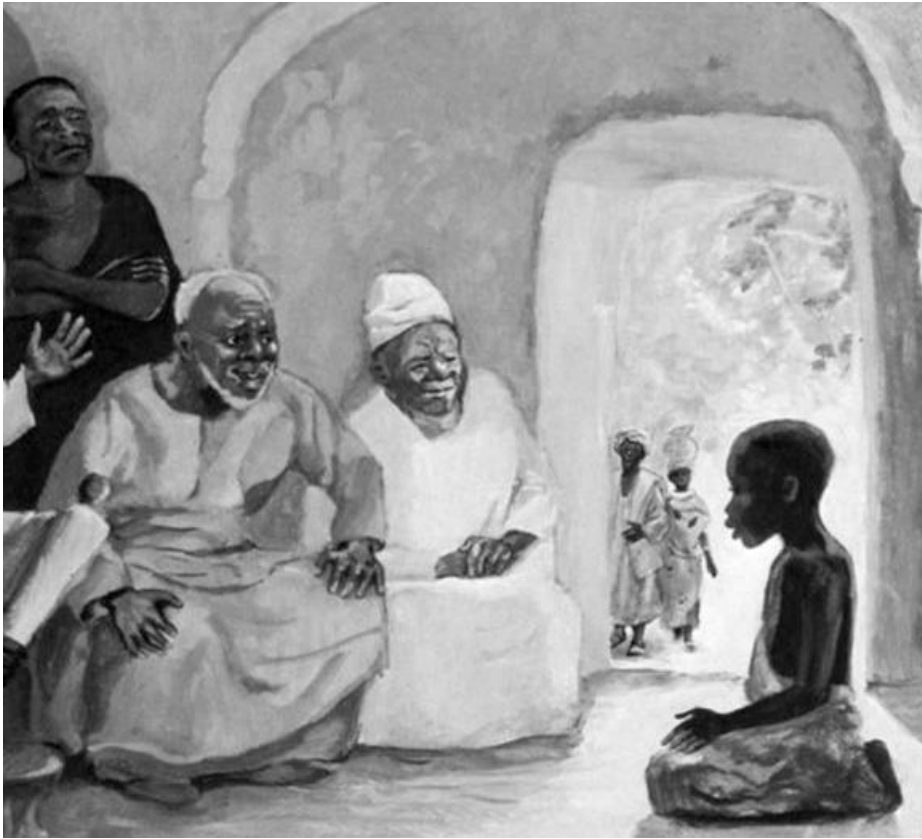




*Worshipping, serving, and living with a fresh vision of
God's vibrant energy and grace for all.*

ORDER OF WORSHIP
August 23, 2026 // 10am

CENTERING WORDS:

“When you search for me, yes, search for me with all your heart, you will find me.”
~ Jeremiah 29: 13, God, speaking through the prophet, to the people in exile.

ENTERING GOD’S PRESENCE

PRELUDE *Romance in F major, Op. 118 No. 5, by Johannes Brahms* Ben Krause

RINGING THE BELL & LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

GREETING

One: The God of life be with you.

All: And also with you!

GATHERING SONG *Be Still and Know* (Bulletin/Slides)

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Kathy Sexton

One: Lord, we come to you today as children:

All: full of questions and curiosity, a desire to learn and to know.

One: Lord, we come to you today as children:

All: safe and secure in Your love.

One: Lord, we come to you today as children:

All: believing that we will grow in faith and love.

One: As children of God,

All: let us worship our God, our Divine Parent. Amen.

***OPENING PRAYER**

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

***HYMN** *This is God's Wondrous World* (Bulletin/Slides)

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Rev. Dr. Paul Van Kempen

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: God of all the saints, God of all the sinners, hear our prayer.
We would be saintlike – holy, good, patient, loving.
But we end up feeling more like sinners – terribly imperfect.
Perhaps You see us simply as human –
as beloved, and flawed,
and trying, and failing, and succeeding.
In all of this, forgive the wrong that we have done,
and bless the good we have accomplished.
Keep on loving us, and helping us,
and molding us more and more into the image of Christ,
in whose name we pray. 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

*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*
Blessing of the Backpacks

HYMN TO PREPARE OUR HEARTS #174 *Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Proverbs 2: 1 – 11

One: Holy wisdom, holy word.

