



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

ORDER OF WORSHIP
October 25, 2026 // 10am

CENTERING WORDS:

Loving what the Beloved loves – your neighbors - is inevitable.
A simple act of prayer can turn you into an activist - loving God and neighbor.
-Suzanne Guthrie, *Edge of the Enclosure*

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE *Lord I Want To Be More Loving* Spiritual

RINGING THE BELL & LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

GREETING

One: The God of life be with you.
All: **And also with you!**

GATHERING SONG *God is Love* (Bulletin/Screen)

Sherry Martens

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Let us start this service well, by reminding ourselves:
That it is not we who chose Christ,

All: but Christ who chose us,

One: That we are not here because of our goodness

All: but because of Christ's grace,

One: That we are not here to enlighten ourselves,

All: but to allow Christ to enlighten us,

One: That we have not come to be entertained

All: but to worship God with heart, soul, mind and strength.

***OPENING PRAYER**

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

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Rev. Dr. Paul Van Kempen

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**All: God of steadfast love,
Turn away your disappointment and frustration:
When we fall short in your eyes,
When we forget to love,
When we are afraid to love,
When we neglect to love,
Forgive us and transform us
With your amazing grace.
Fill us with your love so completely
That our lives may overflow with love-
In heart, mind, and soul. 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

Come All You Children

ANTHEM *I Lift My Lamp*

Gwyneth Walker

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Leviticus 19: 1 – 4, 9 – 18

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

All: Thanks be to God!

Matthew 22: 34 – 46

One: Holy wisdom, holy word.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Listen & Forgive

Rev. Cathy C.Hoop

* *You are welcome to rise in body or in spirit.*

***HYMN** *Let Our Vocation Be Love* (Bulletin/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 *O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus* Ebenezer Hymn Tune

***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: **Creator God, you are our provider.
We offer all that we have
And all that we are to you,
Because we belong to you.
Bless these gifts, and empower us, your church,
That through the work of your Spirit
We may be a refuge, a shelter, a welcoming table,
Through Christ, our shield and our stronghold. 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** #727 *Will You Let Me Be Your Servant*

CARRYING GOD’S LOVE INTO THE WORLD

***BENEDICTION**

***SENDING SONG** #300 *We are One in the Spirit* (vs. 1)

Worship Leaders: Rev. Cathy Hoop, Rev. Paul Van Kempen, Beth Magennis, Kayla Reed, FPC Choir, Rose Gifford, Karen Howells, Jon McFadyen, Sherry Martens. **Thanks to:** Sound and Video, Don and Kathy Sexton and Ben Van Kempen, Greeter, Mary Bennett. Ushers Mike Clark and his team, Bus Drivers, Alan Martens and Josh DeVries, M&M Café Providers Mike and Linda Clark, Linda Winkelmann, and Chris Urbaniak. Kiki Leman and Nursery Care Providers, Sandy Peterson and Paula Perkins.

Next Week: Ushers –Paul Van Kolken. Bus Drivers – Jon and Nancy Kreple. Liturgist – Doug Smith. M & M Cafe Providers – Lorena and Robert Chambers and Josh and Gwen Boeve. Sound and video – Tim Richardson and Ben VanKempen. Nursery Care Providers –

*Liturgy Resources: Presbyterian Church of Canada, Bruce Prewer.
I Choose...To Love My Neighbor cover art, <http://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=57566>*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adult Education // The Wired Word, Adult Education takes place following worship at 11:15am. Each week we explore a current event through the lens of faith. The newspaper in one hand and the Bible in the other. *All are welcome*. If you would like to receive the lesson ahead of time, contact Cathy, cathy@fpcholland.org

Trunk or Treat // Our annual Trunk or Treat takes place today at 12:15 in the parking lot. The kids (and any adults) can put on their costumes after Sunday school and collect goodies out of decorated car/van trunks. A light lunch will be served before festivities begin.

Note from the Bookkeeper // 3rd Quarter giving statements were sent out via email from the bookkeeper on October 20. This is your giving record from January of this year through the end of September. Please review your statement and reach out to our bookkeeper, Marlene, if you have any questions, did not receive the email, or would prefer a physical copy by mail. Email Marlene, Marlene@fpcholland.org

Escape Ministries Work Teams // Could you use a little help around the yard this fall? A team from Escape Ministries would love to help you out! Their schedule has openings in the next few weeks, perfect to get your job done. Contact 616-396-4481.

Grief Support Group // Our next meeting is Wednesday, October 28 at 2pm in the Superior room. 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. Contact Cathy with any questions.

All Saints' Brunch // The Deacons invite you to brunch on Saturday, November 7 at 11:30am in the Fellowship Hall. We gather to remember, to celebrate and to give thanks for those who have been the saints in our lives.

Advent Worship Planning: Until the Dawn // The Worship Council invites all who are interested in thinking creatively about the ways we worship to meet on Sunday, November 1 at 12:15 in the Michigan room for a light lunch and a planning discussion about our Advent worship services. Please sign up in the narthex to join us. Our theme, Until the Dawn, encourages us as we move through the night with hope for tomorrow. How might we put our prayers in motion.

