



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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

March 30, 2025 // 10am // *The Need for Change*

CENTERING WORDS: Change is not only new life; it is also death.

A real and sincere change requires old ways to pass away before new ones can take hold.

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Notturmo

Edvard Grieg

RINGING THE BELL & LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

GREETING

One: The God of life be with you.

All: **And also with you!**

GATHERING SONG #695 *Change My Heart, O God*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: People of God, what do you need today?

All: **Change that brings new life.**

One: Then come, let us worship God,

All: **who teaches us the way we should go,
who ushers in a new creation,
who can change our circumstances and our hearts.**

One: We gather in the name of our triune God,

All: **our Maker,
our Redeemer,
and our Reconciler. Amen.**

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN *Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy* (Insert)

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

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Rev. Paul Van Kempen

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: O God, who makes all things new,
new stars, new dust, new life;
take my heart,
every hardened edge and measured beat,
and create something new in me.

I need your newness, God,
the rough parts of me made smooth;
the stagnant, stirred;
the stuck, freed;
the unkind, forgiven.

And then, by the power of your Spirit,
I need to be turned toward Love again. Amen.

CHORUS *Come, Ye Sinners* (Refrain)

All: I will arise and go to Jesus;
He will embrace me in his arms.
In the arms of my dear Savior,
O there are ten thousand charms.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*PASSING THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

ANTHEM

Welcome Home

Mark A. Miller

Embraced before we have the chance
to try and make things right;
well-loved before we love ourselves,
adored before first sight.

The love of God confounds the mind
of all who grace the earth.
We cannot grasp the height nor depth,
a gift before our birth.

Welcome home! Welcome home,
received with joy and made whole!
To be in turn, the welcome home
for every seeking soul.

Just as the father flew to greet
his slow returning son,
so we are met with open arms,
and welcomed everyone.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

TIME WITH CHILDREN

O, How He Loves You and Me

All: O, how he loves you and me,
O, how he loves you are me,
he gave his life, what more could he give;
O, how he loves you,
O, how he loves me,
O, how he loves you and me.

Jesus to Calv'ry did go,
his love for all he did show;
What he did there brought hope from despair:
O, how he loves you,
O, how he loves me,
O, how he loves you and me.

HYMN #44 *Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

One: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word:

All: Thanks be to God!

Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11-31

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

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Unchanging?

Rev. Cathy C. Hoop

***HYMN** *When We Have Wandered* (Insert)

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 are invited to 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

***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: Gathering God, as we bring our gifts this day, we do so in the humble gratitude and recognition that any and all blessings in our life come as your gift of grace. We pray in the name of your greatest gift, Jesus our redeemer. 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 #649 *Amazing Grace*

CARRYING GOD'S LOVE INTO THE WORLD

*BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG #549 *May the Love of the Lord*

Worship Leaders: Rev. Cathy Hoop, Rev. Paul Van Kempen, Beth Magennis,
FPC Choir, Rose Gifford, Loren Meengs, Colleen Ball, Sarah Anderson.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

College Student Care Packages on April 6 // Let's show FPC's college students we love them! Bring snacks, coffee gift cards, Post-Its, highlighters, or other study treats small enough to fit in a small box and mail to FPC's college students to let them know we are thinking of them. Please stop by to sign cards or write notes of encouragement on **April 6**. We hope to send out packages to 12-15 students. If you have a college student in your family who would like a care package, email their current address to deacons@fpcholland.org by April 6.

Note to Parents // Worship Center and Youth Education Time will not meet on: April 6 - Spring Break, April 13 - Spring Break, April 20 Easter Sunday (breakfast and egg hunt!)

Interactive Prayer Stations // Stop by the shelves in the narthex throughout Lent to participate in interactive prayer stations. New prayer stations each week will complement the sermon series.

Easter Flowers for the Sanctuary // Help us create a beautiful worship space for Easter Sunday by purchasing a plant in honor or in memory of a loved one. Pat's Floral will deliver tulips, daisies, or daffodils that will be in the sanctuary for Easter Sunday, then can go home with you after the service. Order forms are available in the church office or watch the eWeekly in your Wednesday email for a link to order online. Please put forms and payment in the bookkeeper's office by Sunday, March 30 (checks can be made out to First Presbyterian Church with "Easter Flowers" in the memo line). Contact Lauren Stouffer if you have any questions.

