



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

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
September 14, 2025 // 10am

**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**     *Come as You Are*     (Insert/Screen)

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Come, beloved of God—lost and found, wandering and welcomed.

**All: We come, seeking the One who searches and will not give up on us.**

One: Rejoice! God's love is wider than we can imagine,  
deeper than we dare to believe.

**All: We rejoice, for God's arms are open, ready to embrace us all.**

One: Let us worship the God who never stops seeking.

**All: With joy and gratitude, we worship the Lord!**

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

**\*HYMN**   #187   *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

**INVITATION TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**All: Merciful God,  
we confess that we wander from your ways.  
Like sheep distracted by many paths,  
we stray from your guidance and forget your voice.**

Like coins slipped from careless hands,  
we lose our sense of value and belonging.  
Forgive us when we turn away from you,  
and forgive us when we fail to seek out others.  
Search us, find us, and restore us, O God,  
that we may live as your beloved children.

## KYRIE

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

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## GLORIA PATRI #581

## \*PASSING THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.  
All: **And also with you.**

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

## TIME WITH CHILDREN

*Come, Little Children*

All: Come, little children,  
Come from far and near.  
Gather together,  
God will meet us here.

Come, little children,  
Come to learn and grow.  
Welcomed and cherished,  
Jesus loves you so.

## ANTHEM

*Should One Sheep Go Astray*

Christopher Hogan

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

## SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 15:1-10

One: Here ends the reading.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

Rev. Dr. Paul Van Kempen

**\*HYMN** #649 *Amazing Grace*

## 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

### 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:** Giver of every good gift,  
receive these offerings of our lives and our labors.  
Use them to seek the lost, to heal the broken, and to share your love.  
Bless them, multiply them, and send them out for the sake of Christ,  
in whose name we pray. Amen.

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

#473 *Shepherd Me, O God*

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

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

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*SENDING SONG #475** *Come, Thou Fount (Verse 3)*

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**Worship Leaders:** Rev. Dr. Paul Van Kempen, Beth Magennis, Rose Gifford,  
Loren Meengs, Tim Staal, FPC Choir.

**Thanks to:** Sound and Video team, Greeter and Usher team, Bus Drivers,  
M&M Café Providers, Nursery Care Providers

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Join the FPC Nourisher team!** // The Deacons are looking for more people to join the nourisher team. Our group provides occasional meals to church members and their family who are in need following a hospital stay or after the birth of a child. If you are interested, please send Leah Wallar an email at [chase@hope.edu](mailto:chase@hope.edu)! She will add you to the email list so that you can be notified when a need arises.

**The Wired Word** // Adult education meets after worship on Sunday at 11:15am in the Michigan Room. Join us for conversations around current events as we consider them through the lens of faith and scripture. To receive the lesson ahead of time, contact Cathy ([cathy@fpcholland.org](mailto:cathy@fpcholland.org)). This class is also offered on Zoom.

**Children's and Youth Classes Resume Today** // Please contact Lori Klinesteker if you have questions about the children's Worship Centers (ages K – 5th) or Pastor Paul for youth group information!

**Diane Hayes' Birthday Party** // Liz Hoffswell and family invite you to come celebrate the world's youngest 80-year-old, Diane Hayes, a woman whose generosity, spunk, and energy continue to inspire us all. Food and beverages will be served. No gifts are needed; your presence will be her favorite thing!

**Join us!**

Sunday, September 14 at Macatawa Manor

173 W. 16th St., Holland, MI 49423

Stop by anytime between 3:00 to 6:00 pm. *See you there!*

**Freedom Village Fellowship Gathering** // Friday, Sept. 26 ~ 2-4pm at Freedom Village, in the Michigan Room. Are you a resident of Freedom Village? Enjoy an afternoon of fellowship and refreshments with your neighbors from First Presbyterian Church. Curious friends are warmly invited—this is a fantastic opportunity to connect, ask questions, and experience the spirit of our church community. Pastor Cathy Hoop and our Deacons will be present for friendly conversation and uplifting moments together. Questions? Contact Doug Johnson, Freedom Village resident, or reach out to the church office.