Seventh Annual Joy Huttar Memorial Recital // Join us for a free concert featuring concert organist, Dr. Caroline Robinson. Performance time is 3pm on **Sunday, November 1** at 3pm at Grace Episcopal Church in Holland (555 Michigan Ave.)

Habitat for Humanity // Our next work date is **November 19**. We will not work in December. Please reach out to Bill Haines with any questions, wehaines@icloud.com

Justice Reads // Our next read will be, *We the Women* by Norah O'Donnell, a fresh look at American his-tory through the eyes of women. We will gather on **November 19th** at 7:00pm for conversation and discussion. Join us!

Prayers for Peace // First Reformed Church (630 State Street in Holland) invites the community to a Prayers for Peace service on **Monday, November 2**, from 5:30-6:00pm. On the eve of Election Day, we will gather to pray for our communities, our state, and our country as our citizens vote, for the safety and integrity of the voting process, and for peace and respect in our communities during and after the election. As followers of Christ, we trust that God is greater than our fears and faithful in every circumstance

God is Love

Samuel Batt Owens

Be - lov-ed, let us love one an - oth - er, for love is of God.

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Be - lov-ed, let us love one an - oth - er, for God is love.

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.

Let Our Vocation Be Love

Bjorlin

Let our vo - ca-tion be love, love for our Source and our Goal,
Let our vo - ca-tion be love, love for both strang-ers and friends,
Let our vo - ca-tion be love, love for the world God has made,
Let our vo - ca-tion be love, love be-yond bord - er or wall,

the God who has named us, called us and claimed us,
the neigh - bor who greets us, foe who de - feats us;
the earth that pro - tects us, feeds and con - nects us,
the love that now wakes us, mends and re - makes us,

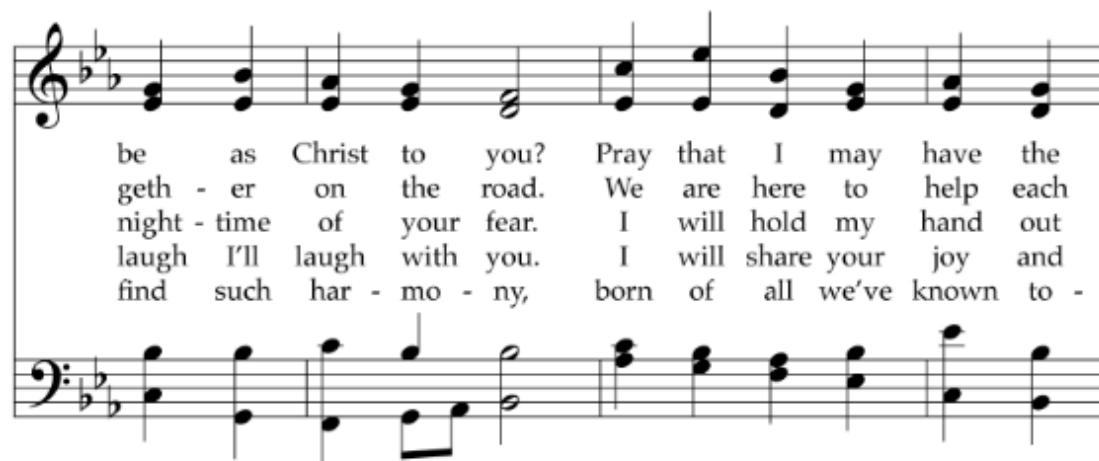
love that makes bro - ken-ness whole, love that makes brok - en - ness whole.
love that re - ceives those God sends, love that re - ceives those God sends.
love in cre - a - tion dis - played, love in cre - a - tion dis - played.
love that en - com - pas - ses all, love that en - com - pas - ses all.

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant 727

The Servant Song



1, 6 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me
 2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney; we're to -
 3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the
 4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you
 5 When we sing to God in heav - en, we shall



be as Christ to you? Pray that I may have the
 geth - er on the road. We are here to help each
 night - time of your fear. I will hold my hand out
 laugh I'll laugh with you. I will share your joy and
 find such har - mo - ny, born of all we've known to -



grace to let you be my ser - vant too.
 oth - er walk the mile and bear the load.
 to you, speak the peace you long to hear.
 sor - row till we've seen this jour - ney through.
 geth - er of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.
 (repeat stanza 1)

We Are One in the Spirit 300

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

Capo 1: (Em) Fm (Bm) (Em) 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) Bbm 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) Bbm 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) Dbm Fm



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

(Am) (Em) (Am) (Bm) (Em) (Am/E) (Em) Bbm Fm Bbm Cm Fm Bbm/F Fm



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

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Class of 2028: Jon Kreple, Lauren Stouffer,
Chris Urbaniak

Class of 2029: Alana Cocanour, Paula Perkins

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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