

*Worshiping, serving, and living with a fresh vision of
God's vibrant energy and grace for all.*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

October 13, 2024 // 10am

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Open My Eyes

Clara Scott

RINGING THE BELL & LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

One: The God of life be with you!

All: And also with you!

GATHERING SONG #411 *God is Here Today*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Gary Smith

One: Let all things now living--

All: Birds and trees, cattle and bees, humans and non-humans alike--

One: lift a song of praise to God our creator.

All: God made us with great care.

One: God protects us and provides for us.

All: God is our guide and our stay.

One: Come let us worship our God! Amen.

***OPENING HYMN** #37 *Let All Things Now Living*

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Rev. Cathy C. Hoop

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Almighty and Holy One, we cannot begin to count all our possessions. We have things in our closets, our attics, and our basements. We have things tucked away in boxes we haven't opened in years, and still we acquire more. We have so much stuff and yet, there are those in our communities who can fit all their worldly possessions in a shopping cart. We know that you, O God, will defend the poor and come to them in their need. But we, O God, need your forgiveness for we are more attached to our things than we willingly acknowledge. Help us confront our attachment to possessions and things more honestly so we can share our own abundance more equitably. Amen.

**Please stand if you are comfortable doing so.* _____

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*PASSING THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

HEARING GOD'S WORD

TIME WITH CHILDREN

You Are Welcome Here

All: You are welcome here.

In this holy space, you are welcome here.

You are cherished here.

In this loving space, you are cherished here.

No matter who you are, no matter where you're from,
Jesus loves us all, each and every one!

You are welcome here.

You are cherished here.

You are welcome here.

BRASS ANTHEM

Amazing Grace

Arr. Edwin O. Excell

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mark 10:17-31

One: The Word of God for the people of God;

All: **thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Easier for a Camel

Rev. Paul Van Kempen

*HYMN #372 *O For a World*

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

LIFE AT FIRST

Please take this time to sign the red Friendship Pad found on the pew near you. If you have a prayer request, you can fill out a prayer card (found in the pew-backs) and put it in the offering plate. The ushers will deliver it to the pastors.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

It Is Well with My Soul

Philip Bliss

*DOXOLOGY #606

All: Praise God whose image we all bear.
Praise Christ whose mercy we all share.
Praise Spirit making justice grow.
One God from whom all blessings flow. Amen.

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Prayers of Thanksgiving:

Sing: #471 vs. 2

All: The Lord is my song; the Lord is my praise:
all my hope comes from God.
The Lord is my song; the Lord is my praise:
God, the wellspring of life.

Prayers of Petition:

Sing: #471 vs. 1

All: O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer.
When I call, answer me.
O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer.
Come and listen to me.

Creator and Kin, as near as breath,
and yet far beyond our understanding,
holy is your name,
Your new reality come,
your justice be done, here and now.
May we feed each other, as you feed us.
You hold us in grace when we don't 'get it'.
May we hold others in grace too.
May we resist complacency,
and strive for justice and peace,
for all people, and all times. Amen.

CARRYING GOD'S LOVE INTO THE WORLD

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING SONG

As We Depart (Printed in the bulletin)

Worship Leaders: Rev. Cathy C. Hoop, Rev. Paul Van Kempen, Gary Smith, Beth Magennis, Marcia Huizenga, Lauren Stouffer, Janet Morrow, Terry Schamper, Eli Edwards-Parker, Christin McFadyen.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adult Education Class // Using Walter Brueggemann's book, *Materialism as Resistance*, we will explore the difference between materiality and materialism. Brueggemann lays out how we as Christians may reengage our materiality for the common good. The topics include: money, food, the body, time and place. Join us today at 11:15am in the Michigan Room. Cathy Hoop, facilitator

Hurricane Relief // As we grieve the tragedy unfolding in the aftermath of Hurricanes Helene and Milton, as we pray for all those laboring in the recovery efforts, we can support them by giving to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. To donate online visit <https://pda.pcusa.org/>

Blessing of the Animals // Gather your dog, cat, gerbil, chicken, horse, snake, baby dragon...(or bring a photo if they are shy) and join us **today** at 2pm on the playground for the Blessing of the Animals. We will give thanks for the gifts of all creatures who bring joy and love to our lives. An offering will be received to aid the Humane Society's hurricane relief efforts in North Carolina.

Grief Support // Gather with us on **Wednesday, October 16** at 2:00 for our monthly time to share, support and encourage one another on our various journeys with grief. We meet in the Superior Room.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Good Samaritan Silent Auction // Good Samaritan is having their annual dinner on **October 24** at 5:30pm at the Holland Civic Center. There will be a silent auction & a chance to understand the issue of homelessness in Ottawa County. The cost of each ticket is \$50, reservations can be made online on their website which is goodsamottawa.org. There is a card on the bulletin board in the outreach area with more information.

Trunk or Treat // Sunday, **October 27** at Noon. Sign up at church if you can host your trunk to give out treats or to bring a soup to share at lunch!

Senior 'Tailgate' Luncheon // The deacons invite our seniors to a fall "tailgate" party (in the fellowship hall) at Noon on Saturday, **November 16**. Wear your team colors and we'll try not to cause a schism! We'll have chili and other game day treats. Sign up at the sign up table or by emailing deacons@fpc.org by November 10.

Yoga at First Pres! // Are you interested in learning or practicing yoga? Gwen Boeve would like to offer instruction one Tuesday per month, to anyone of any level or experience. Potential for more classes depending on interest. Please email her at ghekman@gmail.com if you are interested or have any questions.