All: Thanks be to God!

Luke 2: 41 – 52

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

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Three Days

Rev. Cathy C. Hoop

***HYMN** #44 *Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us*

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 *French Suite No. 5 in G major, Sarabande* by J.S. Bach

Ben Krause

***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 of life, bless these gifts. Use them for your glory and for the good of your people. May they help meet the needs and hopes of our world and community. 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 #314** *Christ, Be Our Light*

CARRYING GOD'S LOVE INTO THE WORLD

***BENEDICTION**

***SENDING SONG** *Christ, Be Our Light* (adapted)

All: Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church sent out today.

Worship Leaders: Rev. Cathy Hoop, Rev. Paul Van Kempen, Beth Magennis,
Rose Gifford, Bruce Rosensteel, Ben Krause, Kathy Sexton

Thanks to: Sound and Video Don Sexton, Ben Van Kempen, Greeter and Ushers,
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Liturgy resources: Prayer of Confession | Hold Fast to What Is Good, Prayers of the People: Church of Scotland (adapted for use at FPC), UCC Worship Ways

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adult Education // *The Wired Word*, Adult Education begins at 11:15am today. If you prefer to participate virtually, check your email Sunday morning for a ZOOM link. Want to receive the lesson ahead of time? Contact Cathy, Cathy@fpcholland.org.

Grief Group // We are a small group that gathers for grief support...we listen, we share, we pray. The group is open to all who need a safe space as they journey with grief. Our next meeting is Wednesday, August 26 at 2pm in the Superior Room. We meet the fourth Wednesday of each month. Contact Cathy with any questions. All are welcome.

Presbyterian Women Bible Study // Wednesday, September 9 at 9:30am will be our first meeting. Join us!

Men's Book Group // Our next meeting date is September 14 discussing, *The Path Between the Seas* by David McCullough. October 12, we'll be discussing, *Chicago's Great Fire* by Carl Smith. We meet the second Monday of the month at FPC at 2:30pm. Questions? Contact Don Cowie.

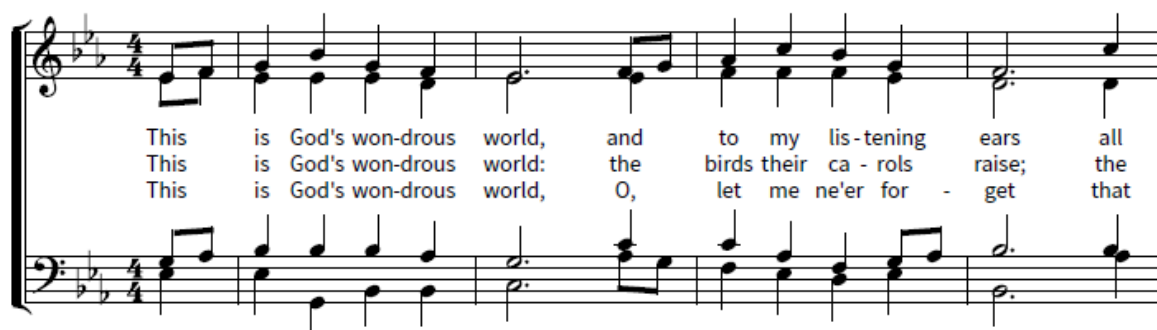
Justice Reads Book Group // Hello Justice Readers! There were so many excellent books to choose from and a variety of votes, but *James* by Percival Everett took the lead. Our next meeting date is Sept. 24 at 7pm. Hope you can be there!

