

first presbyterian church



In God
we live
and
move
and
have our being.

Acts 17: 28

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, May 14, 2023 // 10am

Centering Words: Our good works don't earn our way into God's love; rather, they're expressions of truly living with and in the God of Love.

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

GATHERING SONG

Praise Ye the Lord

J. Jefferson Cleveland

LIFE AT FIRST

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

RINGING THE BELL / LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We worship the God who inhabits our world
and indwells our lives.
We need not look up to find God,

**All: we need only look around:
within ourselves,
beyond ourselves,
into the eyes of another.**

One: We need not listen for a distant thunder to find God,

**All: we need only listen to the music of life,
the words of children,
the questions of the curious,
the rhythm of a heartbeat.**

One: We worship the God who inhabits our world
and who indwells our lives.
Let us worship with joy and gratitude!

***HYMN #11** *Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud*

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Holy Advocate,
 We admit that we are surrounded
 by a variety of gods who demand our worship.
 We can all too easily believe that work is our life,
 that wealth is the reason for our being,
 and that success is the very air we breathe.

All: Forgive us, God of mercy.
You are the Word that can transform our very lives.
You are the One who calls us to life,
Through Jesus, our companion and savior. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Despite everything we do, God loves us.
 This grace is why we can dare to hope.

All: We will witness to this hope in every word we
speak to every person we meet.
Thanks be to God, who forgives us and sets us free. Amen.

***PASSING THE PEACE**

One: The Peace of Christ be with you!

All: And also with you!

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Matthew Austin Reynolds

Melanie and Andrew, and siblings, Marian and Cameron

Sponsors: Lori Klinestecker and Lauren Stouffer

***APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God, the Creator almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Creator.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy universal Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen

WELCOME

BAPTISMAL RESPONSE Hymn # 486 *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise*

HEARING GOD'S WORD

TIME WITH CHILDREN *God Is Holding Your Life*

God is holding your life (x3)

We believe

(x2)

ANTHEM *A Child's Credo*

Greg Gilpin

I believe in one God

God from God, Light from Light,

True God from true God.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS Acts 17: 22 - 31, John 14: 15 - 21

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

All: **thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Rev. Cathy C. Hoop

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES, OFFERINGS, AND LIVES

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC *Andante con moto* from *Trio No. 1, Op. 159* Carl Reinecke

*DOXOLOGY #606

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.

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

All: May these gifts, God,
 become action and intention,
 fulfilling Christ's commandment to love. Amen.

*HYMN #317 *In Christ There Is No East or West*

CARRYING GOD'S LOVE INTO THE WORLD

*BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE TO BENEDICTION *Fourfold Amen* John Stainer

Worship Leaders: Rev. Cathy Hoop, Rev. Paul Van Kempen, Mary Bennett,
Chuck Norris, Beth Magennis, FPC Choir

Thanks to: Sound and Video Tim Richardson, Greeter and Ushers, Bus Drivers,
M&M Café Providers and Nursery Care Providers

The Reynolds family invites you to celebrate Matthew's baptism
with some special refreshments at the coffee hour after worship.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deacons need you! // Deacons coordinate teams of members to care for our congregation. Sign up in the narthex (or online in the eWeekly) to participate by visiting, sending cards, making meals, helping with household projects, or providing transportation to appointments when you are available. You will be contacted by the deacon in charge of each care team when needs arise and can participate as your availability allows.

Our Church Directory using an App // Be on the lookout for the launch of our new church directory. It will be available as an app for your smartphone or computer. A small number of paper copies will be printed for those who need them. This is a private directory, accessible only to those who are included in it.

Congratulations Graduates! // If you have a student graduating from high school, trade school, college, or beyond, we would love to hear about their accomplishments and future plans! Please send any information you would like shared with the congregation (including a picture of your student) to lauren.stouffer@gmail.com by May 15.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Crop Walk // The Day Center at Evergreen provides meals for elderly clients while Kids Food Basket has provided over a million meals to school children since July. Harvest Stand Ministry in Zeeland oversees 7 mini food pantries and Hand2Hand ministry provides 10,000 students in West Michigan with meals for the weekends. These are just four of the agencies that you can support by participating in the CROP Hunger Walk. Stop by the Outreach kiosk after the service or go online at www.hollandhunger.org for more information about how you can walk or donate. The CROP Hunger Walk is Sunday, May 21 between 1:00-3:00 pm at Centennial Park in Holland.

Summer Camp Scholarships // Thanks to a generous donor from First Presbyterian Church in Grand Haven, scholarship money is still available for students in our church (no income restrictions) to go to any Christian summer camp. This is a great way to affordably have your child attend camp. Contact Pastor Paul for a camp application or with any questions.

Registration deadline is Monday, May 15.

It is almost time for Peace Camp! // This year our theme is "Big Beautiful Planet." We'll be exploring how caring for our planet leads to peace in our own lives, in our relationships and for the world! Join us for another great year! Sign up in the office, on our website or watch the eWeekly.

Dates: June 26-30 / Time: 9:00-11:45 each day // Ages: For Kids entering Kindergarten- Entering 6th grade. (Older kids are invited to be youth leaders.)

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 (main level)
- Celebration Time: 4 years of age through 1st grade are invited to attend following Children's Time within the Service; attached to the Nursery.
- Education Time: 11:15am - noon.
- Adult Class - Michigan Room (typically) - main level.
- Youth - Youth Room - lower level.
- Worship Center - PreK - 5th grade - lower level.
- Nursery - Newborn through 3 years - main level.

All children and youth options are supervised with two adults who have been background checked and adhere to the Child & Youth Protection Policy.

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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

11 Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud



1 Source and Sov-ereign, Rock and Cloud, For-tress, Foun-tain, Shel-ter, Light,
2 Word and Wis-dom, Root and Vine, Shep-herd, Sav-ior, Ser-vant, Lamb,
3 Storm and Still-ness, Breath and Dove, Thun-der, Tem-pest, Whirl-wind, Fire,



Judge, De-fend-er, Mer-cy, Might, Life whose life all life en-dowed:
Well and Wa-ter, Bread and Wine, Way who leads us to I AM:
Com-fort, Coun-selor, Pres-ence, Love, En-er-gies that nev-er tire:



May the church at prayer re-call that no sin-gle ho-ly name



but the truth be-hind them all is the God whom we pro-claim.



486 Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

1 Child of bless - ing, child of prom - ise, bap - tized
 2 Child of love, our love's ex - pres - sion, love's cre -
 3 Child of joy, our dear - est trea - sure, God's you
 4 Child of God, your lov - ing Par - ent, learn to

with the Spir - it's sign, with this wa - ter God has
 a - tion, loved in - deed! Fresh from God, re - fresh our
 are, from God you came. Back to God we hum - bly
 lis - ten for God's call. Grow to laugh and sing and

sealed you un - to love and grace di - vine.
 spir - its; in - to joy and laugh - ter lead.
 give you: live as one who bears Christ's name.
 wor - ship; trust and love God more than all.

317 In Christ There Is No East or West

1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no
 2 In Christ shall true hearts ev - ery - where their high com -
 3 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what - e'er your
 4 In Christ now meet both east and west; in him meet

south or north, but one great fel - low -
 mu - nion find; his ser - vice is the
 race may be. All chil - dren of the
 south and north. All Christ - ly souls are

ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.
 gold - en cord close - bind - ing hu - man - kind.
 liv - ing God are sure - ly kin to me.
 one in him through - out the whole wide earth.