional Degree 6.2%

**Largest Employers**

Weeks Memorial Hospital 320

Country Village Health Care 112

Lancaster School. 70

**Local Attractions:**

Lancaster Fair (1<sup>st</sup> week in Sept. – annual since 1871)

**Nearest Major City:**

Boston (154 miles SE); Manchester (104 miles south)

**Nearest Hospital:** Weeks Memorial Hospital (25 beds)

**Local Newspaper:** *The Coos County Democrat*

**Local Television:** WMUR ch. 9 (ABC); WLED ch. 49

**Average January Low Temperature:** 5.0°

**Average July High Temperature:** 75.8°

**Average Annual Precipitation:** 37.8 inches

**Average Annual Snowfall:** 72 inches

**Town Population, 2006:** 3,351

*Pop. change: +2.0% since 2000*

**Racial Breakdown:**

White, non-Hispanic 97.1%

Hispanic 1.1%

American Indian 1.0%

**Median Age:** 36.9 (37.1 NH)

**Age Breakdown:**

Under 18 25.2%

Ages 18-24 6.7%

Ages 25-44 26.3%

Ages 45-64 24.6%

Age 65 and over 17.1%

**Avg. Household Size:** 2.4 people

**Local Major Colleges or Universities:**

Plymouth State College (51 miles)

Dartmouth College (58 miles)

**Local Public Schools:** SAU 36

White Mountain Regional High School

Lancaster Elementary (+ Middle) School

**Local Christian Ministries:**

Shiloh Retreat Center (Jefferson)