Children's Advocacy Center // Children's Advocacy Center is requesting our help in restocking Cora's Care Closet. They are specifically asking for cleaning supplies. Families going through crisis are invited to access the closet for basic needs. A complete list of needed items is located near the Outreach shelves or in the Wednesday, eWeekly email. Bring items to the church and place them in the Outreach shelves marked for them or you can take directly to the center. Thanks for your help meeting this need. CAC is one of our partner agencies supported by Outreach Council. If you have questions, contact Janet Hostetler, 740-704-4822.

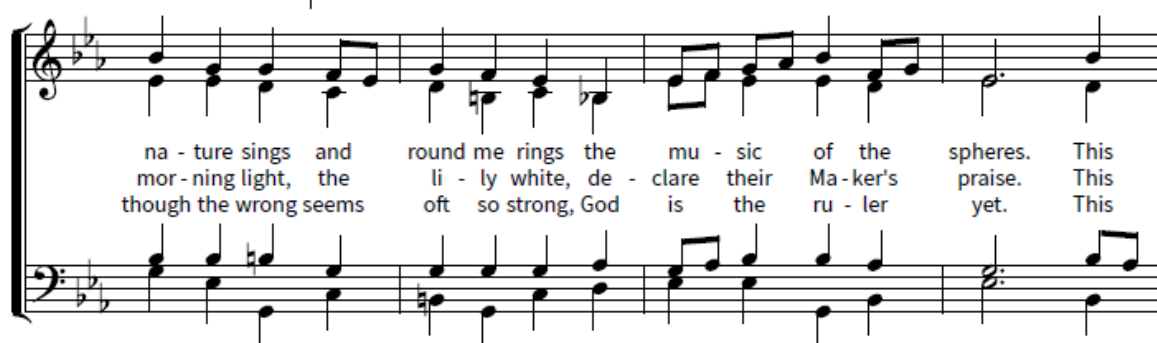
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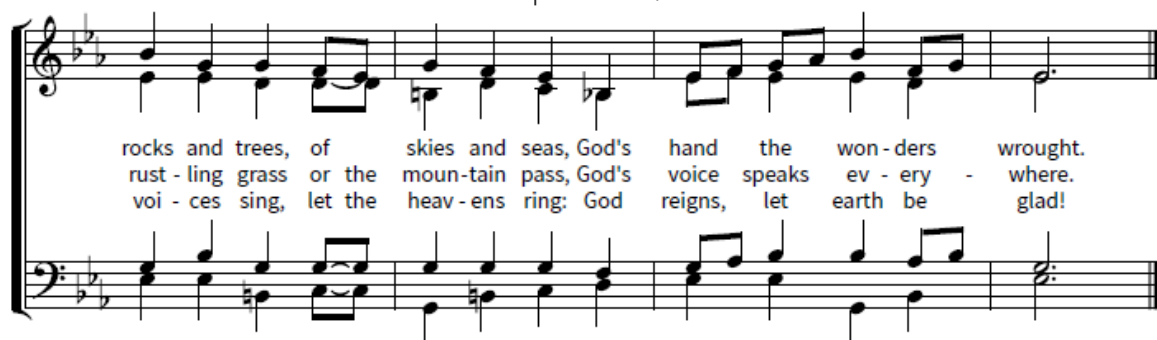
This is God's won-drous world, and to my lis-tening ears all
This is God's won-drous world: the birds their ca - rols raise; the
This is God's won-drous world, O, let me ne'er for - get that



na - ture sings and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres. This
mor - ning light, the li - ly white, de - clare their Ma - ker's praise. This
though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ru - ler yet. This



is God's won-drous world; I rest me in the thought of
is God's won-drous world; God shines in all that's fair, in the
is God's won-drous world; Why should my heart be sad? Let



rocks and trees, of skies and seas, God's hand the won - ders wrought.
rust - ling grass, or the moun - tain pass, God's voice speaks ev - ery - where.
voi - ces sing, let the heav - ens ring: God reigns, let earth be glad!

Be Still and Know

♩ = 120

Be still and know that God is here. Be still and know that

The first system of the musical score is in 3/4 time. The melody is in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "Be still and know that God is here. Be still and know that".

