



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

ORDER OF WORSHIP
January 12, 2025 // 10am

CENTERING WORDS: Holy One, untamed by the names I give you, in the silence name me,
that I may know who I am, hear the truth you have put into me, trust the love you have for me,
which you call me to live out with my sisters and brothers in your human family.
~ Ted Loder, Imaging the Word

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE *Little Prelude and Fugue No. IV* J.S. Bach

RINGING THE BELL & LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

GREETING

One: The God of life be with you.

All: **And also with you!**

GATHERING SONG #375 *Shall We Gather at the River* (vs. 1)

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Linda Clark

One: God spoke through the prophet, "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you."

All: **God calls us by name, we belong to God.**

One: "When we pass through the waters"

All: **God will be with us.**

One: "When we pass through the rivers"

All: **God will be with us.**

One: "When we walk through the fire"

All: **God will be with us.**

One: God is our Savior; we are precious in God's sight.

All: **Come let us worship our Savior, who leads us into life.**

***HYMN** #475 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

**Please stand if you are comfortable doing so. _____*

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Gracious God,
we confess that too often we live as though we are fearful, not faithful.
When we encounter the waters of chaos and confusion,
we do not easily pass through them,
but we obsess about the height of the water
instead of the promise of the waiting shore.
Why do we forget that you are in the midst of the waters?
Help us believe, and help our unbelief.

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 #392 *Jesus, We Are Here*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 43: 1 – 7

One: The Word of God for the people of God;
All: thanks be to God.

Luke 3: 15 – 17, 21 - 22

One: Holy wisdom, holy Word.
All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Cathy C. Hoop

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

HYMN (Remain seated) #164 *Down Galilee's Slow Roadways* (stanza 1)

CELEBRATION FOR THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISM (Responsive)

One: Many are the gifts of God given to us:

Left: Living water to quench our thirst,

Right: Pure air to fill our lungs,

Left: Fertile earth to cultivate our food,

Right: Passionate fire to warm body and soul.

One: Many are the gifts of God given to us and we are grateful:

Left: Divine love to energize us,

Right: Shared life to sustain us,

Left: Caring friendships to comfort us,

Right: New wisdom to lead us to wholeness.

One: Many are the gifts of God to us and we are grateful, and we remember
God's claim upon us:

Left: By the water of birth we are brought into the world.

Right: By the water of baptism we are brought into the church.

**Left: By water and the Spirit we are brought into God's mighty acts of salvation
and given new life.**

**Right: Called from the waters of baptism, we are sent into the world to baptize and
make disciples.**

One: Do you believe in God?

All: I believe in God, the Creator of heaven and earth.

One: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**All: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son our Lord. He was conceived by
the power of the Holy Spirit, and was 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 from the dead. 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.**

One: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

One: Friends: Remember you are baptized and be thankful!

All: We celebrate our baptisms with thankful hearts.

HYMN #164 *Down Galilee's Slow Roadways* (Stanzas 2 – 3)

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 that you would like shared in worship, please fill out a prayer card and place it in the offering.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Jesus, Priceless Treasure

arr. Roger C. Wilson

***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**

One: Bathed in the waters of baptism,
we are graced people.
Graced people,
we recognize the gifts
which have been poured out upon us.

All: Recognizing these gifts,
we take them and give them back to you,
God of the waters,
so that others might be bathed in hope,
graced with joy,
gifted with your peace and love. 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.

***HYMN** #295 *Go to the World!*

CARRYING GOD'S LOVE INTO THE WORLD

***BENEDICTION**

SENDING SONG #492 *You Belong to Christ*

Worship Leaders: Rev. Cathy Hoop, Linda Clark, Bruce Rosensteel,
 Beth Magennis, FPC Choir, Karen Howells

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wired Word // Meets today at 11:15am in the Michigan Room.

Annual Congregational Meeting // January 26, 2025 immediately following the Worship Service. There will be a zoom link emailed on Sunday morning 1/26, for those who cannot attend in person.

Narthex Art Display // Carving, drawing and painting were always a part of life for wildlife artist Michael Van Houzen. Art was his favorite class during elementary and junior high years and an area in which he excelled. Much of his free time was spent creating and expressing what he visualized. When he ventured collect, it was then that he decided to major in art. He was exposed to every art medium and realized his love of sculpting. Both his carvings, paintings and drawings can range from realistic to whimsical in nature. During Covid with the canceling of art fairs, this provided Mike creative time to work on a whimsical creation of "Town Gathering for the Birth". Van Houzen has won many awards for his work and his sculptures are in many private and public collections.

