



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

ORDER OF WORSHIP  
April 26, 2026 // 10am

**CENTERING WORDS:**

“Altruism in nature is a simple fact, but why it exists is hotly debated... Although selfishness within a group is advantageous, and altruism is deleterious for an individual, generosity and self-sacrifice are advantageous for group survival.”  
~ Dan Clendenin, *Journey with Jesus*

**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 #187 *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* (vs 1)**

Darren Parker

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Marian Reynolds

One: The Good Shepherd is the gate.

Let us enter with thanksgiving and praise!

**All: The Shepherd restores our souls, satisfies our needs, and leads us on the right path.**

One: The Good Shepherd is the gate. Let us live with courage and conviction not fear and timidity.

**All: Through valleys and storms, chaos and confusion, threats and concerns, the Shepherd comforts us with power and strength, love and compassion, hope and peace.**

One: The Good Shepherd is the gate. Let us worship in the presence of the Holy One!

**All: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow us all our days of our lives. Let us dwell in God’s presence forever!**

*\*Please stand if you are comfortable doing so.* \_\_\_\_\_

## **\*OPENING PRAYER**

**\*HYMN** #401 *Here in This Place*

## **INVITATION TO CONFESSION**

Rev. Cathy C. Hoop

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**All:** Good Shepherd,  
you call us by name and gather us into your flock,  
yet we often choose to go our own way.

You call us into community,  
but we cling to independence.  
You show us a life of sharing,  
but we hold tightly to what we have.  
You lead us toward love of neighbor,  
but we turn inward, protecting ourselves.

Forgive us for the ways we break the bonds between us.  
Forgive us for ignoring the needs within our community  
and the suffering beyond it.

Restore us to your flock.  
Teach us again how to listen for your voice,  
to trust your leading,  
and to care for one another as you have cared for us.

In your mercy, lead us into abundant life.  
Amen.

## **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**      *Halle, Halle, Halle*

**ANTHEM**                      *Tender Shepherd, El Shaddai*

Lyrics: Susan Bentall Boersma  
Music: David Lantz III

### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

#### **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Acts 2:42-47

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

**All: Thanks be to God!**

John 10:1-10

One: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

#### **SERMON**

Rev. Dr. Paul Van Kempen

**\*HYMN**    *My Shepherd is the Living God* (Insert/screen)

## 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: Generous God, you are the Shepherd who provides—  
giving us what we need  
and calling us into a life we share together.  
Receive these gifts we offer today.  
Multiply them,  
so that they may bring care to the vulnerable,  
hope to the weary,  
and belonging to those who feel alone.  
May what we give and how we live  
bear witness to your abundant love,  
through Jesus Christ, our Good Shepherd. 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 #300** *We Are One in the Spirit*

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

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*SENDING SONG #300** *We Are One in the Spirit (Chorus)*

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**Worship Leaders:** Rev. Cathy Hoop, Rev. Dr. Paul Van Kempen, Beth Magennis,  
FPC Choir, Rose Gifford, Darren Parker, Marian Reynolds  
**Thanks to:** Sound and Video Tim Richardson, Greeter and Ushers, Bus Drivers,  
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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Presby What?** // Would you like to learn more about the Presbyterian Church (USA), or about First Presbyterian of Holland? Curious about membership at FPC? Join us Sunday mornings (4/26 - 5/3) at 11:15am - 12 noon in the Ontario room for an opportunity to learn about the history, theology and mission of the PC(USA) and FPC. Contact Cathy at [cathy@fpcholland.org](mailto:cathy@fpcholland.org).

**Rev. Doug Brouwer invites you to join him for:** Faith Speaking Into Crisis: What does the church say when it can no longer be silent? Join us Sunday mornings (4/26 - 5/3) at 11:15am - 12 noon in the Michigan room. Virtual option is also available.

The church does not confess its faith in a vacuum. The great Reformed confessions of the modern era were forged in moments of crisis — when the comfortable formulas of routine religion were no longer adequate, when the gospel itself was at stake — not unlike today. Each of the documents studied in this series was the church's answer to the question: What do we say in this moment?

Session 3) The Belhar Confession (1986)

Session 4) The Accra Confession (2004)



**Screens & Streaming Survey** // Over the past year, we've been learning how to use our new screens and streaming technology as tools for worship. Our hope is that they support participation, deepen engagement, and help us share worship more fully with those joining online. As with any new tool, we're still learning together. Your feedback will help us understand what has been meaningful, what may have felt distracting and how we can use this technology in ways that best support our shared worship life. Thank you for helping us grow in this together.

**Follow the QR code to take the survey, or find a paper copy outside the office.**

**Celebrating Our Graduates** // If you have a student graduating this spring and would like to celebrate that accomplishment with the church family, please let us know by emailing [paul@fpcholland.org](mailto:paul@fpcholland.org).

