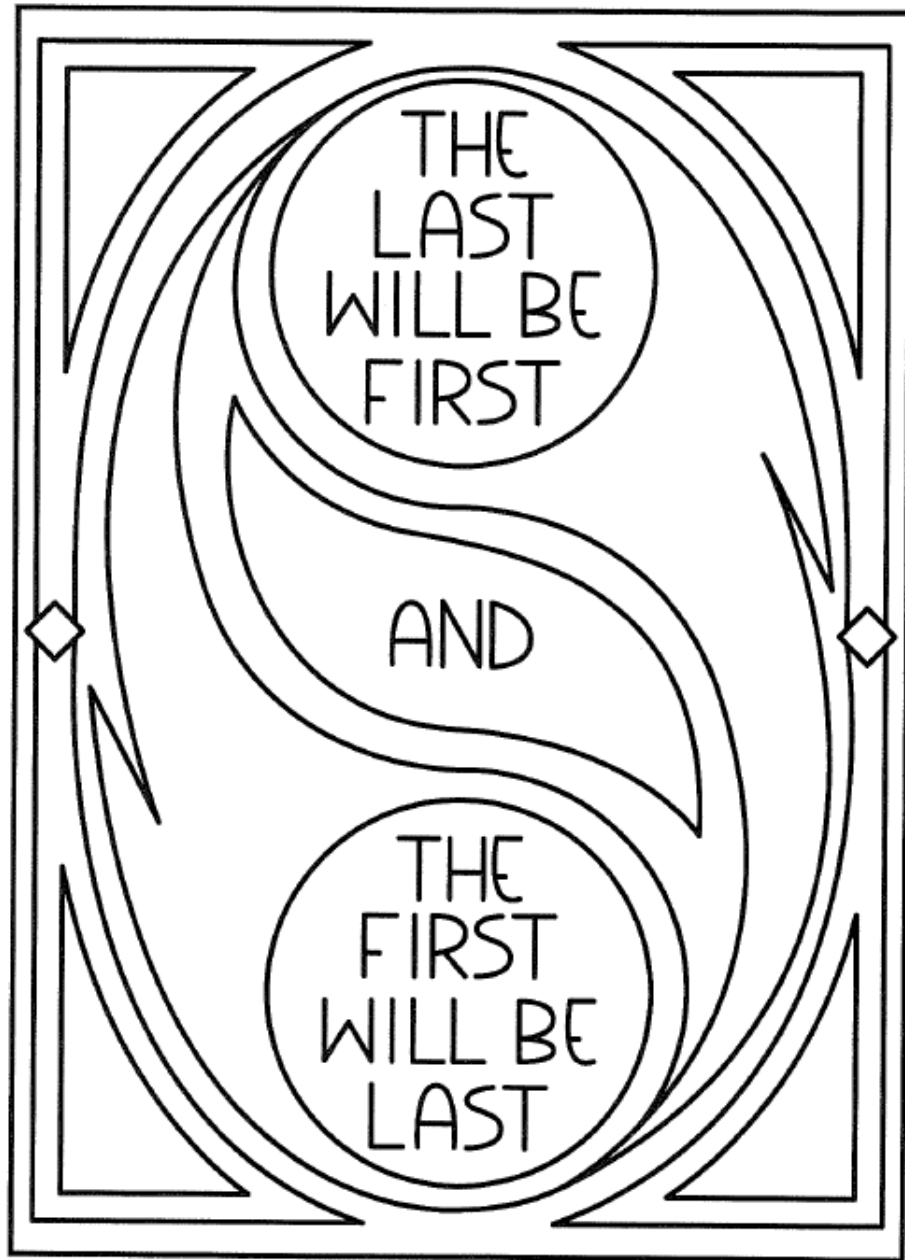




*Worshiping, serving, and living with a fresh vision of
God's vibrant energy and grace for all.*

ORDER OF WORSHIP
September 20, 2026 // 10am

CENTERING WORDS:

My plans aren't your plans,
nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.
Just as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways,
and my plans than your plans. Isaiah 55: 8 – 9

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

Just as You Are (bulletin/screen)

Colleen Ball

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Tim Staal

One: Children of God: welcome!