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God is here. Be still and know that God is here.

The second system of the musical score continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: "God is here. Be still and know that God is here." The system ends with a double bar line.

Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom

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1 Come and seek the ways of Wis-dom, she who danced when
 2 Lis - ten to the voice of Wis-dom, cry - ing in the
 3 Sis - ter Wis - dom, come, as - sist us; nur - ture all who



earth was new. Fol - low close - ly what she teach - es,
 mar - ket - place. Hear the Word made flesh a - mong us,
 seek re - birth. Spir - it - guide and close com - pan - ion,



for her words are right and true. Wis - dom clears the
 full of glo - ry, truth, and grace. When the word takes
 bring to light our sa - cred worth. Free us to be -

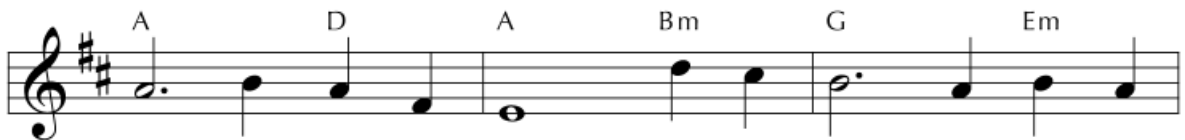


path to jus - tice, show - ing us what love must do.
 root and rip - ens, peace and righ - teous - ness em - brace.
 come your peo - ple, ho - ly friends of God and earth.

44 Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us



1 Like a moth - er who has borne us, held us
 2 Like a fa - ther who has taught us, grasped our
 3 Though as chil - dren we have wan - dered, placed our
 4 When we of - fer food and com - fort, grasp our



close in her de - light, fed us free - ly from her
 hand and been our guide, lift - ed us and healed our
 trust in power and might, left be - hind our broth - ers,
 neigh - bor's hand in love, tread the path of peace and



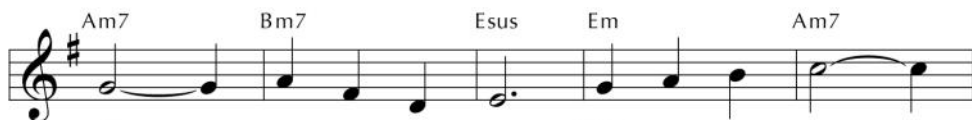
bod - y, God has called us in - to life.
 sor - rows, God has walked with us in life.
 sis - ters, God still calls us in - to life.
 jus - tice, God still walks with us in life.

Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness 314

Christ, Be Our Light



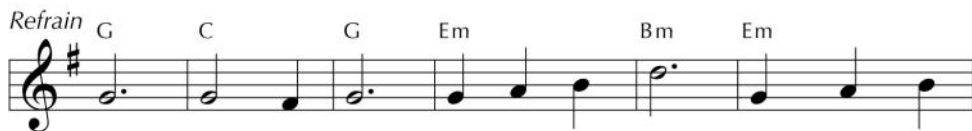
1 Long-ing for light, we wait in dark-ness. Long-ing for
 2 Long-ing for peace, our world is trou-bled. Long-ing for
 3 Long-ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long-ing for
 4 Long-ing for shel - ter, man - y are home-less. Long-ing for
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



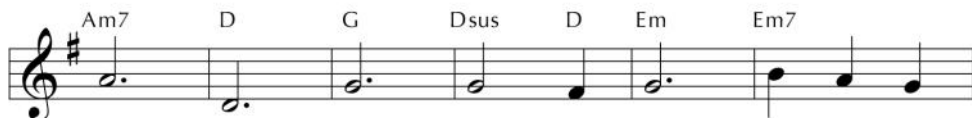
truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
 has power to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
 to one an - oth - er, mak - ing your king - dom come.



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

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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! Please note Education Hour is on summer break for children and youth and will resume in September.*

- Adult Class - Michigan Room
- Youth - Youth Room
- Worship Center - PreK - 5th grade
- Nursery - Newborn through 3 years

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