



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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Need for Rest // March 16, 2025 // 10am

CENTERING WORDS: Sleep is perhaps the easiest need to neglect. By sleeping less, we think we're able to accomplish more, care for each other more...

What if the first step toward a more just society simply started with a good night's rest?

~ Barn Geese

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

RINGING THE BELL & LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

GREETING

One: The God of life be with you.

All: **And also with you!**

GATHERING SONG #414

Be Still and Know That I Am God

Sherry Martens

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jan Brashler

One: People of God, what do you need today?

All: **Rest for our weary souls.**

One: Then come, let us worship God,
who calls us to honor the Sabbath,

All: **who casts a canopy of stars over our sleep,
who works for creation's good even as we rest.**

One: We gather in the name of our triune God,
the creator of sabbath,
the gift of peace,
the rest for the weary.

All: **Amen.**

*OPENING PRAYER

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

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Rev. Paul Van Kempen

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: God, when you created the world,
you took a day to rest, setting an example for all creation.

**All: Forgive us for forgetting this truth,
for thinking we can do what you cannot.**

One: The psalmist writes that you neither slumber nor sleep
but watch over us always.

**All: Forgive us for forgetting this promise,
for thinking you could ever close your eyes to our needs.**

One: God help us to remember that just as we need a safe place to rest,
and time and space for resting, our neighbor needs this, too.

**All: Forgive us when we think only of our own needs,
forgetting the needs of others.**

One: Help us find the balance: allowing ourselves to rest,
even as we labor for a world in which all creation can find rest, too.

KYRIE

Cantor:	Congregation (echo)	<i>Translation</i>
Kyrie eleison.	Kyrie eleison.	<i>Lord, have mercy.</i>
Christe eleison.	Christe eleison.	<i>Christ, have mercy.</i>
Kyrie eleison.	Kyrie eleison.	<i>Lord, have mercy</i>

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: ...Let us shout with the psalmist:

All: My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust! Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

**All: Glory be to the One God, the holy, undivided Trinity;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.**

*PASSING THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*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, you gave us what we needed to love you today.
Now we offer you a portion of these gifts,
a harvest of the love you planted.
We have supplied the gifts, and you have supplied the purpose.
Now bless our gifts and use them in your service.
Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

All Sing: #474

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 #183 *Come to Me, O Weary Traveler*

CARRYING GOD'S LOVE INTO THE WORLD

*BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG #544 *Bless the Lord*

Worship Leaders: Rev. Cathy Hoop, Rev. Paul Van Kempen, Beth Magennis,
FPC Choir, Rose Gifford, Jan Brashler, Sherry Martens

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lent Book Study: *What We Remember Will Be Saved* // As we explore “All We Need” through our Lenten theme, we will learn together about what people hold on to in times of great loss. “Born of years of friendship and reporting, *What We Remember Will Be Saved* is a breathtaking, elegiac odyssey into the heart of the largest refugee crisis in modern history. It reminds us that refugees are storytellers and speakers of vanishing languages, and of how much history can be distilled into a piece of fabric, or eggplant seeds. What we salvage tells our story. What we remember will be saved.”

Two options: Thursdays at 2:00 or Sundays at 11:15am. Book copies will be available. Sign up at the table by the Outreach kiosk. (The book is also available on Kindle and Audible.)

Lenten Devotional Guide // *All We Need*, watch your email every Friday for a week’s worth of devotions.

Interactive Prayer Stations // Stop by the shelves in the narthex throughout Lent to participate in interactive prayer stations. New prayer stations each week will complement the sermon series.

Note to Parents // Worship Center and Youth Education Time will not meet on: April 6 - Spring Break, April 13 - Spring Break, April 20 Easter Sunday (breakfast and egg hunt!)

Easter Flowers for the Sanctuary // Help us create a beautiful worship space for Easter Sunday by purchasing a plant in honor or in memory of a loved one. Pat’s Floral will deliver tulips, daisies, or daffodils that will be in the sanctuary for Easter Sunday, then can go home with you after the service. Order forms are available in the church office or watch the eWeekly in your Wednesday email for a link to order online. Please put forms and payment in the bookkeeper’s office by Sunday, March 30 (checks can be made out to First Presbyterian Church with “Easter Flowers” in the memo line). Contact Lauren Stouffer if you have any questions.

EASTER BREAKFAST // We hope all of you can join us for breakfast on Easter Sunday morning beginning at 9am before morning worship. No reservation is necessary. We will serve baked french toast, ham, fresh fruit, baked goods, coffee, tea, water and juice. **We ARE looking for volunteers** to provide baked goods and fresh fruit, help with food prep and set-up on Saturday morning at 10am, and help Easter Sunday with prep, serving and clean-up after the breakfast. There is a volunteer spreadsheet on the sign-up table in the lobby. It's always been as enjoyable working 'behind the scenes' as it is to eat the delicious breakfast. So join us any way you can. If you have any questions, call Chris Urbaniak or Cassie Kregger.