Easter Breakfast // We hope all of you can join us for breakfast on Easter Sunday morning beginning at 9am before morning worship. No reservation is necessary. We will serve baked french toast, ham, fresh fruit, baked goods, coffee, tea, water and juice. **We ARE looking for volunteers** to provide baked goods and fresh fruit, help with food prep and set-up on Saturday morning at 10am, and help Easter Sunday with prep, serving and clean-up after the breakfast. There is a volunteer spreadsheet on the sign-up table in the lobby. It's always been as enjoyable working 'behind the scenes' as it is to eat the delicious breakfast. So join us any way you can. If you have any questions, call Chris Urbaniak or Cassie Kregger.

Taize Prayer Service // Christians Uniting in Song and Praise invites you to join in worship for a Taize Prayer Service, Monday, April 14 at 7:30 pm at St. Francis de Sales Church.

Habitat for Humanity // Future Habitat work days to put on your calendar are April 17 and May 15. Questions can be directed to wehaines@icloud.com

Holland Community Theatre // Join us on Saturday, April 26th to see the comedy "Every Little Crook & Nanny" at HCT at 7:30pm. Tickets are \$18 at the sign-up table in the lobby. Optional dinner at the Curraugh at 5pm

Looking to Get Involved? // Would you like to learn more about the ways FPC Holland supports our community? The Outreach Council is seeking additional members to help us in vetting partners requesting our support. The council meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm. If you are interested in attending a meeting or learning more about our work please contact Tom Salley for details. salleyt@yahoo.com or 616-612-8044.

Good Samaritan 'Welcome Home' Baskets // We will be collecting items for Good Samaritan 'Welcome Home' Baskets during the month of March. These baskets are given to newly housed families to get them started in their new home. A list of needed items can be found in the narthex on the outreach table. Thank you for anything you can contribute.



Wild Wonder (Peace Camp)
Registration 2025

Wild Wonder Camp (Peace Camp) // It is that time of year when it is time to start thinking about registering for summer camps and programs. As you are planning your summer, make sure to save the week of June 23-27 for Wild Wonder Camp (Peace Camp) at First Presbyterian Church. Wild Wonder Camp will be held from 9-11:45am each day. We welcome campers K-6th grade (entering in the fall) and teen helpers from 7-12th grade. ***Wild Wonder Camp is totally free!*** Scan the QR code to register.

WHEN WE HAVE WANDERED

David Bjorlin, b.1984

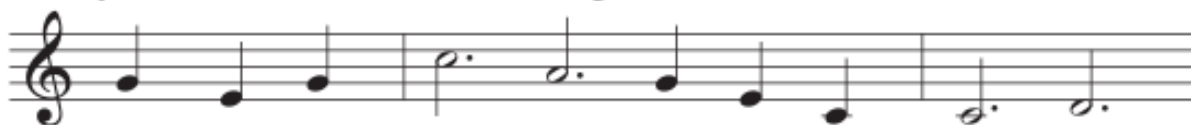
BUNESSAN
Gaelic melody



1. When we have wan - dered far from our home - land,
2. And while re - turn - ing, still at a dis - tance,
3. While we still wan - der lost and de - feat - ed,



sow - ing re - bel - lion, reap - ing de - spair,
Christ runs to meet us, wait - ing no more.
yet Christ comes search - ing where we now roam—



Christ waits to claim us— save us, not shame us—
Not to dis - grace us, but to em - brace us,
seeks till he finds us, and in love binds us



ev - er re - veal - ing God's ten - der care.
Christ comes to par - don, heal, and re - store.
to God's great mer - cy lead - ing us home.

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Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

Joseph Hart



Come, ye sin - ners,
Come, ye thirst - y,
Come, ye wea - ry,
Let not con-science



poor and need - y, weak and wound-ed, sick and sore; Je - sus read - y
come, and wel - come; God's free boun - ty glo - ri - fy, true be - lief and
heav - y lad - den, lost and ru - ined by the fall; if you tar - ry
make you lin - ger, nor of fit - ness fond-ly dream; all the fit - ness



stands to save you, full of pit - y, love, and power.
true re - pen - tance, ev - ery grace that brings you nigh.
till you're bet - ter, you will nev - er come at all.
he re - quir - eth is to feel your need of him.



I will a-rise and go to Je - sus; he will em-brace me



in his arms. In the arms of my dear Sav - ior, O there are ten



thou-sand charms.

