



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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Third Sunday in Lent // March 23, 2025 // 10am

CENTERING WORDS:

“You have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy” (Psalm 63:7).

ENTERING GOD’S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

The Precious Blood of Jesus

Broughton

RINGING THE BELL & LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

GREETING

One: The God of life be with you.

All: And also with you!

GATHERING SONG #519 *You Are My Strength When I Am Weak*

Bruce Rosensteel

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Erin Magennis

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

All: We need God’s help.

One: Then come, let us worship God,
whose hands hold us up,
who nurtures our growth,

**All: who will not let us be tested
beyond our strength.**

One: We gather in the name of our triune God,
our Help,
our Rock,
and our Advocate.

All: Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

***HYMN** #465 *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Gracious God,
sometimes we are disappointed by other people,
too ready to dismiss or discard them.
Help us to see in others what you see in them:
their growth, the fruits that they offer.
Forgive us when we too quickly judge others.
Forgive us also, when we doubt that we can be worthy followers of you.
May we be inspired to nurture your people and ourselves. Amen.

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

*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.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

TIME WITH CHILDREN

O, How He Loves You and Me

All: O, how he loves you and me,
O, how he loves you are me,
he gave his life, what more could he give;
O, how he loves you,
O, how he loves me,
O, how he loves you and me.

Jesus to Calv'ry did go,
his love for all he did show;
What he did there brought hope from despair:
O, how he loves you,
O, how he loves me,
O, how he loves you and me.

ANTHEM

I Want Jesus to Walk With Me

arr. Christopher Aspaas

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 55:1-9

One: Holy wisdom, holy word.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalms 63:1-8

Luke 13:1-9

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

All: thanks be to God.

SERMON

Who Will Stand with Me?

Rev. Cathy C. Hoop

***HYMN #834**

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

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, you are invited to fill out a prayer card (found in the pew-backs) and put it in the offering plate. The ushers will deliver it to the pastors.

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, 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

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 #543** *God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me (Vs. 1-4)*

CARRYING GOD'S LOVE INTO THE WORLD

***BENEDICTION**

SENDING SONG #543 *God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me (Vs. 5)*

Worship Leaders: Rev. Cathy Hoop, Rev. Paul Van Kempen, Beth Magennis, FPC Choir, Rose Gifford, Erin Magennis, Bruce Rosensteel, Marcia Huizenga

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

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. Sign up at the table by the Outreach kiosk. (The book is available on Kindle and Audible.)

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!)

Hope Church Popcorn & Movie Night // Learn where food comes from and what it takes to produce it in a long-term sustainable way. Join the Creation Care team at Hope Church as they present the documentary film, *Common Ground*, on **Friday night March 28** at 7pm. This is a free event.

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.

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).

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.



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.

You Are My Strength When I Am Weak 519

You Are My All in All

Capo 5: (C) (G) (Am7) (Em) (C)

F* C Dm7 Am F

You are my strength when I am weak; you are the trea-sure that I

(Dm7) (C) (G7) (C) (G7) (C) (G)

Gm7 F C7 F C7 F C

seek; you are my all in all. When I fall down, you pick me

(Am7) (Em) (C) (Dm7) (C) (G7) (F) (C)

Dm7 Am F Gm7 F C7 B^b F

up; when I am dry, you fill my cup; you are my all in all.

(C) (G) (Am7) (Em) (Dm7) (C) (G) (C) (G7)

F* C Dm7 Am Gm7 F C F C7

Je - sus, Lamb of God, wor - thy is your name!

(C) (G) (Am7) (Em) (Dm7) (C) (G7) (F) (C)

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465 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

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1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
 2 Have we tri - als and temp-ta-tions? Is there trou-ble an - y-where?
 3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, cum-bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - ery-thing to God in prayer!
 We should nev - er be dis-cour-aged; take it to the Lord in prayer!
 Pre - cious Sav-ior, still our ref - uge; take it to the Lord in prayer!



O what peace we of - ten for - feit; O what need-less pain we bear,
 Can we find a friend so faith-ful who will all our sor-rows share?
 Do thy friends de-spise, for-sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!



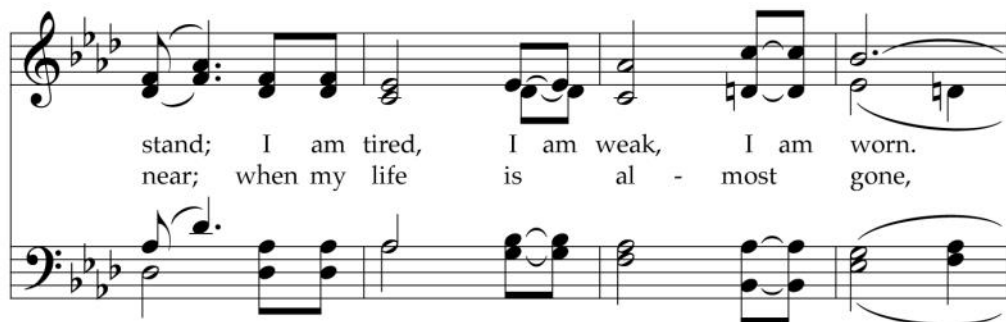
all be-cause we do not car - ry ev - ery-thing to God in prayer!
 Je - sus knows our ev - ery weak-ness; take it to the Lord in prayer!
 In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a so-lace there.



834 Precious Lord, Take My Hand



1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand; lead me on, help me
2 When my way grows drear, pre - cious Lord, lin - ger



stand; I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
near; when my life is al - most gone,



Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I



light; take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.
fall; take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

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O Christ, Surround Me



1 God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to
2 Bind to my-self the Name of Ho - ly, great cloud of wit - ness-
3 Bright-ness of sun and glow of moon-light, flash - ing of light-ning,
4 Walk - ing be-hind to hem my jour - ney, go - ing a - head to
5 Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that



move my voice; God, be the strength to now up - hold me:
es en - fold; proph - ets, a - pos - tles, an - gels wit - ness:
strength of wind, depth of the sea to soil of plan - et:
light my way, and from be - neath, a - bove, and all ways:
hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me:



O Christ, sur-round me; O Christ, sur-round me.

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Cassie Kregger, Bruce Rosensteel.

Class of 2027: Jen Laux Ludwig, Tom Salley,
Dave Zessin

Class of 2028: Jon Kreple, Lauren Stouffer,
Chris Urbaniak

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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