first presbyterian church



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

#### **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

April 21, 2024 // 10am

# **ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE**

CHORAL INTROIT The Eyes of the Herd are Upon You

Moore

PRELUDE Sweet Hour of Prayer arr. Melody Bober

LIFE AT FIRST

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

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

MOMENT FOR MISSION: Habitat for Humanity

Kara Lipley

## RINGING THE BELL & LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

One: Day by day, God leads us:

All: to the deep, deep pools of peace,

to the green, lush lawns of grace.

One: Day by day, Jesus calls us:

All: to pour out ourselves in service,

to anoint the stranger with hope.

One: Day by day, the Holy Spirit shows us:

All: the community we could be,

the family we are called to become.

\*HYMN #401 Here in this Place

#### INVITATION TO CONFESSION

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Forgive us, God,

for the times when we fail to reach out and accompany

those who are going through difficult times;

those who feel imprisoned in a valley of shadows

and find themselves overwhelmed by life.

Bruce Rosensteel

All: Jesus, good shepherd, help us to take the time and make the space to hear your call to us:

One: The call to reveal your love, compassion and comfort wherever you need us to bind up the wounds

of the victims of today's society.

All: Jesus, good shepherd,

help us to take the time and make the space to hear your call to us:

One: The call to reveal in tangible and authentic ways,

your passion for those who feel powerless to make

any changes for good in their lives.

All: Jesus, good shepherd,

help us to take the time and make the space

to hear your call to us:

One: The call to empty ourselves of all that is contrary to your life within us

so that your goodness and mercies are enjoyed

not as rewards to be hoarded but as gifts to be shared.

All: In your name, we pray. Amen.

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

#### TIME WITH CHILDREN

## **CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

Jeff Holmes

Owen Holmes, son of Colleen & Jeff Holmes

#### **PRESENTATION**

One: Do you, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture

Jeff and Owen by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging him to know

and follow Christ and to be faithful members of his church?

All: We do

#### **PROFESSION OF FAITH**

## RENUNCIATIONS

#### APOSTLE'S CREED

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the Virgin Mary,

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.

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

#### THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

One: The Lord be with you All: And Also with You

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

#### **BAPTISM**

## WELCOME

**HYMN** #486 Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

## \*PASSING THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

# **HEARING GOD'S WORD**

ANTHEM My Shepherd will Supply My Need

Wilberg

#### SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 23 #473 Shepherd Me, O God

John 10: 10 – 18

One: A Word of God that is still speaking;

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON Rev. Cathy C. Hoop

**HYMN** #473 Shepherd Me, O God (Refrain only, 2x)

# **RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE**

## 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.

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

#### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

\*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: God of love.

you abide with us;

you provide for our needs

and walk beside us down life's pathways.

Out of gratitude for your care, we bring our gifts before you. Use them for your work of caring, that all may feast at the table of abundance, walk without fear, and drink deeply from the cup of compassion. Amen

\*HYMN #297 In Christ Called to Baptize

# **CARRYING GOD'S LOVE INTO THE WORLD**

\*BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE So Many Amens Carlos Yo Juego

POSTLUDE Bagatelle No. 11 Vandall

Worship Leaders: Rev. Cathy Hoop, Rev. Paul Van Kempen, Chuck Norris, Rose Gifford, Beth Magennis, Tim Staal, FPC Choir
 Thanks to: Sound and Video Tim Richardson, Greeter and Ushers, Bus Drivers, M&M Café Providers, Kate Overbeek and Nursery Care Providers

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**College Student Care Packages** // 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 manilla envelope and mail to FPC's college students to let them know we are thinking of them, and stop by to sign cards or write notes of encouragement on **TODAY**.

**Celebrating our Seniors** // It is almost graduation season! If you have a student graduating this year (High School or College) please let us know. We will be planning a Grad Sunday and would like to have as many students available as possible! Email paul@fpcholland.org

**FPC Inquirer's Class** // Would you like to learn more about First Presbyterian and the PC (USA) denomination? What do we believe? How are we governed? What is membership all about? Join us Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 - 3:30pm. If you would like more information, please contact Cathy.

**ACTS** needs our help! // ACTS is one of our long-standing outreach partners. Each year they help plan and lead our Peace Camp program—we couldn't do it without them! Because of family health concerns, Jaime is pulled extra thin this season and needs our help caring for the kids at ACTS. There are 2 ways to help.

- 1) Donate supplies to help save Jaime shopping time. (See list below and drop off at church)
- 2) Proved a main dish for supper for 8-10 middle and high school kids on April 15, April 29, May 13, or May 20. Sign up to provide a meal on the table near the outreach desk.

Donations for Acts: Individually wrapped snacks, small bottles of juice drinks, dish soap, hand soap (gel pumps preferred), easy dinner preparation meal packages (i.e. macaroni and cheese, spaghetti with spaghetti sauce, pancake mix, soup and crackers etc.) Thank you for Supporting the work of ACTS!

Mark your calendars and make a difference! BYOP! // On Sunday May 19 the Holland Hunger Awareness event and CROP walk will take place at Centennial Park in downtown Holland from

1-3pm as a part of the Holland Hunger Awareness weekend which also includes the Holland Postal Food Drive on **Saturday May, 18**. You will have the opportunity to make a difference for hungry people locally and around the world by your participation in the CROP Hunger walk and Holland Hunger Awareness weekend and your donations.

First Presbyterians are invited to BYOP (Bring your own Picnic!) We will meet about 12:15 to picnic in Centennial Park. All people are invited to the Hunger Awareness event - bring your kids and their scooters or wagons, bring your dogs and your signs - even if you can't walk, come and experience the festivities and fellowship of other presbyterians fighting hunger. Those of us choosing to walk should then be ready to walk starting about 1:15 PM. You can choose to walk around the park or on an approximately three mile route. Funds raised will benefit local hunger efforts of eight local agencies and international efforts through CWS. Please see Tim Staal for any questions. To join our team of walkers head on over to this website: https://events.crophungerwalk.org/cropwalks/event/hollandmi



Wheel-A-Thon // On April 26 at 6:00 First Presbyterian Preschool is holding their annual Wheel-A-Thon fundraiser to support scholarships for the preschool. Children of First Presbyterian Church are invited to participate in the event—bring your bike or scooter, ride some laps and enjoy some dinner (there will be pizza, chips and fruit for sale). Members of FPC, if you would like to support scholarships for the preschool, follow the below link or scan the QR code! https://firstpresbyterianpreschool.churchcenter.com/giving/to/generous-giving

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#### **DEACONS**:

Class of 2025: Nancy Staal, Lauren Stouffer,

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Class of 2026: Tom Glover, Terri Schamper.
Class of 2027: Lloyd Helder, Michele Richardson,

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#### **ELDERS**:

Class of 2025: Gail Hering, Beth Magennis,

Jon Mc Fadyen, Danielle Peterson, Ben Rund-Scott

Class of 2026: Carleen Bauer, Bill Evenson,

Cassie Kregger, Bruce Rosensteel.

Class of 2027: Jen Laux Ludwig, Tom Salley,

Dave Zessin

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)

Custodian

Maintenance

Communications

- 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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