All: Welcome to this place of love and grace,

One: welcome to this place of hope and perseverance.

All: God invites all of us to be a part of the beloved community,

One: God invites all of us to share in the good news:

All: we are welcome, just as we are. We are loved, just as we are.

One: In gratitude for all of this, let us worship God.

***OPENING PRAYER**

***HYMN #36** *For the Fruit of All Creation*

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Rev. Dr. Paul Van Kempen

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Holy God, hear our prayer:

**All: For the mending of our hearts, torn apart by our unkindness;
for the healing of our souls, wasting away from the despair around us;
for the forgiveness we seek for the sin we have allowed to persist;
for the reconciliation of the world, whose division condemns us;
we pray for the courage to admit our fault,
the strength to amend our actions,
and the hope that your grace awaits us.
Through Christ we pray. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: This is the good news:

there is no ranking in God's kin-dom.

God graces everyone with the same gifts:

mercy, restoration, new life.

**All: In God, the keeper of the covenant,
we have been forgiven,
we have been made new people.
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

***PASSING THE PEACE**

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Come All You Children

ANTHEM

The Servant Song

David Schwoebel

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Jonah 3:10 – 4:11

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

All: Thanks be to God!

Matthew 20: 1 – 16

One: Holy wisdom, holy Word.

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Just Rewards

Rev. Cathy C. Hoop

***HYMN** #435 *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

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.

- Presbyterian Women Honorary Life Membership Recognition: Sarah Glover and Mickey Harris

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: God of life,
you are far more generous to us, than we desire or deserve.
Make us generous to others as you have been to us.
We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. 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 #767 *Together We Serve

COMMISSIONING WORSHIP CENTER CELEBRANTS

CARRYING GOD'S LOVE INTO THE WORLD

*BENEDICTION

One: Let us continue in our labors.

All: Let us live in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ.

One: Let us be in one spirit, striving side by side,

All: Let us find Christ in our struggles,

One: Let us be surprised by the joy in our faith,

All: Let us find you, God, in all our labors. Amen.

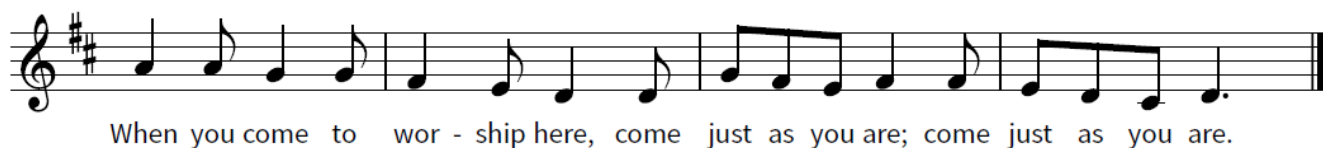
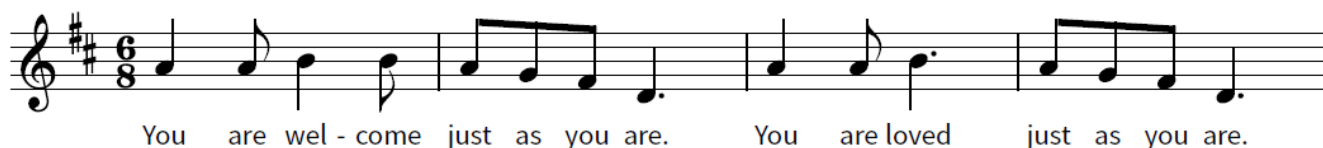
*SENDING SONG *This Little Light of Mine* (bulletin/screen)