Bus Assistant Needed // We are in need of one more Bus Assistant one Sunday per month. If you would like to know more about what it requires or take a ride-a-long to check it out, give Chris Urbaniak a call. We'd love to have you join us.

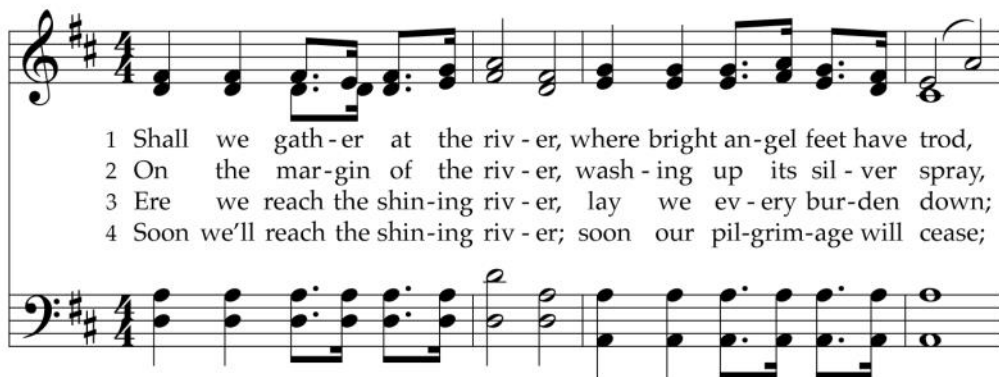
Habitat for Humanity // Upcoming Habitat workdays are 2/13 and 3/13. Questions can be directed to wehaines@icloud.com.

Summer Camp Scholarships // It's time to start thinking about summer camp. If you are interested in sending your camper(s) to any Christian summer camp and would like scholarship information, talk with Pastor Paul, or watch the Wednesday eWeekly communication for a link to download the forms.

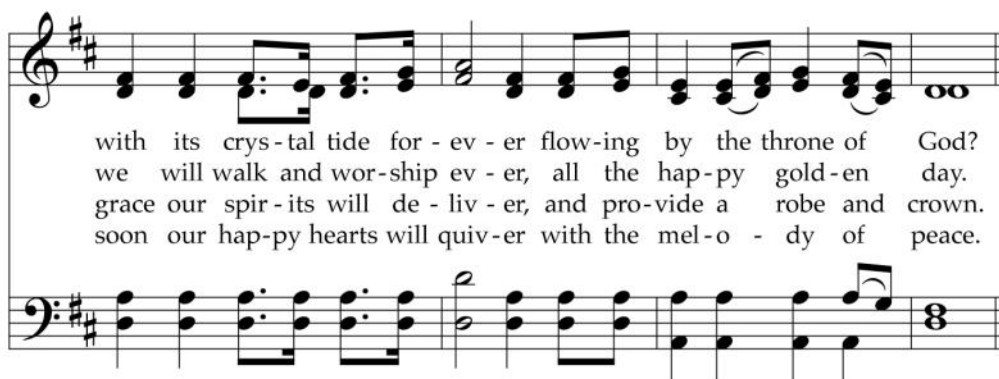
Women's Retreat // Our Women's Retreat will be held here (FPC) on Saturday, February 22, 2025, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. The theme of the retreat is *Telling Your Stories, Sharing Our Lives*, and the speaker will be Rev. Janet Salyer. Janet is a pastor, counselor and spiritual director and a delightful human being! Come be nurtured by her warmth, joy and spiritual depth. Brochures with registration forms are available on the kiosk outside the church office. Registration forms are also available on our website homepage, www.fpcholland.org. For more information, please contact Carleen Bauer carleenbauer@gmail.com or Chris Urbaniak cmurbaniak@comcast.net.

Dinners for 7 // Saturday, **January 25** at 6:00pm. We are kicking off the year with a fun tradition of small group dinners where couples and singles can enjoy an evening together. The host provides the main course and coordinates with the people assigned to their home to bring everything else. **As an added bonus for couples with children, we will pay for your babysitter at your home!** (You make arrangements and we'll reimburse you.) So sign-up to participate and remember, we need volunteer hosts.

