



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

ORDER OF WORSHIP  
November 10, 2024 // 10am

**CENTERING WORDS**

Jesus talks a great deal about the kingdom of God -- and what he means by that is a public life reorganized toward neighborliness. ~ Walter Bruggemann

**ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE**

**PRELUDE**

*Brethren We Have Met to Worship*

Moore arr. Haan

**RINGING THE BELL & LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE**

**GREETING**

One: The God of life be with you.

All: **And also with you!**

**GATHERING SONG** #70 *What Does the Lord Require of You*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Bonnie Cowie

One: We gather to praise our God.

All: **The One who created everything;  
the One who keeps faith with us.**

One: We gather to follow Jesus.

All: **Who comes to build justice on the ruins of despair;  
who comes to set us free from our fears.**

One: We gather to listen to the Holy Spirit.

All: **Who teaches us to care for the most vulnerable;  
who shows us how to see the forgotten in our midst.  
Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, we gather in your name!**

## OPENING PRAYER

\*HYMN #298 *Lord, You Give the Great Commission*

## INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Rev. Paul Van Kempen

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: God of mercy and possibilities,  
forgive us for clinging to the measures of success and security in our world  
rather than trusting in the abundance of your creation.  
Help us to recognize the kin-dom coming  
and our role as participants in your realm.  
Liberate us from the bonds of consumerism, scarcity, and self-centeredness,  
and make us vessels of your love come alive in the world. Amen.

## 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.

## ANTHEM

*When the Poor Ones*

David M. Cherwien

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 12: 38 - 44

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

**All: thanks be to God.**

### SERMON

*God, The Generous Widow*

Rev. Cathy C. Hoop

### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Responsive)

One: We believe in God,

**All: Creator of the universe,  
Giver of every good gift,  
Author of life itself.**

One: We believe that God has given us gifts to be shared freely and generously,  
in a spirit of love and joy.

**All: We acknowledge that we are merely stewards of all that is God's,  
caretakers of God's home.**

One: We believe that faithful stewardship is an act of worship,  
a means of praising God who has blessed us so abundantly.

**All: We believe that God has great things in store for us,  
for it is in giving that we receive.**

\*HYMN #700

*I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

### 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.*

#### MINUTE FOR MISSION

Dave Zessin

#### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

**\*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: As we bring these gifts to you,  
God, bless and multiply them,  
that those who live in poverty and want may find resources and hope.  
Transform our pennies into mission,  
our dollars into meaning,  
and our service into ministry.  
In Christ's name we pray. 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 #692** *Spirit, Open My Heart***CARRYING GOD'S LOVE INTO THE WORLD****\*BENEDICTION****\*SENDING SONG #698** *Take, O Take Me as I Am*

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Worship Leaders: Rev. Cathy Hoop, Rev. Paul Van Kempen, Bonnie Cowie,  
Beth Magennis, FPC Choir, Rose Gifford, Marcia Huizenga, Darren Parker  
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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Stewardship Season** // Stewardship packets are available on a table in the entryway. We encourage you to find your packet and take it with you (This saves us postage!) and prayerfully consider how you can support the ministries of our congregation.

**Yoga at First Pres!** // Are you interested in learning or practicing yoga? Gwen Boeve will be offering instruction one Tuesday per month, to anyone of any level or experience. Next class is Tuesday, November 12 at 9:30 in the fellowship hall. Please email Gwen at [ghekman@gmail.com](mailto:ghekman@gmail.com) if you are interested or have any questions.

**Presbyterian Women** // Our next meeting is Wednesday, November 13 at 9:30 am in the Michigan Room. We will be discussing Lesson 3: Food Justice. It is a big chapter, so take a look before arrival. Please note that our Christmas basket for RESILIENCE will be by the entrance door elevator. New, unwrapped undies for women and children will be collected in our annual drive. And, the sign-up for our Christmas Soup Luncheon following our study on December 11 will begin today. \$5

**Habitat Workday** // The next Habitat for Humanity workday is Thursday, Nov. 14. Any questions please contact Bill Haines, [wehaines@icloud.com](mailto:wehaines@icloud.com).

