

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

April 6, 2025 // 10am // The Need for Beauty

CENTERING WORDS: We need beauty because it makes us ache to be worthy of it.

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

RINGING THE BELL & LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

GREETING Rev. Cathy C. Hoop

One: The God of life be with you.

All: And also with you!

GATHERING SONG #411 God Is Here Today Bruce Rosensteel

*CALL TO WORSHIP Chris Urbaniak

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

All: A world with more beauty than brokenness.

One: Then come, let us worship God,

who brings water to parched places, who translates weeping into joy,

who does great things for us.

All: We worship in the name of our triune God,

our great Creator, our new start.

our endless inspiration. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN #14 For the Beauty of the Earth (vs. 1, 3, 5)

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: God,

We call out for your forgiveness.

This world needs healing

because it is filled with people who harm others

just as they have been harmed.

All: We are part of this world.

We need healing.
We have hurt others.
We have hurt ourselves.

One: But you bind our injuries

and soothe our bruises.

All: You forgive us,

and we no longer have to harm.

You heal us,

and we grow hearty again.

Thank you for your forgiveness. 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 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.

ANTHEM More Love to Thee

More love to Thee, O Christ, more love to Thee! Hear Thou the prayer I make on bended knee. This is my earnest plea: more love, O Christ, to Thee, more love to Thee. more love to Thee!

Once earthly joy I craved, sought peace and rest; now thee alone I seek, give what is best.

This all my prayer shall be: more love, O Christ, to Thee, more love to Thee, more love to Thee!

Then shall my latest breath whisper Thy praise; this be the parting cry my heart shall raise. This still its prayer shall be: more love, O Christ to Thee, more love to Thee, O Christ, to Thee. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

John 12: 1 – 8, CEB

One: For the Word of God in Scripture,

For the Word of God among us, For the Word of God within us.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

SERMON

Rev. Cathy C. Hoop

*HYMN Said Judas to Mary (Printed in the bulletin)

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: Giver of the most expensive gift of all, receive our simple gifts.

Help us to learn from you.

Let us live unselfishly and more sensitively,

that we may spread love's fragrance

wherever cynicism and despair pollute the air.

Through Jesus Christ, our Savior. 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.

COMMUNION HYMN #498 Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken

THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO CHRIST'S TABLE

All are welcome. All bread is gluten free and juice is non-alcoholic.

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

COMMUNION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*HYMN Beautiful Jesus (Printed in the bulletin)

CARRYING GOD'S LOVE INTO THE WORLD

*BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG #748 Go with Us, Lord

Worship Leaders: Rev. Cathy Hoop, Beth Magennis, FPC Choir, Rose Gifford, Dave Zessin, Bruce Rosensteel. Thanks to: Sound and Video Tim Richardson, Greeter and Ushers, Bus Drivers, M&M Café Providers, Kiki Lemen and Nursery Care Provider

Holy Week worship opportunities at FPC and with our neighbors.

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

Maundy Thursday Service *II* Thursday, April 17 at 6:00pm in the fellowship hall. As we draw near to Easter, we will gather for an experiential service with hand or foot washing, a simple meal and communion. Maundy Thursday directs our attention to Jesus' instructions to his disciples to "love one another, as I have loved you." *All ages are encouraged to attend!* Please contact Lauren Stouffer if you could provide soup, bread or fruit for the meal.

Good Friday // April 18 at 12:00 Noon. An Ecumenical service hosted by Hope Church (77 W 11th St.)

Easter Sunday // April 20

- · Sunrise service with communion at 6:30am in the Memorial Garden.
- · 10am service with communion in the Sanctuary. This service will be live streamed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Paul will be defending his Doctor of Ministry thesis at Western Seminary on April 21 at 1:30pm. All are welcome to attend and support him in this important milestone.

Please keep him in your prayers!

Presbyterian Women // Our next meeting will be Wednesday, April 9, at 9:30 am in the Michigan Room to reflect on Lesson 8.

Note to Parents // Worship Center and Youth Education Time will not meet TODAY, April 13 (due to 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 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.

Two New Adult Education Opportunities!

The Traveler's Path: Finding Spiritual Growth and Inspiration through Travel - Rev. Doug Brouwer will lead a series of classes inspired by his new book, The Traveler's Path. Travel shapes our identity, from ancient spiritual journeys to the modern movement of people across the globe. In his latest book, Douglas J. Brouwer, a pastor, scholar and lifelong traveler, invites readers to reflect on the profound, transformative power of travel in all its forms. The class will meet in the Michigan Room, Sundays at 11:15. Class begins April 27th.

