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

ORDER OF WORSHIP
November 22, 2026 // 10:00 am

CENTERING WORDS:

Prayer is meaningless unless it is subversive,
unless it seeks to overthrow and to ruin the pyramids of callousness,
hatred, opportunism, falsehoods.

~ Abraham Joshua Heschel

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 *The Greatest Commandment* (Bulletin/Screen)

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: We are called to love the Lord our God.
All: We are called to love with all our heart and soul.
One: We are called to love the Lord our God.
All: We are called to love with all our mind and strength
One: We are called to love the Lord our God.
All: And we are called to love our neighbor as ourselves.
One: Come, let us love our God and share God's love in this time of worship!

***OPENING PRAYER**

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

***HYMN** #302 *When Hands Reach Out and Fingers Trace*

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: "Would you pass a hurt man by?" Jesus asks.
All: "Never!"
One: No, we wouldn't pass him by.
All: But we're no fools.
One: We'd just want to be sure:
All: Sure that we're safe.
Sure that we're wearing clothes that can get dirty.
Sure that we're not running late.
Sure that they'll use our money only in ways we approve of.
Sure that they deserve our help, and will be grateful for it.
One: Let us pray.
All: God, right now we're the kind of people who will help under the right circumstances. Help us become the right people to help under any circumstances. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: In Christ, we are forgiven; our lives are made new,
and our future of hope is restored.
All: 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 Stranger's Guise* Karen Marolli

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 10: 25 - 37

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

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON *Neighboring* Rev. Cathy C. Hoop

***HYMN** #203 *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love*

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: Bless these high hopes.
Turn these offerings and pledges into homes and healing,
reconciliation and celebration,
bridges and salvation and a whole new world.
Make us like you: people who keep their promises and put them into action.
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 *The Servant Song*

CARRYING GOD'S LOVE INTO THE WORLD

***BENEDICTION**

***SENDING SONG** *The Greatest Commandment* (Bulletin/Screen)

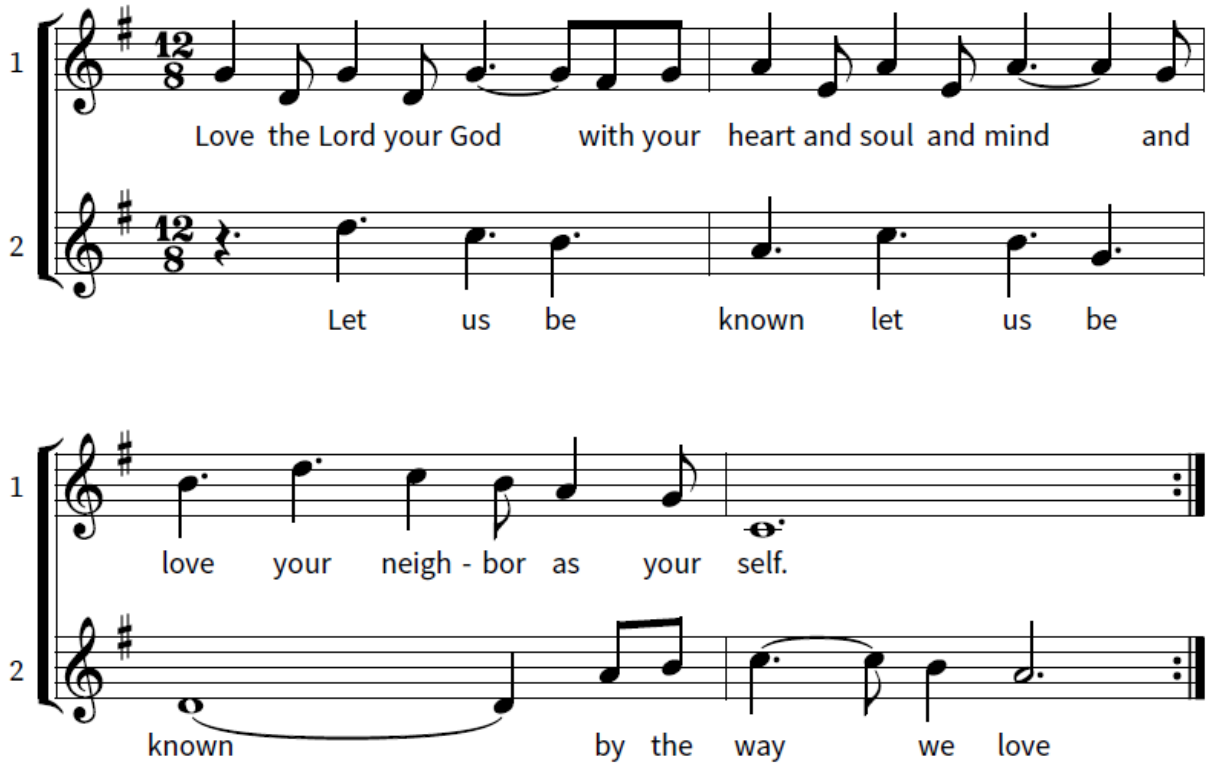
Worship Leaders: Rev. Cathy Hoop, Rev. Dr. Paul Van Kempen, Beth Magennis, Kayla Reed, FPC Choir, Rose Gifford, Cassie Kregger, Erin Magennis. **Thanks to: Sound and Video -** Don and Kathy Saxton and Ben Van Kempen**, Greeter -** Mary Bennett, **Ushers -** Mike Clark and his team, **Bus Drivers** - Alan Martens and Josh DeVries, **M&M Café Providers** - Paula Perkins and Gail Lopez, Bev Plagenhoef and Jauanna Jackson, **Nursery providers** - Sandy Peterson, Paula Perkins, Corene and Lena D'Adonna.