Do you live at another senior living residence? Would you like to help the Deacons plan a similar fellowship event for your community? Please contact Deacons Terri Schamper or Cathy Colten

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Celebration of Witness of the Resurrection for Lee Janssen** // Planned for Saturday, September 27th at 11am in the sanctuary. The service will be followed by a luncheon in the fellowship hall.

**Worship Volunteer Opportunity** // Would you like to participate in worship leadership? We have many wonderful volunteers who serve as liturgist each week, leading various readings in the service, but we always welcome new voices. If you would like to participate, please sign up on the table by the elevator. All ages are welcome. (If you are already volunteering, you do not need to sign up again.)

**Come Play with Us!** // Want to hang out with a remarkable group of children and experience their joy and enthusiasm? We are seeking additional adults of all ages to engage with and provide care for the youngest members of our congregation during Sunday morning worship on a rotating basis. Growing our group of volunteers will help us continue this special ministry. To learn more, contact Sandy Peterson at [ssb2peter@gmail.com](mailto:ssb2peter@gmail.com) or Lori Klinesteker at [Lori@fpc.org](mailto:Lori@fpc.org).

**Women's Retreat Volunteers** // The Women's Retreat Planning Team would love to have a few more folks around the table. If you would be interested in assisting with the planning of this wonderful event (Feb. 2026), please contact Carleen Bauer by email at [carleenbauer@gmail.com](mailto:carleenbauer@gmail.com). Our retreat leader will be Rev. Barb Schreur.

**September 20th at 5:30 pm Dinners for 7** // This event encourages couples & singles to gather in small groups for a meal and conversation. The hosts that sign-up provide the main dish and everyone attending brings a side dish or dessert. Parents, do you need a night out for adult conversation?? The Connections Council will reimburse your babysitting costs so that you may attend! Sign up in the lobby.

**Holland Community Theatre** // HCT presents *The Mouse Trap*. Join us October 4th at 7:30pm Optional dinner at the Curragh at 5:30pm. Tickets are \$17. Sign-up in the lobby.

### **Exciting News to Share!**

Sheri Harris, former Building Administrator at First Presbyterian Church, Holland, Michigan, has accepted a first call to serve as the Pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church in Rome, Georgia. Sheri's ordination will take place on Sunday, October 26, 2025, in Georgia, but will be live-streamed from Westminster's YouTube channel so friends near and far can join in and attend this service.

Before Sheri moves with her partner, Les, she would love to gather with the friends, family and community here in Michigan who have been such an important part of her longer than expected journey to ordination.

### **An Open House is planned for:**

Sunday, September 21, 2025 *from* 2-4pm at First Presbyterian Church

It will be a time to reminisce, catch up, share stories, enjoy refreshments and celebrate new beginnings together. Your presence would mean so much to Sheri as she prepares for this next chapter.

Can't make it? Notes of congratulations or donations towards stoles or pastoral resources can be addressed to:

Sheri Harris  
c/o Mickey Harris  
3368 Thornberry Court  
Zeeland, MI 49464



# Come as You Are

Sr. Deidre Brown

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D D/F# G A D D/F#

1. Come as you are, that's how I want you. Come as you are,  
2. No need to fear, love sets no lim - its No need to fear,  
3. I came to call you, not just the vir-tuous. I came to bring peace,  
4. Come as you are, that's how I love you. Come as you are,

7 G A D/F# Bm G

feel quite at home. Close to my heart, loved and for -  
love ne - ver ends. Don't run a - way, shamed and dis -  
not to con - demn. Each time you fail, to live by my  
trust me a - gain. No - thing can change, the love that I

12 A D D/F# A D

giv - en. Come as you are, why stand a - lone.  
heart-ened. Rest in my love, trust me a - gain.  
pro - mise. Why do you think, I'd love you the less?  
bear you. All will be well, just come as you are.

# Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us 187



1 Sav - ior, like a shep-herd lead us; much we need your ten-der care.  
 2 We are yours: in love be - friend us; be the guard-ian of our way.  
 3 You have prom-ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin-ful though we be;  
 4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor; ear - ly let us do your will.



In your pleas-ant pas-tures feed us; for our use your fold pre-pare.  
 Keep your flock: from sin de - fend us; seek us when we go a - stray.  
 you have mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and power to free.  
 Bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.



Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have bought us: we are yours.  
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, hear your chil - dren when we pray.  
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 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have loved us; love us still.



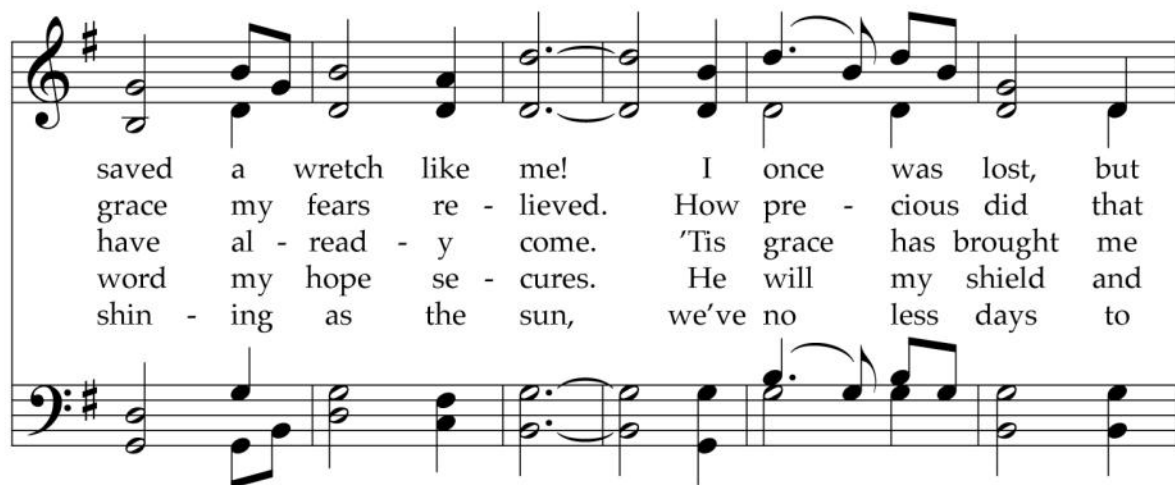
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# 649 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound



1 A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, that  
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I  
4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his  
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but  
grace my fears re - lieved. How pre - cious did that  
have al - read - y come. 'Tis grace has brought me  
word my hope se - cures. He will my shield and  
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found, was blind, but now I see.  
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

# Shepherd Me, O God

(Psalm 23)

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Capo 1: (Em) Refrain Fm (C) D $\flat$  (G) A $\flat$  (D) E $\flat$

Shep-herd me, O God, be-yond my wants, be -

(Bm7) Cm7 (C) D $\flat$  (Am7) B $\flat$ m7 (Bm7) Cm7 (Em) Fm

yond my fears, from death in - to life.

*Leader stanzas included in Accompaniment Edition*

## PSALM 23

### *Refrain*

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd;  
I shall not want.
- 2 **He makes me lie down in green pastures.  
He leads me beside still waters.**
- 3 He restores my soul.  
He leads me in paths of righteousness  
for his name's sake.
- 4 **Even though I walk through the valley  
of the shadow of death, I fear no evil,  
for thou art with me;  
thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.**