<u>Presby-What?</u> - If you've been visiting with us and are curious about what membership in a PC(USA) church is all about, this class is for you! We will learn about the denomination's history and guiding beliefs, and how First Presbyterian of Holland lives out its calling to witness to the good news of God's love. All are welcome! This class will gather Sundays at 11:15 in the sanctuary beginning April 27th and run for 4 weeks.

FPC Families with preschool age children / If you are considering enrolling your child(ren) in the First Presbyterian Preschool this Fall, Spiritual Growth Council offers scholarship money to all FPC Members to assist with tuition. Please connect with Lori Klinesteker or Paul Van Kempen for more information.

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.

Tulip Time // Are you in need of a Dutch costume? Presbyterian Women are selling the costumes we used when we staffed the Tulip Time Information Booths. All costumes are priced \$25 and proceeds will be donated to the Preschool Scholarship fund. If you have a costume that you wish to donate, Please contact Linda Gebben, 916-801-6637.



题具 **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 Wonder (Peace Cam 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.

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

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 7:30 PM. If you are interested in attending a meeting or learning more about our work, please contact Tom Salley for details. salleyt@yahoo.com or 616-612-804

Volunteers Needed // FPC Transporters Team was formed to help FPC members and their families whose circumstances don't allow them to drive or find other means of transportation to shop, travel to medical appointments and church services etc. Are you looking for a way to serve others? Consider joining our transportation team. Contact Tom Glover for more information, glovertn@gmail.com

Guest Speaker // The Men's Discussion group invites ALL adults (all genders) to come hear Dr. Andy Atwood (Semi-Retired Pastoral Counselor) speak to us on "grief work". Because this is a special speaker, we are opening the event to everyone. We will meet on Friday, May 2 at 7:30 am in the M&M Cafe. Questions, please contact Ross Hamlin.

Beautiful Jesus

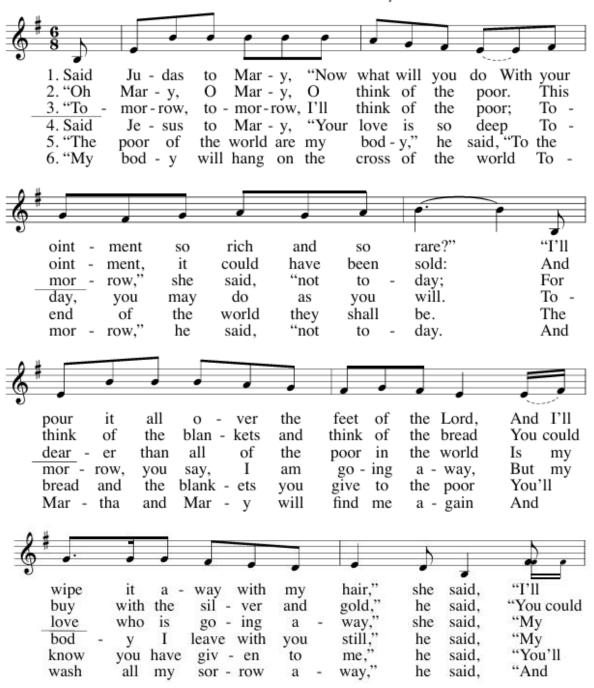
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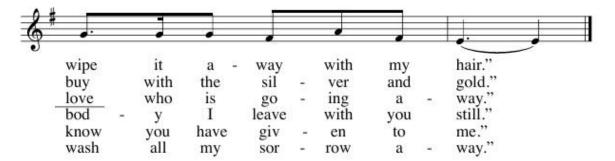
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Said Judas to Mary





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God Is Here Today

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- 1 For the beau-ty of the earth, for the glo-ry of the skies,
- 2 For the won-der of each hour of the day and of the night,
- 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de-light,
- 4 For the joy of hu-man love, broth-er, sis ter, par ent, child,
- 5 For thy-self, best gift di-vine to the world so free-ly given;





for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies: hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light: for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link-ing sense to sound and sight: friends on earth, and friends a - bove, for all gen-tle thoughts and mild: for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven.



Refrain



Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate-ful praise.



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Life, our Lord.

Go with Us, Lord





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Michele Richardson, Leah Wallar.

Class of 2028: Cathy Colten, Gail Hering,

Fred Mc Conkey

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Class of 2025: Ben Rund-Scott

Class of 2026: Carleen Bauer, Bill Evenson,

Cassie Kregger, Bruce Rosensteel.

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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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