



ORDER OF WORSHIP  
23rd Sunday after Pentecost // 10:00am  
November 13, 2022

**PREPARING FOR WORSHIP**

“I am only one.  
But still I am one.  
I cannot do everything.  
But still I can do something.  
And because I cannot do everything,  
I will not refuse to do the something I can do.”

—Edward Everett Hale

**ENTERING GOD’S PRESENCE**

**CHORAL INTROIT**

*Praise Ye the Lord*

J. Jefferson Cleveland

**LIFE AT FIRST**

**RINGING OF THE BELL**

**PRELUDE**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Rejoice! Children of God, celebrate!

**All: We are delighted to be here together; our hopes and dreams unite us in common ministry.**

One: We gather in worship to celebrate this community.

**All: We celebrate the vision God has for our future and trust that God leads us in the journey.**

One: We join our hearts and our spirits today in thanks for all that God gives us.

**All: We are here! We are delighted! We are united!**

One: Let us worship the God who loves when we celebrate in gratitude.

**All: Let us worship God!**

**\*HYMN #645** *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*

## **CALL TO CONFESSION**

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

One: Give thanks to God who has created all life.

**All: God's love is forever.**

One: We believe that although we have sinned and fallen short of God's glory, We are justified by the gift of grace through the redemption that is ours in Christ Jesus.

**All: Thank you, God, for the freedom we enjoy in our country. Thank you for the opportunity to elect those who make decisions in our governments. We confess that we do not consistently care for those on this earth who suffer from lack of food and water, who live under the threat of persecution, and who cannot worship you in spirit and in truth. Forgive us for the ways in which we do not take care of your creation and open our eyes to the greater world around us. Hear our silent prayers.**

### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: The people who walk in darkness have seen a great light.

**All: Christ is the light of the world.**

One: Let us live renewed lives as children of the light, forgiven by the eternal King of all that is and was and will become. Amen.

### **\*GLORIA PATRI**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning is now, and ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen. Amen.**

### **\*PASSING THE PEACE**

**ANTHEM**

*City Called Heaven*

Josephine Poelintz



**\*CHARGE**

Go into the world in peace,  
have courage;  
hold on to what is good;  
return no one evil for evil;  
strengthen the fainthearted;  
support the weak, help the suffering;  
honor all people; love and serve the Lord,  
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CHORAL REPONSE**

*The Lord Bless You and Keep You*

Barbara Boertje

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**Worship Leaders:** Rev. Linda Male, Chuck Norris, Emily Grabinski Conklin, FPC Choir,  
Beth Magennis, Brad Wallar, Janet Morrow

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

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Pastor Paul Out of Office** // Pastor Paul will be on vacation Nov. 9-16. Please contact Pastor Linda ([linda@fpcholland.org](mailto:linda@fpcholland.org)) with any immediate needs. Thank you!

**Happening Today** // Following worship today (during Education Time) come hear about the vision behind and the stories of men who are part of a life-changing initiative, the Hope-Western Prison Education Program. The HWPEP, a collaboration between Hope College and Western Theological Seminary, offers the opportunity for incarcerated men from state prisons throughout Michigan to earn a Bachelor's degree from Hope College at the Muskegon Correctional Facility. David Stubbs, one of the co-directors of the program, will offer a presentation and host a discussion. *All are welcome!*

**Thanksgiving Groceries Support** // This is the last Sunday to help the Youth Group raise funds to support local families by providing Thanksgiving groceries through our partner Community Action House (CAH). So far, the Youth Group has raised \$1736! This is enough to support 52 families in our community! Our goal is 60 families. Every \$33 we raise will stock the shelves at the Food Club with Thanksgiving options for one family. Join the Youth in supporting this great cause and help them reach their goal!

**Memorial Service** // A memorial service for, Jim Rodgers will be held on Saturday, November 19 at 11am here at First Presbyterian Church.