Zadran Home Dedication Gifts // We will be participating in providing dedication gifts for the Zadran family in coordination with the First Reformed Church of Zeeland. We will fill a laundry basket with gift cards, brand new cleaning supplies and home items, think Clorox wipes, Swiffer dusters and any items that are helpful to setting up a new home. There are two labeled collection baskets in the Outreach Kiosk. The date of the dedication ceremony has not been set, but we will share it when it is. Thank you!

Message from the Outreach Council // Outreach Council is changing up our usual Fall clothing drive to better meet the needs of our Outreach Partners. Children's Advocacy Center has been the main recipient of our coat drive and they reported that they have an adequate supply of coats, but their cleaning supplies shelves are nearly empty. So, let's make it a "Fall Cleaning Drive". As you shop for your cleaning needs, add a few extra items to your cart for our neighbors experiencing hard times. **Here's their list:** Laundry detergent, dryer sheets, cleaning spray, dish & hand soap, toilet paper & paper towels, personal hygiene items, shampoo & conditioner, body wash, deodorant, hair products, brooms & mops, kitchen & bathroom towels. We will have an area in the Outreach Kiosk prepared for your donations.

Take A Book. Read a Book. Share a Book. // We have many readers at First Presbyterian Church. We are setting up two bookcases in the Michigan Room for members and those who attend First Presbyterian to Take a Book, Read a Book and Share a Book. We will use the honor system and you don't need to share a book to take one. If you take a book, we ask you please consider bringing a book or two to share with others. Please return any books you borrow so others might enjoy them. Books that are contributed should be appropriate for members of all ages and backgrounds. The goal is a balanced collection to be enjoyed by all of our readers. Please avoid coffee table books and textbooks. We would love to have copies of beloved children's stories to share with our younger members. Young Adult books are welcome.

As We Depart

Hunter Lynch

Cantor:



(As we de - part from this place we've gath - ered)
(Lord, from our rest, let us rise with pur - pose)
(In our res - ponse to the Word you've spok - en)

3 Congregation:



As we de - part from this place we've gath - ered
Lord, from our rest, let us rise with pur - pose.
In our res - ponse to the Word you've spok - en

5 Cantor:



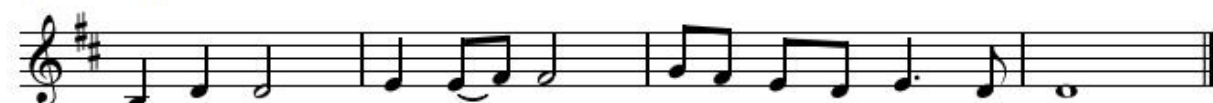
(Fill us with love for the poor and scatt - ered)
(Come, turn our work in - to acts of wor - ship)
(Use us to mend all that hate has brok - en)

7 Congregation:



Fill us with love for the poor and scatt - ered
Come, turn our work in - to acts of wor - ship.
Use us to mend all that hate has brok - en.

9 All:



Let us be Let us be Let us be the arms of Christ.
Spir - it, breathe Spir - it breathe. Spir - it breathe on all we bring.
May we see May we see May we see your realm come near.

God Is Here Today

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Dios está aquí

Capo 2: (D) (A7) (Bm) (D7) (G)
 E B7 C#m E7 A



God is here to - day; as cer - tain
Dios es - tá a - quí, tan cier - to co - mo el

(A7) (D) (D7) (G)
 B7 E E7 A



as the air I breathe, as cer - tain
ai - re que res - pi - ro, tan cier - to co - mo

(A7) (D) (A/C#) (Bm) (D/A)
 B7 E B/D# C#m E/B



as the morn - ing sun that ris - es, as
la ma - ña - na se le - van - ta, tan

(G) (A7) (D)
 A B7 E



cer - tain when I sing you'll hear my song.
cier - to co - mo que le can - to y me pue - de o - ír.

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Let All Things Now Living



1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing
2 By law God en - forc - es, the stars in their cours - es,



to God our Cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise;
the sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;



who fashioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us,
the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains,



by guid - ing us on to the end of our days.
the depths of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.



God's ban - ners are o'er us; pure light goes be - fore us,
We too should be voic - ing our love and re - joic - ing;



a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night:
with glad ad - o - ra - tion, a song let us raise,



O for a World

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1 O for a world where ev - ery - one re - spects each oth - er's ways,
2 O for a world where goods are shared and mis - er - y re - lieved,
3 We wel - come one world fam - i - ly and strug - gle with each choice
4 The poor are rich; the weak are strong; the fool - ish ones are wise.
5 O for a world pre - par - ing for God's glo - rious reign of peace,



where love is lived and all is done with jus - tice and with praise.
where truth is spo - ken, chil - dren spared, e - qual - i - ty a - chieved.
that o - pens us to u - ni - ty and gives our vi - sion voice.
Tell all who mourn: out - casts be - long, who per - ish - es will rise.
where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.



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Class of 2025: Gail Hering, Beth Magennis, Jon Mc Fadyen, Danielle Peterson, Ben Rund-Scott

Class of 2026: Carleen Bauer, Bill Evenson, Cassie Kregger, Bruce Rosensteel.

Class of 2027: Jen Laux Ludwig, Tom Salley, Dave Zessin

Children's Programming During Worship:

Children of all ages are encouraged and welcome to be with us during worship. If you prefer an alternative:

- Nursery: Newborn - 3 years of age. Available for the whole service.
- Celebration Time - 4 years of age through 1st grade. Available after Children's Time.

Education Offerings After Worship:

Education hour is from 11:15a -12:00p. *All are welcome to participate!*

- Adult Class - Michigan Room
- Youth - Youth Room
- Worship Center - PreK - 5th grade
- Nursery - Newborn through 3 years

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