*Refrain*

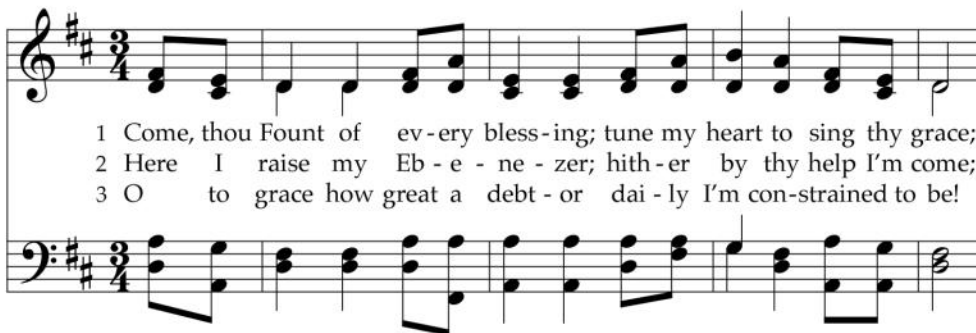
- 5 Thou preparest a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;  
thou anointest my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.
- 6 **Surely goodness and mercy shall  
follow me all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house  
of the LORD forever.**

*Refrain*

## PSALM PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, our good shepherd,  
in the waters of Baptism you give us  
birth,  
and at your table you nourish us with  
heavenly food.  
In your goodness and mercy,  
lead us along safe paths,  
beyond the terrors of evil and death,  
to the house of the Lord  
where we may rest securely in you  
forever.  
**Amen.**

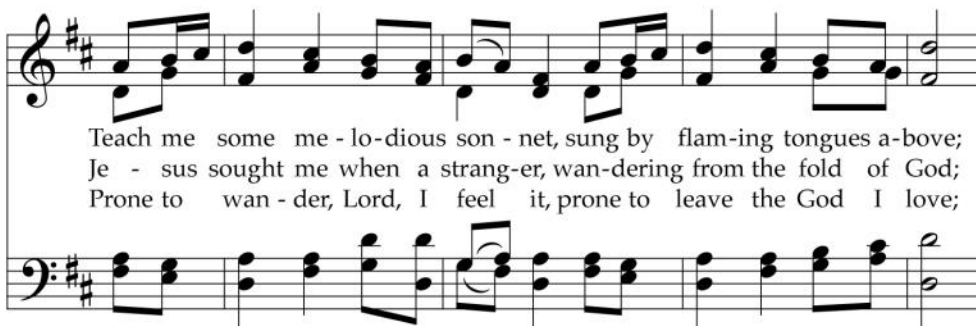
# Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing 475



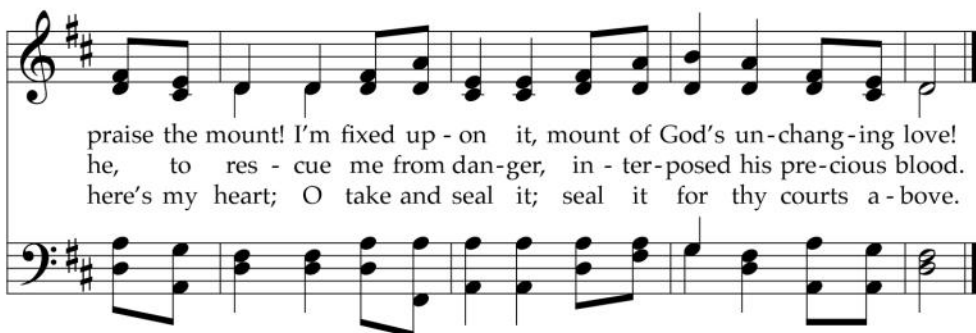
1 Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
2 Here I raise my Eb - e - ne - zer; hith-er by thy help I'm come;  
3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be!



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.

# STAFF

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**Class of 2026:** Tom Glover, Terri Schamper

**Class of 2027:** Kristin Goddard, Lloyd Helder,  
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**Class of 2028:** Cathy Colten, Gail Hering,  
Fred Mc Conkey

## ELDERS:

**Class of 2026:** Carleen Bauer, Bill Evenson  
Cassie Kregger, Bruce Rosensteel

**Class of 2027:** Jen Laux Ludwig, Tom Salley

**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

## **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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