**Senior 'Tailgate' Luncheon** // The deacons invite all seniors to join us on Saturday, November 16 at noon in the fellowship hall for a tailgate party themed fall soup luncheon. There will be sports trivia, and we invite you to wear your favorite team's colors, but non-sports fans are welcome, too (and there won't be a game to watch, but you're welcome to leave early if there's one that afternoon that you can't miss!). Sign up by November 10 near the elevator or by emailing [deacons@fpcholland.org](mailto:deacons@fpcholland.org).

**Save the Date** // There are six youth from FPC performing in this year's production of the Nutcracker at Avalon School of the Arts: Mae Boeve, Whitney Boeve, Gia DeFeyter, Kyle Magennis, Liz Peterson, and Marian Reynolds. 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. Previous announcements for this event reflected an inaccurate list of FPC youth participants. Our apologies.

**Volunteers Needed** // Out On The Lakeshore is looking for volunteers to package books and deliver to local schools, a project that takes a few hours on one day a month. These will all be at Bluestocking Bookshop (near the corner of Butternut and James on the north side) from 10am-12pm. Volunteers are needed November 13, December 11, January 8, February 12, March 12, April 9, May 13. Please contact their office for more details, 616-994-8090. Thank you!

**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!

**Service Opportunity** // Refresh, a program run by Community Action House at First United Methodist Church, will be offering a Seasonal Emergency Warming Center this winter. They plan to be open for our neighbors experiencing homelessness on nights the temperatures drop to 10 degrees or below. This is not a shelter, only a place to be protected from the freezing temperatures. Persons will be given 2 blankets and a place to sleep on the floor in the gym of the church. They are looking for volunteers that are willing to be contacted at short notice to help man the center. Shifts will be from 8pm to midnight & midnight to 8 am. There will be trained persons available to manage any issues that may arise. If this is something you feel you could do or if you have questions, please contact Janet Hostetler. [Janethostetler@gmail.com](mailto:Janethostetler@gmail.com) or 740-704-4822.

During November there will be a coat rack in the Outreach Kiosk to donate any coats that you no longer need or are extras in your closet. We will share them with our Outreach partner agencies.

**Outreach Opportunity** // We will again be offering you the opportunity to spread Holiday Cheer by being a Holiday Advocate for Children's Advocacy Center. It is a much appreciated & important service of CAC. This was the message from the Family Advocate Manager at CAC, "The number of hugs, tears, and overall relief that we receive from families when we tell them about this program is overwhelming. So, again, thank you. You are giving so much more to these families than just physical presents."

We will be given names of 15 children as options for you. Children's wish lists will have items in four categories: wear, read, want, need. You will choose one item from each category, with a suggested spending total of \$150 per child. You are welcome to take a child by yourself, join with a couple friends in buying gifts for one child or you can choose a category for a child and we will find other persons to complete that child's gift. Sign up for what you are comfortable doing. Names will be available on November 17 or 24 in the Outreach Kiosk or you can contact Janet Hostetler to get a name or have questions. Gifts will be due back at the church by December 8. [Janethostetler@gmail.com](mailto:Janethostetler@gmail.com) or 740-704-4822.

We will also have a list of stocking stuffers that are wanted for their Stocking Store. This may be an option for persons wanting to be involved, but feel it is too much to sponsor a child.

# What Does the Lord Require of You? 70

Capo 3: (G) (D) (Em) (Bm)  
 B<sup>b</sup> F Gm Dm

\*1.

What does the Lord re - quire of you?

2.

Jus - tice, kind - ness,

3.