Worship Leaders: Rev. Cathy Hoop, Rev. Dr. Paul Van Kempen, Beth Magennis, FPC Choir, Rose Gifford, Tim Staal, Colleen Ball. **Thanks to: Sound and Video:** Jon McFayden, Daphne and Nora Teutsch, **Bob Ganson** and his usher team, **Bus Driver and Assistant:** Cassie Kregger and Corene D'Adonna, **M&M Café Providers:** Janet and Vern Hostetler, Carleen Bauer and Jane Smith, **Nursery:** Kiki Leman, Pat and Sandy Updegraff

Next Week's Volunteers: **Liturgist:** Jen DeWaard. **Sound and Video** Don and Kathy Sexton, Ben VanKempen. **Ushers:** Mike Clark and his team. **Bus Driver and Assistant:** Alan Martens and Barb Schreur. **M&M Café Providers:** Paula Perkins, Linda Winkelmann, and Chris Urbaniak. **Nursery:** Kiki Leman and Sandy Peterson, Melanie and Marian Reynolds and Katie DeVries.

Liturgy Resources: Call to Worship: Hold Fast To What is Good, Benediction: Elisa A. Peters, Prayer of Thanksgiving: A. Osdieck, Prayers of the People (adapted for use at FPC): John van de Laar

Just as You Are



This Little Light of Mine

$\text{♩} = 130$

First system of musical notation for 'This Little Light of Mine'. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The tempo is marked as quarter note = 130. The melody is written on a single staff. The lyrics are: This lit - tle light of mine, Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm gon-na let it shine. oh

Second system of musical notation for 'This Little Light of Mine'. The melody continues on a single staff. The lyrics are: This lit - tle light of mine, Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm gon-na let it shine. oh This lit - tle light of mine, Ev - 'ry - where I go,

Third system of musical notation for 'This Little Light of Mine'. The melody continues on a single staff. The lyrics are: I'm gon - na let it shine. Let it shine, oh

Fourth system of musical notation for 'This Little Light of Mine'. The melody continues on a single staff. The lyrics are: let it shine, let it shine.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship Center and Youth Group Beginning today! // We're excited to gather again after worship! Class begins at 11:10am. Worship Center is for kids pre-k through 5th grade—a place to hear the stories of God, learn, wonder, play, and grow together. Youth Group is for students in 6th–12th grade—a chance to dig into the story of God, ask questions, build friendships, and spend time together.

Adult Education // The Wired Word, Adult Education begins following worship at 11:15am. Join us! Want to receive the lesson ahead of time? Contact Cathy, cathy@fpcholland.org.

World Communion Offering (October 4) // World Communion Sunday is just a few weeks away, and we traditionally receive the Peace and Global Witness Offering on this day. This denominational offering has been renamed...and it will be easy to remember: the World Communion Offering. The recipients of the WCO are engaged in racial justice, gender justice, peacemaking, global witness, and ecumenical and interfaith relations. Look for bulletin inserts to learn more about this vital denominational work.

Wheel-A-Thon // September 24, 5:30-7pm. First Presbyterian Preschool is holding their annual Wheel-A-Thon fundraiser to support scholarships for the preschool. Children of First Presbyterian Church are invited to participate in the event—bring your bike or scooter, ride some laps and enjoy some dinner (there will be pizza, chips and fruit for sale--and the Polar Patrol is coming!). Members of FPC, if you would like to support scholarships for the preschool, use your phone to scan the QR code.



Donate - First Presbyterian Preschool
firstpresbyterianpreschool.churchcenter.com

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. If you are not familiar with it, click [HERE](#) for an overview and links to various articles. Our next meeting date is September 24 at 7pm. Hope you can be there!

Blessing of the Animals // September 27 at 3:00pm. All creatures great and small (or a photo of them if they are shy) are invited to the blessing of the animals. We will gather on the church playground to give thanks for the creatures who bring so much love and joy to our lives.