Next Week: Ushers - Carleen Bauer, **Bus Drivers** – Bill and Janet Haines, **Liturgis**t - Liz Hoffswell, **M & M Cafe Providers -** Alan and Sherry Martens and JC and Judy Shaver, **Sound and video** – tbd, **Nursery Care Providers** – Sandy Peterson, Jen Laux/Ludwig and Erin Magennis.

Liturgy sources: SALT Project (Grace in Action), prayers of the people: ~ Faith and Unity Department of the Baptist Union of Great Britain, adapted for use at FPC

The Greatest Commandment

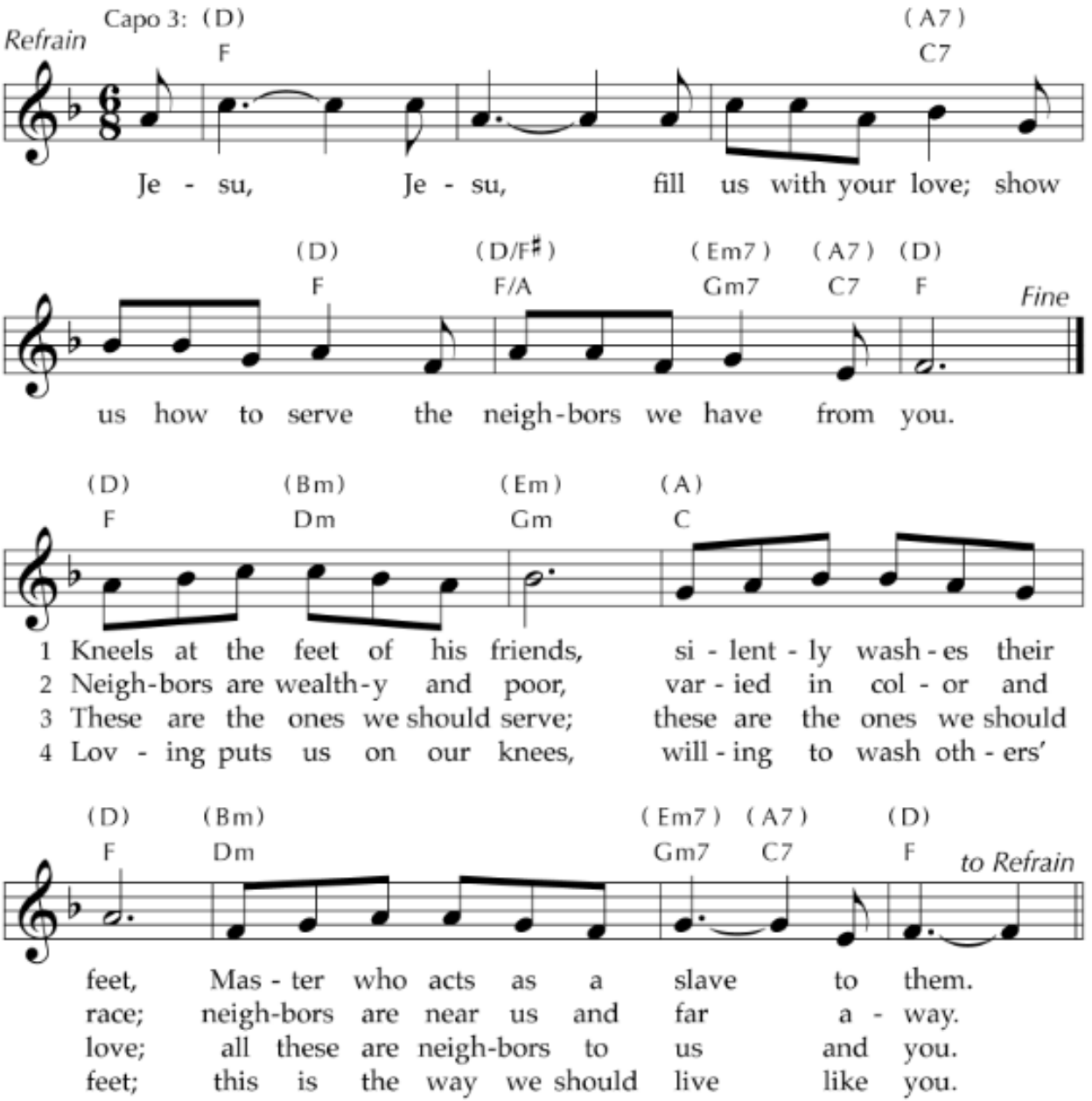
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Will You Let Me Be Your Servant 727

The Servant Song



ANNOUNCEMENTS

FPC Office Closed // A reminder the church office will be closed Thanksgiving Day and Friday, November 27. Normal office hours resume Monday, November 30.

