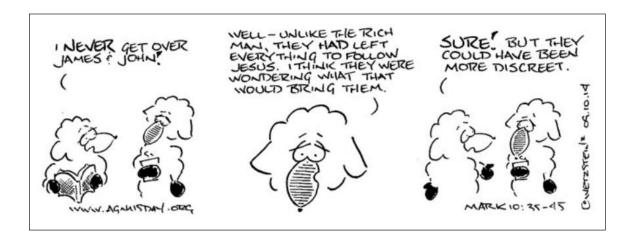
first presbyterian church



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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

October 20, 2024 // 10am

CENTERING WORDS: "It seems easier to be God than to love God, easier to control people than to love people, easier to own life than to love life." ~ Henri Nouwen

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Morning Has Broken

arr. Marilyn Hamm

RINGING THE BELL & LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

GREETING

- One: The God of life be with you.
- All: And also with you!

GATHERING SONG #175 Seek Ye First

All: Seek ye first the realm of God and its righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia.

> Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek and you shall find; Knock, and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia.

You shall not live by bread alone, but by every word That proceeds from the mouth of God. Allelu, alleluia.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

- One: Christ calls us
- All: Not to power, but to servanthood.
- One: Christ calls us
- All: Not to shun, but to include.
- One: Christ calls us
- All: Not to hoard, but to give.

Tim Staal

- One: Christ calls us
- All: Not to deny him, but to proclaim him.
- One: Christ calls us.
- All: Christ calls us to come and follow him. Here, we come together and worship the Lord.

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN #314 Christ Be Our Light

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

- One: We struggle with what we want from this world, Jesus. We want to be acknowledged for the deeds and work we have done. We want others to serve us. We want to have power. We want it all. So when you tell us that this is not your way, we struggle. We don't want to think about giving away all that we have. Serving rather than being served is a hard shift for us to make. Serving in secret, or without the expectation of acknowledgement doesn't make sense to us.
- All: And yet, Jesus, you call us to do just those things. Let us hear your words to us. Forgive us, reshape us, renew us. Give us hearts open wide enough to accept that we are to live differently. Grant us the strength to let go of what we think makes us secure and let us find our security in you. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***PASSING THE PEACE**

- One: The peace of Christ be with you.
- All: And also with you.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

You Are Welcome Here TIME WITH CHILDREN Rev. Paul Van Kempen You are welcome here. All: 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. ANTHEM Endless Song arr. Robert E. Wagner

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING(S)

Mark 10: 35 - 45

- One: The Word of God for the people of God;
- All: thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Cathy C. Hoop

***HYMN** #761 Called as Partners in Christ's Service

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 that you would like shared in worship, please fill out a prayer card and place it in the offering.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*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

All: Good and Generous God, receive these gifts as an offering of our love and lives. May they be used to benefit your people and to honor your holy name. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Some choose to begin this prayer, "Our Creator," "Our Mother," or "Our Parent."

 All: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

***HYMN** #470 There is Longing in our Hearts

CARRYING GOD'S LOVE INTO THE WORLD

*BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG My Friends May You Grow In Grace (Insert)

Worship Leaders: Rev. Cathy Hoop, Rev. Paul Van Kempen, Tim Staal, Beth Magennis, FPC Choir, Rose Gifford Thanks to: Sound and Video Tim Richardson, Greeter and Ushers, Bus Drivers, M&M Café Providers, Kate Overbeek and Nursery Care Providers

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adult Education Class // Using Walter Brueggemann's book, *Materialism as Resistance*, we will explore the difference between materiality and materialism. Bruggemann 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 Sunday at 11:15am in the Michigan Room. The class continues through Nov. 10. Cathy Hoop, facilitator.

Watch for your Giving Statement! // Third quarter giving statements will be going out this week via email. Statements can be mailed by request if that is your preference. Please look over your statement carefully and let the bookkeeper, Marlene, know if you have any questions. The best way to contact the bookkeeper is by email, marlene@fpcholland.org. Thank you for your support of the ministries of FPC.

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!

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.