**Advent Event** // Following the Worship Service on Sunday, November 27, an 'all-generation' gathering will take place for a time of preparation for Advent. ***The entire church is welcome to attend.*** Watch for more details. Thank you! Spiritual Growth Council



**Stewardship Update** // As of Wednesday, November 9, we have received 77 estimate of giving cards for a total of \$213,895.00. If you have not responded to the mailing sent out a few weeks ago, please feel free to send in your card to the office or deposit it in the offering plates on Sunday. You are helping plan the budget for 2023 by your generosity as you plant seeds for the future. Thank you.



# *Advent & Christmas*

## **November 27 at 11:15am - All Generation Advent Gathering**

Following the Worship Service, an all generation gathering will take place for a time of preparation for Advent. More details to come!

All are welcome!

## **December 15 at 7pm - Quiet Christmas Service**

Do you ever want to simply unplug yourself from the Christmas scene - the advertisements, shopping, soliciting, and constant barrage of glitter and glee? Some prefer to celebrate Christ's coming in contemplation rather than cheer. For those who have recently lost a family member, a job, a dream, a quieter more intimate celebration can be a better "fit".

## **December 24 - Christmas Eve Services**

**6pm** - A family celebration for all ages, children's pageant and FPC Choir.

**11pm** - A Service of Holy Communion and candlelight inviting Christ into our hearts and lives.

## **December 25 - Christmas Day Service**

A link to a pre-recorded service will be emailed to you on Christmas morning. The link also will be posted on our Facebook page and on the church website



## 645 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above



1 Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all  
 2 What God's al-might - y power has made God's gra - cious mer -  
 3 The Lord is nev - er far a - way, but, through all grief  
 4 Thus all my toil - some way a - long I sing a - loud



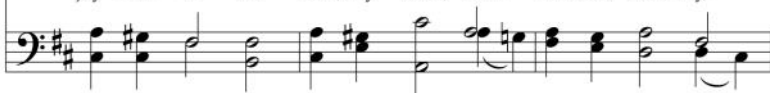
cre - a - tion, the God of power, the God of love,  
 cy keep - eth; by morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade  
 dis - tress - ing, an ev - er - pres - ent help and stay,  
 thy prais - es, that all may hear the grate - ful song



the God of our sal - va - tion. With  
 God's watch - ful eye ne'er sleep - eth. With -  
 our peace and joy and bless - ing, as  
 my voice un - wea - ried rais - es. Be



heal - ing balm my soul is filled, and ev - ery faith - less  
 in the king - dom of God's might, lo! all is just and  
 with a moth - er's ten - der hand God gent - ly leads the  
 joy - ful in the Lord, my heart; both soul and bod - y,



mur - mur stilled:  
 all is right: to God all praise and glo - ry!  
 cho - sen band:  
 take your part:





## 838 Standing on the Promises

1 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of Christ my king,  
 2 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es that can - not fail,  
 3 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of Christ the Lord,  
 4 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es I can - not fall,

through e - ter - nal a - ges let his prais - es ring;  
 when the howl - ing storms of doubt and fear as - sail,  
 bound to him e - ter - nal - ly by love's strong cord,  
 lis - tening ev - ery mo - ment to the Spir - it's call,

glo - ry in the high - est, I will shout and sing,  
 by the liv - ing Word of God I shall pre - vail,  
 o - ver - com - ing dai - ly with the Spir - it's sword,  
 rest - ing in my Sav - ior as my all in all,

stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.  
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*Refrain*

Stand - ing, stand - ing,  
 stand - ing on the prom - is - es, stand - ing on the prom - is - es,

stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God my Sav - ior;

stand - ing, stand - ing,  
 stand - ing on the prom - is - es, stand - ing on the prom - is - es,

I'm stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.

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## O Day of Peace



1 O day of peace that dim - ly shines through all our  
 2 Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb, nor shall the



hopes and prayers and dreams, guide us to jus - tice, truth, and  
 fierce de - vour the small; as beasts and cat - tle calm - ly



love, de - liv - ered from our self - ish schemes. May swords of hate  
 graze, a lit - tle child shall lead them all. Then en - e - mies



fall from our hands, our hearts from en - vy find re - lease, till by God's  
 shall learn to love, all crea - tures find their true ac - cord; the hope of



grace our war - ring world shall see Christ's prom - ised reign of peace.  
 peace shall be ful - filled, for all the earth shall know the Lord.



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