375 Shall We Gather at the River



1 Shall we gath-er at the riv-er, where bright an-gel feet have trod,
 2 On the mar-gin of the riv-er, wash-ing up its sil-ver spray,
 3 Ere we reach the shin-ing riv-er, lay we ev-ery bur-den down;
 4 Soon we'll reach the shin-ing riv-er; soon our pil-grim-age will cease;

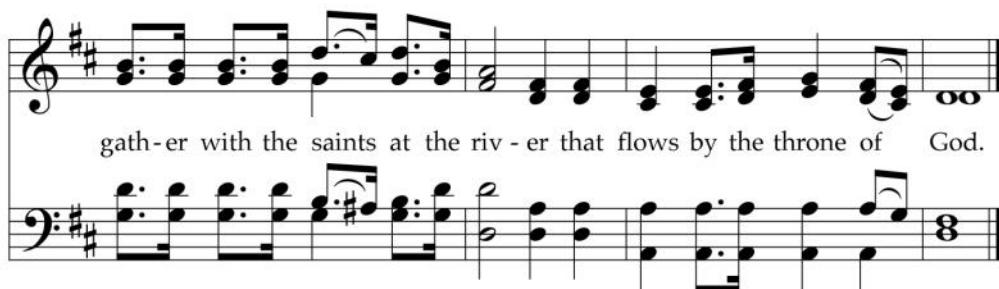


with its crys-tal tide for-ev-er flow-ing by the throne of God?
 we will walk and wor-ship ev-er, all the hap-py gold-en day.
 grace our spir-its will de-liv-er, and pro-vide a robe and crown.
 soon our hap-py hearts will quiv-er with the mel-o-dy of peace.

Refrain

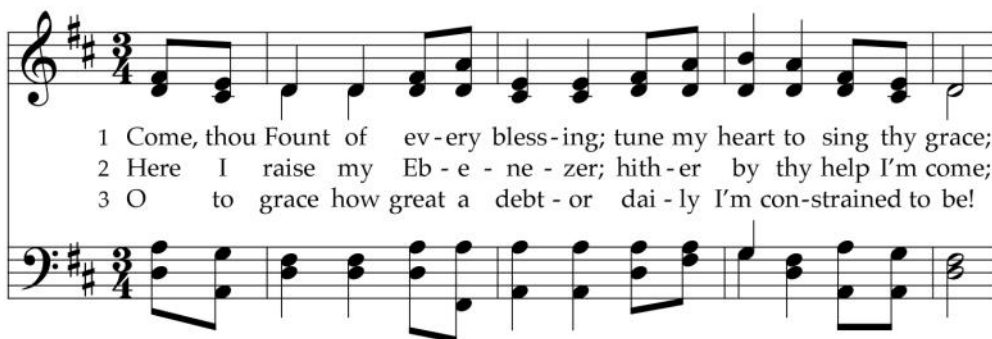


Yes, we'll gath-er at the riv-er, the beau-ti-ful, the beau-ti-ful riv-er;



gath-er with the saints at the riv-er that flows by the throne of God.

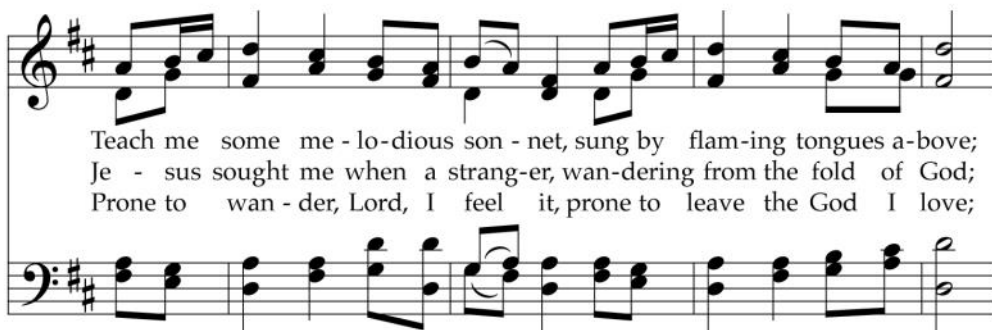
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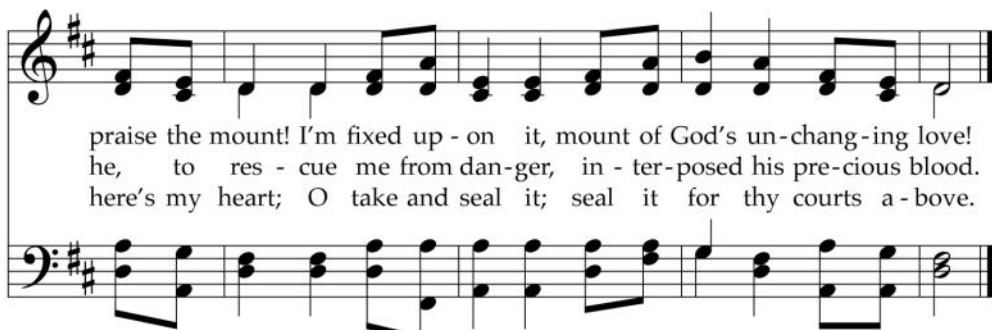
1 Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2 Here I raise my Eb - e - ne - zer; hith-er by thy help I'm come;
3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be!