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/

Jim Wallis at Hope College // Jim Wallis, public theologian, renowned preacher and commentator on ethics and public life will be in town next Monday, October 21. This is a free event beginning at 7pm at Maas Auditorium on the Hope College Campus. All are Welcome!

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

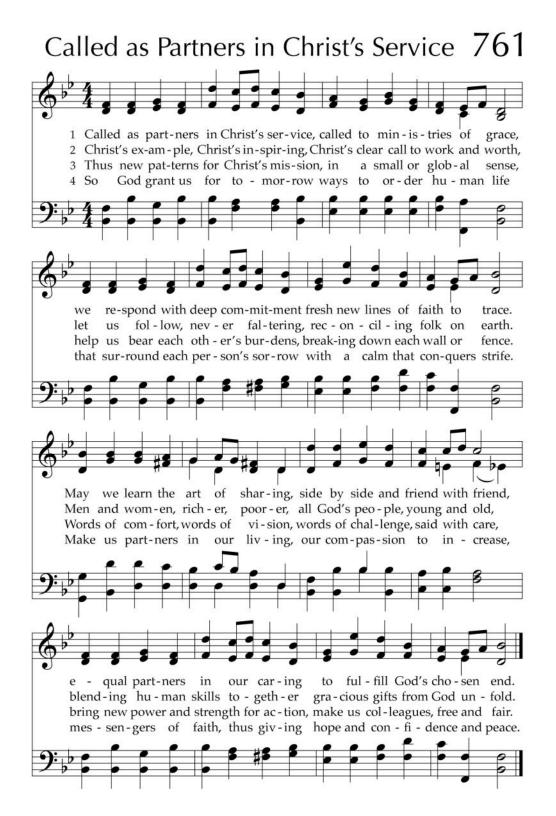
Deacons will Provide Transportation and Handyman Services // One of several services offered to church members by the Deacons include rides to those who need them. We have a team of volunteer drivers who will pick you up, take you to appointments, wait for you until you've finished your business, then take you back home. A second service is available from a team of volunteer handymen from our church who will come to your location and perform help with most household repairs. Both services are free of charge. Please contact Deacon Tom Glover if you need transportation or a handyman, or simply more information Tom can be reached by phone at 616-994-6075 or e-mail at glovertn@gmail.com

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 <u>deacons@fpc.org</u> by November 10.

Save the Date // There are many youth from FPC performing in this year's production of the Nutcracker at Avalon School of the Arts. Performances are Friday, December 6 @ 6pm and Saturday, December 7 @ 11am & 3pm and Zeeland Cityside Middle School (320 E. Main Ave). Tickets will be available for purchase in November.

Take A Book. Read a Book. Share a Book. *II* The bookcases are now ready for Take a Book, Read a Book, and Share a Book in the Michigan Room. We invite you to borrow or share books from our collection. We have a good selection to start with and want to include more mystery, history, and fiction books. We welcome your donations. Beloved children's books and Young Adult Books are always welcome. Please stop by the Michigan Room and check out our selection.







My Friends, May You Grow in Grace



TAFF	Cathy Caldwell-Hoop Paul Van Kempen	Senior Pastor and Head of Staff Associate Pastor and Director of Music	Cathy@fpcholland.org Paul@fpcholland.org
	Lori Lepard Marlene Field	Administrative Assistant Bookkeeper	Office@fpcholland.org Marlene@fpcholland.org
	Lori Klinesteker	Clerk of Session & Children's Ministry Leader	Lori@fpcholland.org
S	Jane Oosterhouse Thom Samuelson Sue Stock	Custodian Maintenance Communications	Jane@fpcholland.org Thom@fpcholland.org Sue@fpcholland.org

DEACONS:

Class of 2025: Nancy Staal, Lauren Stouffer, Paul Van Kolken. Class of 2026: Tom Glover, Terri Schamper.

Class of 2027: Lloyd Helder, Michele Richardson, Leah Wallar.

ELDERS:

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

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

659 State St., Holland, Michigan 49423 / Office: (616) 392-9022 / Email: office@fpcholland.org



FPC is a More Light congregation, celebrating the full inclusion of LGBTQIA+ individuals in life, ministry and witness of the PC (USA) and in society. You are welcome here, and you are loved. Learn more at MLP.org