To seek jus - tice and love kind - ness

(C) (G) (Am) (D) (G)  
 E<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup> Cm F B<sup>b</sup>

*Repeat as desired*

What does the Lord re - quire of you?

walk hum - bly with your God.

and walk hum - bly with your God.



## 298 Lord, You Give the Great Commission



1 Lord, you give the great com-mis-sion: "Heal the sick and  
 2 Lord, you call us to your ser-vice: "In my name bap-  
 3 Lord, you make the com-mon ho-ly: "This, my bod-y;  
 4 Lord, you show us love's true mea-sure: "Fa-ther, what they  
 5 Lord, you bless with words as-sur-ing: "I am with you



preach the word." Lest the church ne-glect its mis-sion, and the  
 tize and teach." That the world may trust your prom-ise, life a-  
 this, my blood." Let us all, for earth's true glo-ry, dai-ly  
 do, for-give." Yet we heard as pri-vate trea-sure all that  
 to the end." Faith and hope and love re-stor-ing, may we



gos-pel go un-heard, help us wit-ness to your  
 bun-dant meant for each, give us all new fer-  
 lift life heav-en-ward, ask-ing that the world a-  
 you so free-ly give. May your care and mer-cy  
 serve as you in-tend, and, a-mid the cares that



pur-pose with re-newed in-teg-ri-ty:  
 draw us clos-er in com-mu-ni-ty:  
 round us share your chil-dren's lib-er-ty: with the Spir-it's  
 lead us to a just so-ci-e-ty:  
 claim us, hold in mind e-ter-ni-ty:



gifts em-power us for the work of min-is-try.



# 700 I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

1 I'm gon-na live so (live so)  
 2 I'm gon-na work so (work so) God can use me an - y -  
 3 I'm gon-na pray so (pray so)  
 4 I'm gon-na sing so (sing so)

where, Lord, an - y - time!  
 (an - y - time!)  
 I'm gon-na  
 I'm gon-na  
 I'm gon-na  
 I'm gon-na

live so (live so)  
 work so (work so) God can use me an - y -  
 pray so (pray so)  
 sing so (sing so)

where, Lord, an - y - time!  
 (my Lord,) (an - y - time!)

## 692 Spirit, Open My Heart

Capo 3: (D) (G) (D) (G) (A7)  
F B<sup>b</sup> F B<sup>b</sup> C7

*Refrain*



Spir - it, o - pen my heart to the joy and pain of

(Bm) (D/A) (G) (A7) (Bm) (D/A) (Em)  
Dm F/C B<sup>b</sup> C7 Dm F/C Gm



liv - ing. As you love may I love, in re - ceiv - ing

(D) (G) (Em7) (D) (G) (D)  
F B<sup>b</sup> Gm7 F B<sup>b</sup> F



and in giv - ing. Spir - it, o - pen my heart. *Fine*

(D) (G) (D) (G)  
F B<sup>b</sup> F B<sup>b</sup>



1 God, re - place my ston - y heart with a heart that's  
2 Write your love up - on my heart as my law, my  
3 May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of

(A7) (Bm) (D/A) (G) (A7)  
C7 Dm F/C B<sup>b</sup> C7



kind and ten - der. All my cold - ness and  
goal, my sto - ry. In each thought, word, and  
sis - ter, broth - er. In the wel - come of

(Bm) (Em7) (D) (G2) (G)  
Dm Gm7 F B<sup>b</sup>2 B<sup>b</sup>



to Refrain

feared, to your grace I now sur - ren - der.  
deed, may my liv - ing bring you glo - ry.  
Christ, may we wel - come one an - oth - er.

# 698 Take, O Take Me as I Am

Take, O take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall

The first system of music consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and a 4/4 time signature. It contains a vocal line with lyrics. The bottom staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature, containing a piano accompaniment line.

be; set your seal up-on my heart and live in me.

The second system of music also consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of three flats and a 4/4 time signature, continuing the vocal line. The bottom staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature, continuing the piano accompaniment.

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

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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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