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. This Sunday we are diving into the growth of religious radio programming, which has become the top format in the US. *All are welcome*. If you would like to receive the lesson ahead of time, contact Cathy, cathy@fpcholland.org.

Advent Event // Join us today from 4-6pm for an inter-generational gathering and potluck! Enjoy fellowship and creativity as we join together to prepare for the Advent Season. Activities will include making gifts for our home bound friends, and for our unhoused neighbors.

A Message from the Bookkeeper // As we approach the end of the year, please submit any outstanding expense reimbursements from 2026 prior to Christmas so they can be processed before the end of the year. This is important to paint a complete picture of our spending in 2026 and helps keep the budget accurate as we move into 2027. After filing out the form and acquiring an authorized signature, please place your forms with receipts attached in the Bookkeeper's box as soon as you are able. Thank you, Marlene.

Fifth Sunday Giving // Next Sunday, November 29, our fifth Sunday giving will go to Family Promise on the Lakeshore.

Christmas Eve Choir // This year the FPC choir will be singing a cantata on Christmas Eve called Light of Peace by Karen Marolli. If you don't normally sing with the choir, but are looking to get seasonally involved, we'd love to have you! Rehearsals will be Wednesdays December 9 and 16 6:30-8:30. Talk to Pastor Paul if you are interested!

Nativity Display and Dawn images // The Worship and the Arts Council would love to display your Nativity scenes again in the M&M Cafe during our season of Advent. If you would like to contribute your Nativity scene, please drop them off in the office. Make sure your box is clearly labeled so we can return them to you after Epiphany.

Do you have paintings, photos, collages, quilts, etc depicting images of morning, sunrise, or stars? We would love to add your artwork to the M&M space during Advent through the beginning of February. Please drop off any items for display in the office. Thank you for your contributions.

Fill the Manger for Nestlings // This December help us fill the manger with diapers for Nestlings Diaper Bank! Nestlings partners with many of the agencies we support, such as Community Action House, Resilience and Children's Advocacy Center.

Presbyterian Women // During the Christmas season PW is collecting new, unwrapped underwear items for women and children that will go to RESILIENCE . Bev Plagenhoef will again be offering Quality Car Wash certificates to benefit our Presbyterian Preschool. Our focus on programs that help women and children is reflected in these opportunities for giving. Please join us in this community effort!

Children's Advocacy Center Holiday Advocates // Thank you, FPC, for sponsoring all of our 25 families! There is still a wonderful way to help bring Christmas cheer to families served by CAC: Shop for Stocking Stuffers! Small toys, candies, chap stick, cozy socks, hair clips, etc.

When caregivers come to pick up their child's gifts, they are offered the opportunity to 'shop' in the CAC stocking store to fill a stocking for their child. Please bring items by December 6. Contact Janet Hostetler 740-704-4822 or by email janethostetler@gmail.com if you have questions.

Prayer for Peace // Everyone is invited to a Prayers for Peace service on Monday, December 7, from 5:30-6:00 p.m. at First Reformed Church, 630 State Street, Holland, Michigan. Together we will pray for those affected by war and conflict, for leaders and peacemakers, and for God's healing and reconciliation in our world.

Volunteers Needed // The deacons are in need of a pool of people to drive church members to doctor appointments, get groceries, and other errands around Holland. Please contact Mark Van Oostenburg at mjmf@sbcglobal.net or 616 392-8773. Your assistance is greatly appreciated

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.

Holland Community Theater // December 12 at 2pm at HCT to see "Just in the Nick of Time", a comedy fun for the whole family. Chris Urbaniak has all of the details.

Save the Date 2027 // **Legacy Labyrinth Walk** // On Sunday, January 3, following the worship service, we will join with others around the country in praying for our Congress as they are sworn in and begin their work. Let us walk and pray for wisdom, peace, courage, compassion, respect, truth and integrity.

Save the Date 2027 // The **Womens Retreat** will take place Saturday, February 27, from 9am-4pm at FPC. Outr theme will be: Within God's Story, Your Story. Watch for more details beginning in January.

Acts 17: 27b - 28: God isn't far away from any of us.
In God we live, move, and exist... We are God's offspring."

Facilitators: Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Caldwell, Rev. Dr. Barb Edema, Rev. Meg Rift, Rev. Barb Schreur, and Rev. Cathy Hoop.

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ELDERS:
Class of 2026: Luke Rund-Scott (Youth)
Class of 2027: Jen Laux Ludwig, Tom Salley, Tim Staal
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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