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud-est praise.
and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe-ly to ar - rive at home.
Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan-dering heart to thee.



Teach me some me - lo-dious son - net, sung by flam-ing tongues a-bove;
Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-dering from the fold of God;
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;



praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un-chang-ing love!
he, to res - cue me from dan-ger, in - ter-posed his pre-cious blood.
here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Down Galilee's Slow Roadways 164

Capo 3: (A9)

(D/A)

(A9)

(Dsus)(D)

C9

F/C

C9

Fsus F



1 Down Gal - i - lee's slow road - ways a strang - er trav - eled on
2 A - ris - ing from the riv - er he saw the heav - ens torn;
3 We too have found a road - way; it led us to this place.

(A9)

(D/A)

(G)

(F#m)

C9

F/C

B^b

Am



from Naz - a - reth to Jor - dan to be bap - tized by John.
it seemed the sky so o - pen re - vealed the Spir - it's form.
We all have had to trav - el in search of hope and grace.

(Bm)

(F#m)

(Gmaj7) (F#m7)

(Em)

(A/C#)(Bsus)(Bm)

Dm

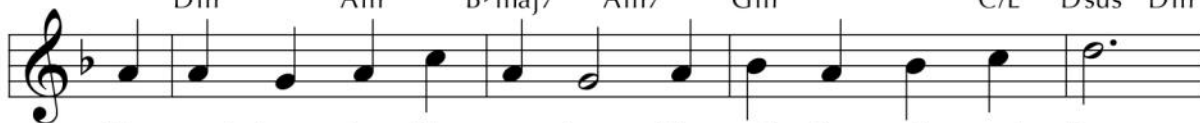
Am

B^bmaj7

Am7

Gm

C/E Dsus Dm



He went down to the wa - ters like sol - dier, scribe, and slave,
The ho - ly dove de - scend - ed a - mid a glo - rious voice:
But now be - side this wa - ter a - gain a voice is heard.

(G)

(D/F#)

(Em7)

(G/A)

(Asus)(A7)

(D)

B^b

F/A

Gm7

B^b/C

Csus

C7

F



but there with - in the riv - er the sign was birth and grave.
"You are my own be - lov - ed, my child, my heart, my choice."
"You are my own, my cho - sen, be - lov - ed of your Lord."

Go to the World!

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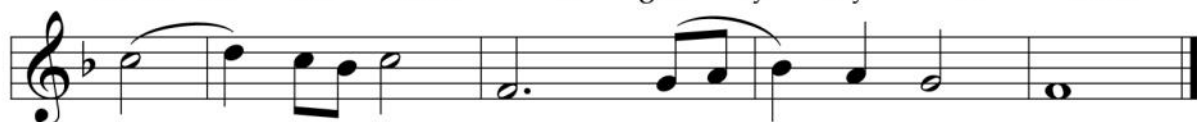
1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.
2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - ery place.
3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;
4 Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,



Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,
Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.
the nights of tears give way to joy - ous day.
for I am with you till the age shall end,



bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.
Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.
As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.
when all the hosts of glo - ry cry "A - men!"



Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

You Belong to Christ

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First system of musical notation for the song 'You Belong to Christ'. It consists of a treble and a bass staff, both in 4/4 time and key of D major (two sharps). The treble staff features a melody with eighth and quarter notes, while the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes. The lyrics 'You be-long to Christ, in whom you have been bap - tized.' are written below the treble staff.

You be-long to Christ, in whom you have been bap - tized.



Second system of musical notation for the song 'You Belong to Christ'. It continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. The treble staff includes the lyrics 'al - le - lu - ia.' above the final measure. The bass staff concludes with a double bar line. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' are written below the treble staff.

al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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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'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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