



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

#### ORDER OF WORSHIP

November 9, 2025 // 10am

**CENTERING WORDS:** Transform our praise... move us beyond words and notes to illuminating connection and inner renovation.

#### **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** #276 Sing a New Song unto the Lord (refrain x2)

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Erin Magennis

One: Come, make a joyful noise to God, all the earth!

All: Come, let us worship God!

One: Near and far, we hear the songs of sorrow –

All: let us listen, and act, so they become songs of gladness.

One: Near and far, we hear the sounds of suffering –

All: let us listen, and act, so they become songs of relief.

One: Near and far, we hear the sounds of injustice –

All: let us listen, and act, so they become songs of repair.

One: Come, make a joyful noise to God, all the earth –

All: Come, let us worship God!

#### **OPENING PRAYER**

\*HYMN #611 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

<sup>\*</sup>Please stand if you are comfortable doing so.

#### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION** – from Psalm 17

One: Gathering God,

listen to our prayer of confession,

for we would speak honestly before You.

All: We confess that we haven't always done what is right;

that some of our attitudes and actions have hurt others and ourselves,

and have grieved You.

Forgive us.

In Your mercy, look deeply into our hearts.

Examine our thoughts and our actions.

Test our motivations.

Bring to light all the things in our lives that dishonor You.

We want to follow You with integrity,

to obey the commandments You have given us, and to walk in ways that bring honor to Your name.

#### **KYRIE**

Cantor: Congregation (echo) Translation

Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison. Lord, have mercy. Christe eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

#### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**GLORIA** #583

#### \*PASSING THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

#### **HEARING GOD'S WORD**

TIME WITH CHILDREN You Have Made Me Glad

All: I will enter your gates with thanksgiving in my heart,

I will enter your courts with praise!

I will say this is the day that our God has made,

I will rejoice for you have made me glad!

You have made me glad! You have made me glad!

I will rejoice for you have made me glad! (x2)

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Psalm 100 (Inclusive Language Psalter)
Psalm 150 (Inclusive Language Psalter)

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

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON Rev. Cathy C. Hoop

\*HYMN #641 When in Our Music God is Glorified

#### 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

From All that Dwell Below the Skies

arr. Cindy Berry

#### \*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: Blessed are you, God of all creation;

Through your goodness we have these gifts to share.

Accept and use our offerings for your glory

And for the service of your kin-dom.

Blessed be God forever. Amen.

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

Silent prayer

One: Lord of creation, Lord of Salvation

All: Circle us with the light of your presence.

Silent prayer

One: Lord of creation, Lord of Salvation,

All: Circle our families with the light of your presence.

Silent prayer

One: Lord of creation, Lord of Salvation

All: Circle this world with the light of your presence.

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.

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

#### \*BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG You Have Made Me Glad

> We will go from this place with thanksgiving in our hearts, All:

> > We will go from this place with praise!

We will say this is the day that our God has made,

We will rejoice for you have made us glad!

You have made us glad, you have made us glad, We will rejoice for you have made us glad! (x2)

Worship Leaders: Rev. Cathy Hoop, Rev. Paul Van Kempen, Beth Magennis.

FPC Choir, Rose Gifford, Erin Magennis

**Thanks to:** Sound and Video Tim Richardson, Greeter and Ushers, Bus Drivers.

M&M Café Providers, Kiki Lemen and Nursery Care Providers

Prayers of the people written by John Birch, and posted on his Faith and Worship. Call to Worship: Salt Project, Chorus of Generosity

> Our worshiping community extends beyond our sanctuary. Let us hold in our prayers the following members:

Ellen Cuthbertson – Mary Free Bed in Grand Rapids Lenore & Gordon DePree – Farmstead Assisted Living Dean Effken - Riley's Grove in Zeeland Meriem Elwell – Freedom Village

Bill Evenson - Home

Judy & Jack Faber – Farmstead Assisted Living

Mickey & Neal Harris - home

JoAnn Karn – MediLodge (Rm 204)

Marianne & David McBeth - home

Jeanine Roberts – Home

Carolyn Russell - Resthaven Maplewoods

Phil Sturdevant - Resthaven Care Center Mary Ann & Mike Van Houzen - Home Sue & Don Williams - Freedom Village Ron Williams – Michigan Veteran's Home. **Grand Rapids** 

If you know of someone who should be added to this list, please contact the church office.



Thank you to the First Presbyterian Church for the Christian care given to our family at the death of James B.(Jim) Smith.

