

~~HALF  
TRUTH~~

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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ORDER OF WORSHIP  
20th Sunday after Pentecost // 10:00am  
*Half Truths // October 23, 2022*

**ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE**

**INTROIT**

*This Is the Day!*

Donald Moore

**LIFE AT FIRST**

*Please take this time to sign the red Friendship Pad found on the pew near you.*

**RINGING THE BELL**

**PRELUDE**

*Jesus Loves Me, This I Know*

arr. Han-Ki Kim

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Light of Christ, awaken us to your presence in our midst.

**All: May your light fill our hearts and minds.**

One: Empower us to move from the shadows to the light.

**All: Shine through us as we worship your great name today.**

One: Come, let us worship. Amen.

**\*HYMN #12**      *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

**CALL TO CONFESSSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**We confess to ignoring what is going on out of our sight. We know that pain and suffering hide in the shadows. We know that injustice and oppression lurk where there isn't sufficient light. We know that sin is concealed by the dusk. Illumine our lives and our hearts. Use us as lights to chase away the injustice, the suffering, and the sin in this world. Amen.**

*Prayer continues in silence...*

**MUSIC FOR REFLECTION**

*All Things Bright and Beautiful*

arr. Catherine McMichael

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**\*SONG OF ASSURANCE** #177 *I Will Come to You*

**\*PASSING THE PEACE**

**ANTHEM**

Seek Ye First

arr. Karen Lafferty

**HEARING GOD'S WORD**

**TIME WITH CHILDREN**

*SEED*

Take the seed that you have and plant it here.  
Give it water and time for a day or a year.  
Take the seed that you have and plant it here.  
Give it love, give it love.  
Give it love (x4)

**PREPARATORY HYMN** #460 *Break Thou the Bread of Life*

**SCRIPTURE**

John 1:1-14

**SERMON**

*Should the Bible Be Cancelled?*

Rev. Paul Van Kempen

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**SONG** #471 *O Lord, Hear My Prayer*

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

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

### STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

### THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES, OFFERINGS, AND LIVES

#### \*DOXOLOGY #606

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God, above ye heavenly host;  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

#### \*OFFERTORY PRAYER

\*HYMN #314 *Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness*

#### \*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE *A Farewell Response* Charles Norris

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**Worship Leaders:** Rev. Paul Van Kempen, Chuck Norris, FPC Choir, Nick Norris,  
Andrew Plaisier, Emily Grabinski Conklin, Sue Bohlander, Laura McMullen,  
and Jillian Rennaker.

**Thanks to:** Technical Support Team, Greeters and Ushers, Bus Drivers,  
and M&M Café Providers

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Meet Pastor Cathy // November 5 from 1-4pm.** The PNC invites you to an open house to meet Pastor Cathy and to enjoy some light finger foods. All are welcome!

**Congregational Meeting //** A congregational meeting will be held immediately following worship on **Sunday, November 6**. The purpose of the meeting will be to vote on the Senior Pastor candidate and the Terms of Call. If you cannot attend the Congregational Meeting, a Zoom link will be sent out Sunday morning to participate virtually.

**Fall Fundraiser //** You're invited to attend this free event supporting our ministry partner 70x7 Life Recovery. All are welcome! Soup and salad are provided. **Thursday, Oct. 27**, at 6pm in the M&M Café.

**Church Trunk or Treat Party | October 30 at Noon //** You are ALL invited to a fun fellowship event after the education hour on Sunday, October 30. Kids (and adults) are invited to bring or wear their costumes to church. We will have trunk or treating in the parking lot, a selection of soups to eat and fun Halloween activities! If you would like to give out candy from your trunk or bring a soup, please email [paul@fpcholland.org](mailto:paul@fpcholland.org).