Habitat for Humanity // Future Habitat work days to put on your calendar are April 17 and May 15. Questions can be directed to wehaines@icloud.com

Holland Community Theatre // Join us on Saturday, April 26th to see the comedy "Every Little Crook & Nanny" at HCT at 7:30pm. Tickets are \$18 at the sign-up table in the lobby. Optional dinner at the Curraugh at 5pm

Looking to Get Involved? // Would you like to learn more about the ways FPC Holland supports our community? The Outreach Council is seeking additional members to help us in vetting partners requesting our support. The council meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm. If you are interested in attending a meeting or learning more about our work please contact Tom Salley for details. salleyt@yahoo.com or 616-612-8044.

Good Samaritan 'Welcome Home' Baskets // We will be collecting items for Good Samaritan 'Welcome Home' Baskets during the month of March. These baskets are given to newly housed families to get them started in their new home. A list of needed items can be found in the narthex on the outreach table. Thank you for anything you can contribute.

Invitation to a book launch party // Rev. Dr. Doug Brouwer invites you to a launch party for his new book, *The Traveler's Path: Finding Spiritual Growth and Inspiration Through Travel*, Saturday, March 29, from 4:00 to 5:30 in the M & M Cafe. Refreshments, book signing and a reading by Doug! Books will be available for purchase (below the Amazon price).



Wild Wonder (Peace Camp)
Registration 2025

Wild Wonder Camp (Peace Camp) // It is that time of year when it is time to start thinking about registering for summer camps and programs. As you are planning your summer, make sure to save the week of June 23-27 for Wild Wonder Camp (Peace Camp) at First Presbyterian Church. Wild Wonder Camp will be held from 9-11:45am each day. We welcome campers K-6th grade (entering in the fall) and teen helpers from 7-12th grade. **Wild Wonder Camp is totally free!** Scan the QR code to register.

414 Be Still and Know That I Am God

Capo 4: (C) (Am) (C7) (Am)

E C#m E7 C#m

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Be still and know that I am God.

(F) (C) (Dm) (Em) (Fmaj7) (G7)

A E F#m G#m Amaj7 B7

Be still and know that I am God.

Come to Me, O Weary Traveler 183

D G A D A D A

- 1 "Come to me, O wea - ry trav - eler; come to me with your dis - tress;
- 2 "Do not fear, my yoke is eas - y; do not fear, my bur - den's light;
- 3 "Take my yoke and leave your trou - bles; take my yoke and come with me.
- 4 "Rest in me, O wea - ry trav - eler; rest in me and do not fear.

Bm G Em Bm A G D A D G D

come to me, you heav - y bur - dened; come to me and find your rest."
do not fear the path be - fore you; do not run from me in fright."
Take my yoke, I am be - side you; take and learn hu - mil - i - ty."
Rest in me, my heart is gen - tle; rest and cast a - way your care."

393 O Day of Rest and Gladness

1 O day of rest and glad - ness, O day of joy and light,
 2 On you, at earth's cre - a - tion the light first had its birth;
 3 On you, God's peo - ple, meet - ing, the Ho - ly Scrip-ture hear,

O balm for care and sad - ness, most beau - ti - ful, most bright;
 on you, for our sal - va - tion Christ rose from depths of earth;
 Christ's liv - ing pres - ence greet - ing, through bread and wine made near.

on you, the high and low - ly, through a - ges joined in tune,
 on you, our Lord vic - to - rious sent Spir - it forth from heaven.
 New grac - es ev - er gain - ing from this our day of rest,

sing "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly" to the great God tri - une.
 And thus on you, most glo - rious, a tri - ple light was given.
 we reach the rest re - main - ing to spir - its of the blest.

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Be Thou My Vision

Capo 1: (D)

(G)

(D/F#)

(A7)

(D)

E^bA^bE^b/GB^b7E^b

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;
 4 High King of Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

(A)

(D)

(G)

(A)

B^bE^bA^bB^b

naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

(G)

(D)

(F#m7)

(G)

(A)

A^bE^b

Gm7

A^bB^b

thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower;
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

(Bm)

(D/F#)

(G)

(D)

Cm

E^b/GA^bE^b

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heaven - ward, O Power of my power.
 High King of Heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

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Bless the Lord

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name.

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.

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As a Child Rests

(Psalm 131)

Refrain

As a child rests in its moth-er's arms, so will I rest in you.

As a child rests in its moth-er's arms, so will I rest in you.

to Refrain
Esus E

- 1 My God, I am not proud. I do not look for things too great.
- 2 My God, I trust in you. You care for me, you give me peace.
- 3 O Is - rael, trust in God, now and al - ways trust in God.

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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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