Pastors Cathy and Paul who eulogized Jim and gave comfort throughout the service, Jen and Mike's friends including Chris Urbanik who embraced with their feet by organizing and serving the luncheon and ice cream, and those who contributed heart-felt music, ("wow a guitar "said one of Julie's friends) and the tech knowledge to run the pictures of Jim.

Thanks to all who sent cards, contributed to World Wide Mobility West Michigan in Jim's memory, expressed their sympathy with kind words to us and our out-of-town guests, and attended the visitation and/or service. This is a special church and our hearts are grateful.

Sincerely, Jane Smith, Julie Smith and Mike Maloney, Jen and Mike DeWaard, Ben and Charlie DeWaard

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**The Wired Word** // Adult education meets after worship on Sunday at 11:15 am 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). This class is also offered on Zoom.

Confirmation Class Meals // Our Confirmation class continues to meet over the next few months on Sunday afternoon from 12-1:30pm. We have three confirmands and their mentors - a group of seven, including Pastor Paul. We're inviting members of the congregation to provide a meal for the group - either by bringing something from home or picking up takeout. It's a simple but meaningful way to support our youth and their mentors as they grow in faith together. If you'd like to provide a meal, please sign up at the Outreach Desk.

**Chorus of Generosity** // As part of our Stewardship Season, you are invited to reflect on generosity through tangible and intangible practices. Pick up a 30-Day Generosity Challenge calendar in the narthex.

Presbyterian Women // Miriam Circle will continue its Bible Study FINDING RESILIENCE, JOY, and OUR IDENTITY IN JESUS CHRIST with Chapter 3, "Jesus Is Tested" on Wednesday, November 12 at 9:30 AM in the Michigan Room. Coffee and a morning snack will be served. Save the Date for Wednesday, December 10 at Noon when our Annual Soup Luncheon will take place. And...the basket is in the church entry by the elevator for our annual gifts of women's and children's underwear to RESILIENCE. Gifts must be new and unwrapped.

**Men's Book Group** // Our next meeting will take place November 10 at 2:30pm at FPC. The book for discussion is, Eiffel's Tower by Jill Jonnes. Reach out to Don Cowie with any questions.

**Habitat for Humanity** // The next Habitat work day is scheduled for **November 13.** Future dates are Dec. 11 and Jan. 15. Questions can be directed to wehaines@icloud.com.

**Advent Gathering: Save the Date!** // Sunday, November 23rd at 4pm. All ages welcome! Come join us as we encourage one another in hope this Advent Season.

**Volunteers Needed** // We are in need of volunteers for the Christmas Eve Service. Please consider volunteering for one of the following: Usher, Bus driver and helper, Tech Team, Nursery and 5pm Communion Servers. If you are interested, please let Lori Lepard know at office@fpcholland.org or 616-392-9022.



From the Outreach Council // Children's Advocacy Center is again looking for sponsors for their children for the holidays. Child sexual abuse has many adverse effects on a family beyond trauma and physical harm, including a huge financial impact. Your sponsorship allows one less stressor on a family who is experiencing this devastation. On November 16 & 23. I will have the names of 20 children that need sponsors in the lobby at church. The child's wish list will have items in four categories: wear, read, want & need. You can choose just 1 or 2 categories or all four. Feel free to sponsor a child with a friend dividing the list as you wish. Suggested spending per child is \$150. There will also be a list of items needed for the Stocking Store. Gifts will need to be dropped off at CAC or back at the church

by December 7th. If wanting to sponsor a child, but you won't be at the church those days, feel free to contact Janet Hostetler at 740-704-4822 or janethostetler@gmail.com.

**Supporting Community Action House** // With the government shut-down affecting SNAP, agencies such as CAH need us more than ever. Here are some ways you can help:

•Advocate. Call your elected representatives. Tell them that programs like SNAP are not optional - they are lifelines that keep our communities healthy and stable. We need SNAP - there is no charitable substitute that can fully replace the scale and impact of this critical program.



#### Help us #StockTheShelves!

Your donations keep our shelves stocked to provide healthy food, choice, and flexibility for our neighbors.

Please bring items to FPC.