Change My Heart, O God 695

Cámbiame, Señor 항상진실케

Refrain / Estribillo / 후렴

Change my heart, O God; make it ev - er true.
Cám - bia - me, Se - ñor, con tu gran po - der.
 항 상 진 실 케 내 맘 바 꾸 사

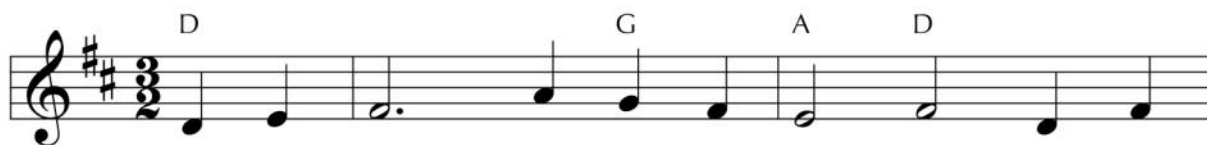
Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.
Haz - me co - mo tú, tu yo quie - ro ser.
 주 님 의 모 습 닻 게 하 소 서

You are the Pot - ter; I am the clay.
Tú el al - fa - re - ro, yo el ba - rro soy.
 주 는 토 기 장 이 나 는 진 흙

Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.
Só - lo a tu j - ma - gen, quie - ro siem - pre ser.
 날 빛 으 소 서 기 도 하 오 니

to Refrain / al Estribillo / 후렴

44 Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us



1 Like a moth - er who has borne us, held us
2 Like a fa - ther who has taught us, grasped our
3 Though as chil - dren we have wan - dered, placed our
4 When we of - fer food and com - fort, grasp our



close in her de - light, fed us free - ly from her
hand and been our guide, lift - ed us and healed our
trust in power and might, left be - hind our broth - ers,
neigh - bor's hand in love, tread the path of peace and

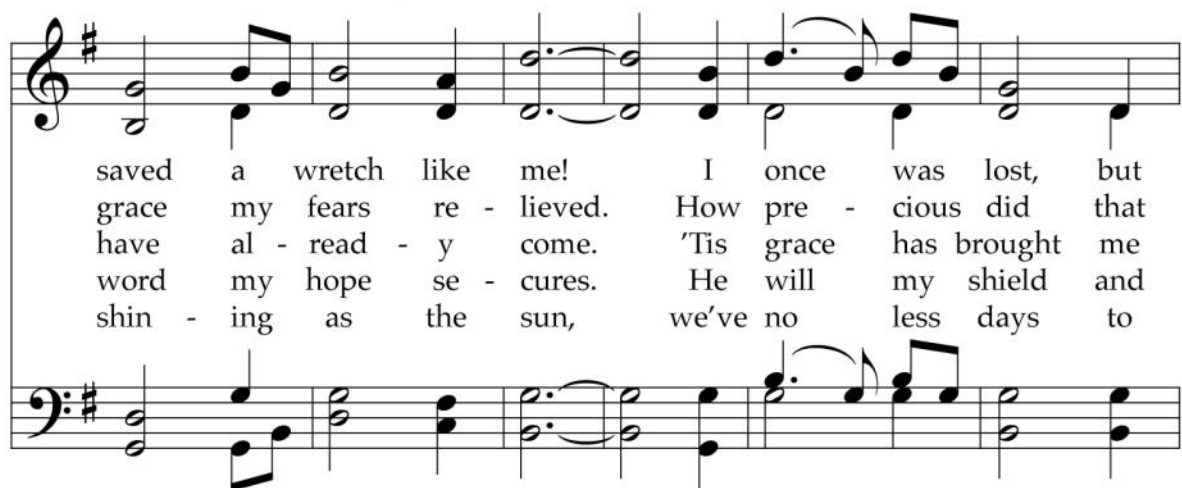


bod - y, God has called us in - to life.
sor - rows, God has walked with us in life.
sis - ters, God still calls us in - to life.
jus - tice, God still walks with us in life.

649 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound



1 A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, that
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
grace my fears re - lieved. How pre - cious did that
have al - read - y come. 'Tis grace has brought me
word my hope se - cures. He will my shield and
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found, was blind, but now I see.
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

May the Love of the Lord

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唯願神的愛撫慰你的靈

G2 C2/G G2 C2/G

May the love of the Lord rest up-on your soul.
唯願神的愛撫慰你的靈。

G2 C2/G D2 G2

May God's love dwell in you, through-out ev-ery day.
每時刻他的愛住在你心裡,

G2 G2/B C6 G2/B Am7 C/D G2

May God's coun-tenance shine up-on you and be gra-cious to you.
他的榮光照耀你, 慈愛伴隨你,

G2 G2/B C6 G2/B Am7 C/D G2

May God's Spir-it be up-on you as you leave this place.
無論何處他的靈都永遠伴隨你。

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

Class of 2028: Jon Kreple, Lauren Stouffer,
Chris Urbaniak

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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