Habitat for Humanity Work Date // Mark your calendar for October 15. Work dates often fill up quickly so plan accordingly. Contact Bill Haines with questions, wehaines@icloud.com

Men's Book Group // We meet on the second Monday of the month at 2:30pm at FPC. Our next meeting is October 12 discussing Chicago's Great Fire by Carl Smith. Questions? Contact Don Cowie.

Good Samaritan // We are collecting household items for the family shelter units provided by Good Samaritan. They have several family shelter units for families waiting for housing. The collection will be for the month of September into early October. 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 Thank you for helping our neighbors.

Kids' Food Basket Volunteer Help Needed at the Ottawa+Allegan Farm! // The next few weeks we are in urgent need of farm volunteers to assist with harvesting at the Ottawa + Allegan Kids' Food Basket Farm. The farm is located at 226 104th Ave., Holland MI 49423. Would you consider signing up? Head on over to their website and click volunteer to create an account to get started, <https://kidsfoodbasket.org/>

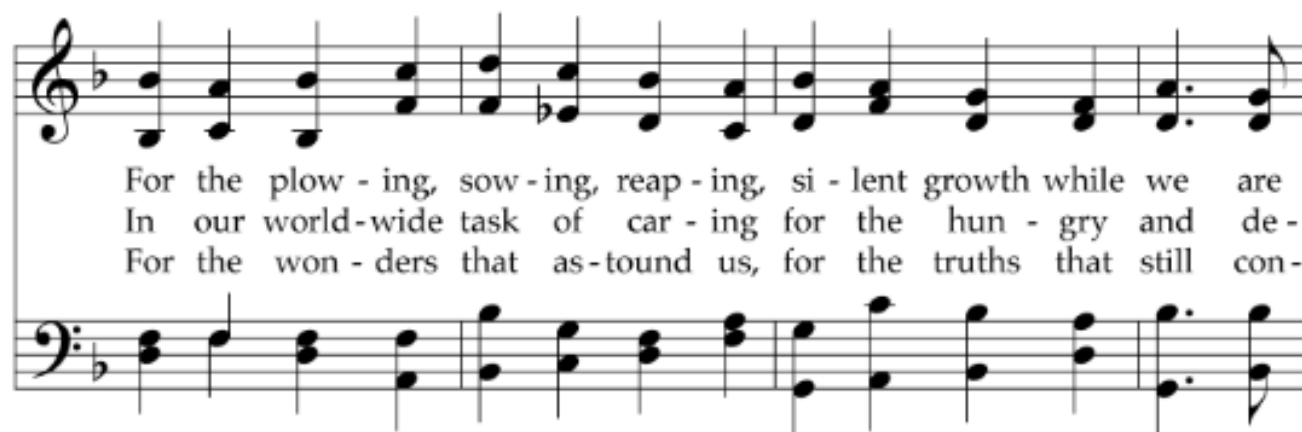
Theatre Outing // Join us for the musical comedy *The Addams Family*, at HCT on October 3rd at 7:30pm. Tickets are \$22. Sign up in the lobby. Dinner at 5:30pm at the Curraugh is optional.