#### Most Needed Items:

- dried beans (pinto or black)
- healthy cooking oil (olive oil, coconut oil, canola oil, grapeseed oil)
- red lentils
- broth
- · whole wheat pasta
- gluten free pasta
- four
- spices (salt, cinnamon, cumin, ginger, chili powder)

\*Low Sodium or Low Sugar items Preferred\*

- corn masa
- basmati rice

- · canned fruit in 100% juice
- · tea or coffee
- · canned coconut milk
- canned beans
- · juice (low-sugar/no sugar added)
- · ensure or protein drinks
- · alternative nut butters
- unsalted nuts
- tampons & pads
- · laundry detergent and dish soap
- baby wipes
- toothpaste

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Spread the word! Tag us on social media @communityactionhouse Learn more at CommunityActionHouse.org •Give Generously. Even small gifts - \$5, \$10, or \$20 - help keep healthy meals within reach for families working hard to keep healthy food on the table. Every \$85 helps cover our monthly costs of serving one more family with the dignity they deserve.

•Volunteer. As we get busier, we'll need more volunteers to sort, stock, and help guests at Food Club. In particular, we urgently need to fill all of our Checkout Station, Warehouse, and Shopping Floor roles to ensure our shelves remain full and our guests are able to keep moving! We're already adding more November Food Club volunteer shifts, because moving more food will require more hands please consider signing up for an extra shift or more this November, or invite a friend or family member to join alongside you!

•Host a Food Drive. As need grows, our food

purchasing costs will rise. Businesses, schools, and faith groups can help keep our shelves stocked & costs down by collecting essential items.

•Spread the Word. When the shutdown ends and SNAP benefits resume, our work won't be over. We're looking for 50 Giving Tuesday Ambassadors who can commit to help spread the word about our work and impact during the upcoming giving season. This is our most critical time of year for fundraising, which sets us up for the year ahead.

This community's generosity has always been our strength - and we will need it again. Local compassion can't fully replace the federal programs families count on - but it can change the story for our neighbors, right now. The choices made on a national level matter greatly, but so do the ones we make here at home: how communities like ours speak up, show up, and act together.

**Escape Ministry Youth Work Teams** // As the leaves begin to fall, Escape's after-school Youth Work Teams are available throughout the season to assist with fall cleanup jobs, including leaf raking, debris removal, and more. We have great kids working with us. The cost is about \$75 per hour for three students and an adult team leader.

If you have someone in your congregation or community who is not able to afford a team but who needs the work done, your church can refer people that are in need, we'll do the job, and we can send you the invoice.

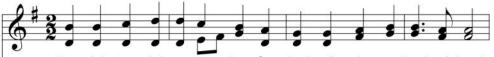
The easiest way to inquire is through their online form, https://escape-out.org/hire/

Mark, who coordinates the teams, is available by e-mail at mark@escape-out.org or cell (616) 377-5914 to anser any of your questions.

# Sing a New Song unto the Lord 276







- 1 Joy ful, joy ful, we a dore thee, God of glo ry, Lord of love!
- 2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee; earth and heaven re-flect thy rays;
- 3 Mor-tals, join the hap-py cho-rus which the morn-ing stars be-gan.





Hearts un-fold like flowers be-fore thee, o-pening to the sun a-bove. stars and an-gels sing a-round thee, cen-ter of un-bro-ken praise. Love di-vine is reign-ing o'er us, join-ing all in heav-en's plan.





Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way. Field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, flower-y mead-ow, flash - ing sea, Ev - er sing-ing, march we on-ward, vic - tors in the midst of strife.



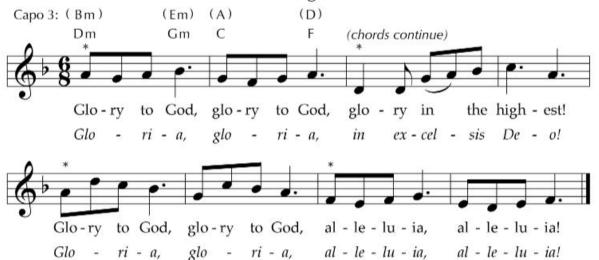


Giv - er of im - mor-tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day. chant - ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, call us to re - joice in thee. Joy - ful mu-sic leads us sun-ward in the tri-umph song of life.



### Glory to God

### Gloria, gloria



<sup>\*</sup>May be sung as a canon.

## 641 When in Our Music God Is Glorified



## O Sing to the Lord

Cantai ao Senhor





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#### **DEACONS**:

Class of 2026: Tom Glover, Terri Schamper Class of 2027: Kristin Goddard, Lloyd Helder,

Michele Richardson, Leah Wallar

Class of 2028: Cathy Colten, Gail Hering,

Fred Mc Conkey

#### **ELDERS**:

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