**Hurricane Ian //** If you are looking for a way to aid in the recovery efforts after Hurricane Ian, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is a great option. Learn more from this website: <https://pda.pcusa.org/situation/hurricane-ian/> To donate check out this website: <https://pma.pcusa.org/donate/make-a-gift/gift-info/DR000194/>

**First Presbyterian Preschool Car Wash Fundraiser:** FPP is currently selling Quality Car Washes as a fundraiser for the Preschool. This has been one of the Preschool's main fundraisers for the last several years. Car washes make great stocking stuffers, and you can buy monthly passes that will keep the salt off your car all winter! We have 4 FPP students selling car washes this year (Ezra Howell, Izzy Owen, Peter Rund and Elle Van Kempen). **Look for them on Sunday to order your washes!**



**A Note from Lois Rodgers** // "I am overwhelmed by the love and sympathy from many, many of our church friends concerning the death of my husband, Jim. It is very, very comforting. Thank you."

## Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise 12



1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small.  
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light.



in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might:  
 In all life thou liv - est, the true life of all.  
 Thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight.



most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
 thy jus - tice, like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove;  
 We blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,  
 All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see



al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.  
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
 then with - er and per - ish; but naught chang - eth thee.  
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

# I Will Come to You

## You Are Mine

*Leader or All*



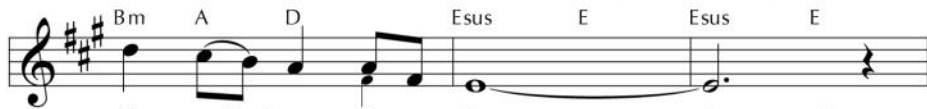
1 "I will come to you in the si - lence;  
 2 "I am hope for all who are hope - less;  
 3 "I am strength for all the de - spair - ing,  
 (4) am the Word that leads all to free - dom; I



I will lift you from all your fear.  
 I am eyes for all who long to see. (2) In the  
 heal - ing for the ones who dwell in shame.  
 am the peace the world can - not give.



You will hear my voice; I claim you as my choice. Be  
 shad - ows of the night, I will be your light.  
 All the blind will see; the lame will all run free, and  
 I will call your name, em - brac - ing all your pain. Stand



still and know I am here. (to stanza 2)  
 Come and rest in me. (to Refrain)  
 all will know my name. (to Refrain)  
 up, now walk and live! (to Refrain)



Do not be a - fraid, I am with you. I have called you each by



name. Come and fol - low me, I will bring you home; I



love you and you are mine."



## Break Thou the Bread of Life 460

1 Break thou the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,  
2 Bless thou the truth, dear Lord, now un - to me,

as thou didst break the loaves be - side the sea.  
as thou didst bless the bread by Gal - i - lee.

Be - yond the sa - cred page I seek thee, Lord.  
Then shall all bond - age cease, all fet - ters fall.

My spir - it pants for thee, O liv - ing Word!  
And I shall find my peace, my all in all.

## O Lord, Hear My Prayer

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The Lord Is My Song

O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer.  
Or The Lord is my song; the Lord is my praise:

When I call, an - swer me. O Lord, hear my prayer. O  
all my hope comes from God. The Lord is my song; the

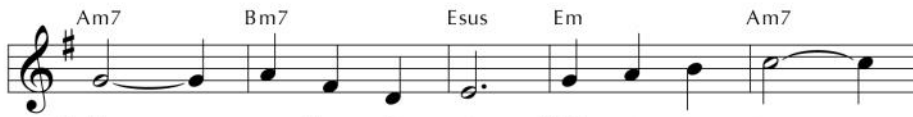
Lord, hear my prayer. Come and lis - ten to me.  
Lord is my praise: God, the well-spring of life.

# Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness 314

## Christ, Be Our Light



1 Long-ing for light, we wait in dark-ness. Long-ing for  
 2 Long-ing for peace, our world is trou-bled. Long-ing for  
 3 Long-ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long-ing for  
 4 Long-ing for shel - ter, man - y are home-less. Long-ing for  
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,  
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone  
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,  
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,  
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



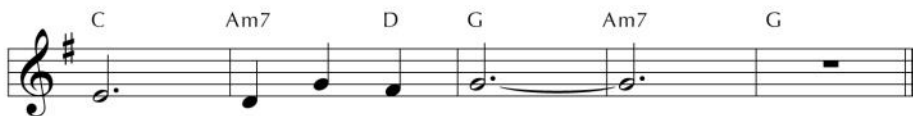
your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.  
 has power to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.  
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.  
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.  
 to one an - oth - er, mak - ing your king - dom come.



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.