**Grief Support Group** // Wherever you may be in your relationship with grief, you are invited to join us Wednesday, April 29 at 2:00pm in the Superior Room. Questions? Contact Cathy Hoop.

**Justice Reads** //Justice Reads Book Group is currently reading, *The Color of Compromise* by Jemar Tisby. Grab a copy and plan on joining the conversation on **Thursday, April 30th** at 7pm in the M&M Cafe. For more info, contact Jan Brashler or Cathy Hoop.

**Gilmore Car Museum Visit!** // Once again the First Presbyterian Men's Group is sponsoring a visit to the Gilmore Car Museum on **Wednesday, May 13th**. The feature display this year will be GM Motorama Marvels from the Joe Bortz Collection!

We'll meet at church at 8:00am and take the church bus to the museum (Thank you Jon Kreple!). Should be back to the church around 5:00pm. Admission for the day is \$20. Also bring money for lunch and \$10 for gas for the bus. This is open to anyone interested who wants to go, not just the Men's Group. There are 3 motorized carts available to rent for \$30(first come first serve) and 4 wheelchairs for those needing assistance.

There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. If you have any questions please contact Bob Gansen at (269)753-7024 or robert.s.gansen@charter.net.

**Crop Hunger Walk** // Walking between 1:00 and 3:00pm in the Holland/Zeeland Walk on **Sunday, May 17** helps to feed, educate and provide psychosocial support for Ukrainian refugees in Moldova. CROP Walk also supports Church World Service's resettlement center and food distribution in draught-stricken Kenya, and helps create income for the poorest Cambodian families by teaching skills and providing low interest loans. Show your support by registering online at: [www.hollandhunger.org](http://www.hollandhunger.org) and come learn more from our locally supported hunger agencies on May 17 in Centennial Park Holland.

**Save the Date** // As you start making summer plans, consider joining us at Mystery Creek Campground for our paddle weekend, July 10-12. Come and camp or come for just the day - paddle or just hang out with us. It's a wonderful way to spend time outdoors growing friendships and having fun! Stay tuned for more details.



**Summer is just around the corner!** As you are planning your summer, make sure to **save the week of June 22-26** for Wild Wonder Camp at FPC! Wild Wonder Camp will be held June 22-26 from 9-11:45 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!**

**Please use the QR Code register.**

We are looking forward to another great week where we learn how to care for creation! If you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out!



# My Shepherd Is the Living God

Isaac Watts, Thomas Sternhold

CONSOLATION

My shep - herd is the liv - ing God, I there - fore noth - ing need;  
When I walk through the shades of death, your pres - ence is my stay;  
The sure pro - vi - sions of my God, at - tend me all my days;

in pas - tures fair, near pleas - ant streams you set - tle me to feed.  
A word of your house be port - ing a - breath drives and all all my fears a - way.  
O may your sup - be my a - bode, and all my work be praise.

You bring my wan - dering spir - it back when I for - sake your ways,  
Your hand, in I sight of a all my foes, does oth - ers ta - ble and spread;  
There would I find a set - tled rest, while still my come and go;

and lead me for your mer - cy's sake in paths of truth and grace.  
My cup with a bless - ings o - ver - flows, your oil of a - noints my head.  
no more a stran - ger or a guest, but like a child at home.

# 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.  
Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.  
Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have loved us; love us still.



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# Here in This Place

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## Gather Us In



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness  
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who  
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter; here we will take the  
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van-ish-ed a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings  
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,  
 bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,  
 light years a-way: here in this place the new light is shin-ing;



brought here to you in the light of this day.  
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.  
 call us a-new to be salt for the earth.  
 now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in, the  
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the  
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion; give us to eat the  
 Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;  
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly;  
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion  
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,



we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.  
 give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.  
 lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.  
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

# We Are One in the Spirit 300

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

Capo 1: (Em)

(Bm)

(Em)

Fm

Cm

Fm



1 We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord;  
 2 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand;  
 3 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side;  
 4 All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come,

(Am)

(Em)

B<sup>b</sup>m

Fm



we are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord,  
 we will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand,  
 we will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side,  
 and all praise to Christ Je - sus, God's on - ly Son,

(Am)

(Em)

B<sup>b</sup>m

Fm



and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:  
 and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:  
 and we'll guard hu - man dig - ni - ty and save hu - man pride:  
 and all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:

*Refrain*

(C)

(Em)

D<sup>b</sup>

Fm



And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our

(Am)

(Em)

(Am)

(Bm)

(Em) (Am/E) (Em)

B<sup>b</sup>m

Fm

B<sup>b</sup>m

Cm

Fm B<sup>b</sup>m/F Fm



love; yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love.

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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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