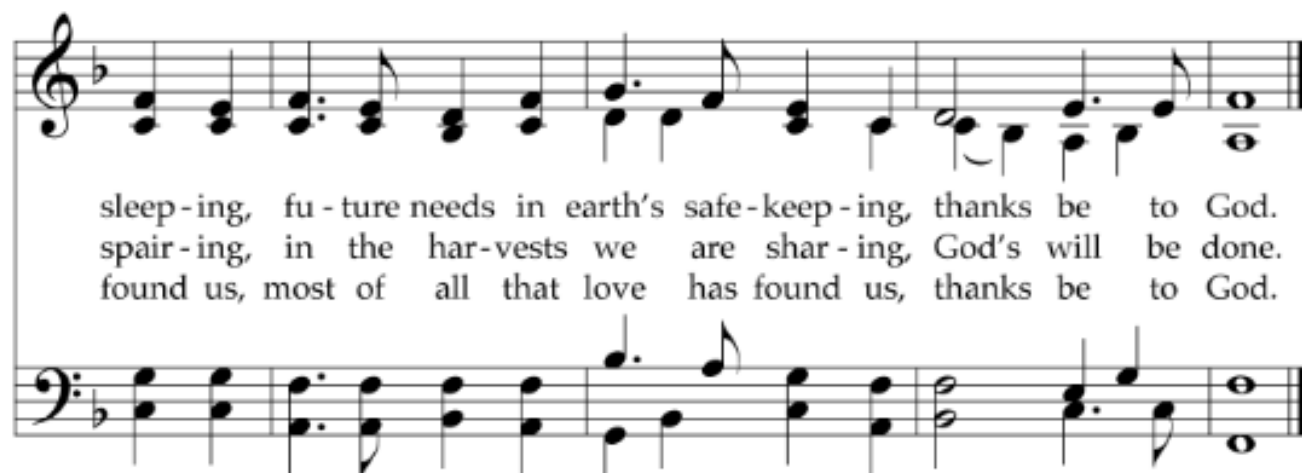
1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will be done.
 3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For the gifts to ev - ery na - tion, thanks be to God.
 In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will be done.
 For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are
 In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de -
 For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con -



sleep - ing, fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
 spair - ing, in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will be done.
 found us, most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

435 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy, like the wide-ness
 2 For the love of God is broad-er than the mea-sures

of the sea. There's a kind-ness in God's jus-tice,
 of the mind. And the heart of the E-ter-nal

which is more than lib-er-ty. There is no place where earth's
 is most won-der-ful-ly kind. If our love were but more

sor-rows are more felt than up in heaven. There is no place
 faith-ful, we would glad-ly trust God's Word, and our lives re-

where earth's fail-ings have such kind-ly judg-ment given.
 flect thanks-giv-ing for the good-ness of our Lord.

Together We Serve

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Capo 3: (G)

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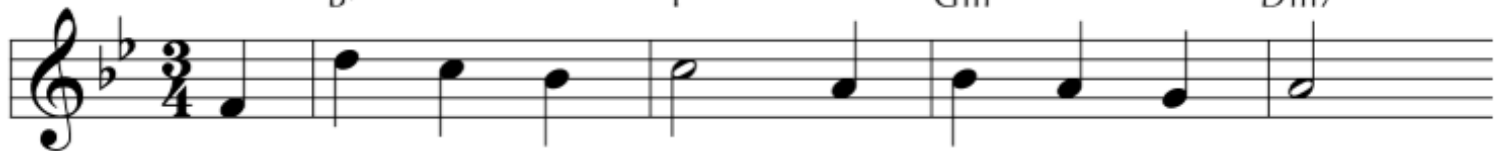
(Bm7)

B $\flat$

F

Gm

Dm7



1 To - geth - er we serve, u - nit - ed by love,
2 We seek to be - come a bea - con of hope,
3 We wel - come the scarred, the wealth - y, the poor,
4 To - geth - er, by grace, we wit - ness and work,

(C)

(G)

(Am7)

(Dsus) (D)

E $\flat$

B $\flat$

Cm7

Fsus

F



in - vit - ing God's world to the glo - ri - ous feast.
a lamp for the heart and a light for the feet.
the bus - y, the lone - ly, and all who need care.
re - mem - ber - ing Je - sus, in whom we grow strong.

(G)

(D)

(C)

(Bm)

B $\flat$

F

E $\flat$

Dm



We work and we pray through sor - row and joy,
We learn, year by year, to let love shine through
We of - fer a home to those who will come,
To - geth - er we serve in Spir - it and truth,

(G)

(C)

(G)

(Am)

(D7)

(G)

B $\flat$

E $\flat$

B $\flat$

Cm

F7

B $\flat$



ex - tend - ing God's love to the last and the least.
un - til we see Christ in each per - son we meet.
our hands quick to help, our hearts read - y to dare.
re - mem - ber - ing love is the strength of our song.

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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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