



## APRIL 27, 2025

### Second Sunday of Eastertide

Whether you are a member or a visitor, whether you are in person or online\*, we hope you will sense God's presence and be open to God's blessing through the service we share this morning.

Children's bulletins and large-print Orders of Worship are available from our ushers. Our nursery, with attendant Taylor Stout, is available for infants and toddlers at the Aurelius Road entrance.

The asterisk (\*) is an invitation for the congregation to stand, in body or spirit, as you are able. **Bold type indicates a congregational response in unison.**

As you enter the Sanctuary or look at the links beneath the YouTube window, you will find opportunities to submit a prayer request to be shared by the pastor during the "Prayers of the Community of Faith." Alternatively, you may personally voice your prayer request at that time or type it into the chat window on YouTube.

*\*During the livestream service, our cameras can capture almost every person in the sanctuary. If you would prefer to stay out of the camera's eye, you're encouraged to sit in the back pews on the pulpit side of the sanctuary.*

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## WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

GATHERING MUSIC

Joanne Maher, Organist

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Kirk Miller

PRELUDE

Prelude on "Llanfair" (arr. Franklin Ashdown) Joanne Maher, Organist

\*CALL TO WORSHIP *from Psalm 150*

Deb Bachman, Liturgist

One: Praise the Lord! Praise God in God's sanctuary;

**Many: Praise God in God's mighty firmament!**

One: Praise God for God's mighty deeds;

**Many: Praise God according to God's surpassing greatness!**

**Pulpit side: Praise God with trumpet sound;**

**Piano side: praise God with lute and harp!**

**Pulpit side: Praise God with tambourine and dance;**

**Piano side: praise God with strings and pipe!**

**Pulpit side: Praise God with clanging cymbals;**

**Piano side: praise God with loud clashing cymbals!**

One: Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!

**All: Praise the Lord!**

\*HYMN #238

Thine is the Glory

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

**God of all hope and joy, we are an anxious people. Again and again, your Son breaks into our lives with your love, yet we continue to live in fear. We say we have not seen you, even when you stand among us now. We like to claim that we have no sin, but you know the truth. Forgive us, God of grace. Breathe on us with your Spirit to set us free from doubt and sin, so that we may be at peace with you, and a channel of your peace for the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

*(silence for personal confession)*

\*KYRIE

Dvorak

*Translation: Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy, Lord, have mercy.*

\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

\*RESPONSE #236, refrain, v. 4, refrain The Strife is O'er

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you,  
**and also with you.**

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

A TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

\*RESPONSE #188 adapted

Jesus Loves You!

*Following the Children's Sermon, children pre-K through 8th grade are invited to make their way to their respective Christian Education opportunities on the lower level. Infant and toddler care is available in the nursery near the Aurelius Road entrance.*

SCRIPTURE READING

John 20:19-29

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

"Grant Us Peace"

Rev. Kirk Miller

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

ANTHEM

"Carol of the Hill"

Stephen Paulus

*Chancel Choir*

*Mira Choi, Collaborative Pianist*

*Amanda Goldberg, Director*

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

*Please use this QR code or visit [www.fpc-bolt.org/stewardship](http://www.fpc-bolt.org/stewardship) for safe, convenient online giving.*

OFFERTORY

"Easter Echo"

Jason D. Payne

\*RESPONSE #242 v. 4

Jesus Christ is Risen Today



PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH & THE LORD'S PRAYER

We pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

**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.**

## WE TAKE GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

\*HYMN #752

Dona Nobis Pacem

*Sung first in unison, then as a round. Each section (choir, piano side, pulpit side) begins singing upon the cue of their leader and continues singing until signaled to conclude.*

\*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE #240, refrain, v. 2, refrain

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

\*POSTLUDE

Postlude on "Maccabeus"

George Frederick Handel



We give thanks to God for our ushers (Ken Hoffman, Jan Hoffman, Linda Cwiek),  
livestream production crew (Brian Lloyd, John Joss, Don Parry),  
and for our pastors, Rev. Kirk Miller and Rev. Dr. Rob Carlson.



# THE CHANIER



## Ongoing Prayer Concerns

- Bev Stewart
- Nevin Johnson, Betts' grandson with chronic kidney disease
- Priscilla Krohnke & BK Gopal
- Wilma & Jayna Akright
- Tanya Olson
- Bill and Nancy Brock
- Anita Betts' daughter and son-in-law (Robin & Kevin) - Kevin's lymphoma is in remission; continued prayers
- Steve Weinberger
- Paul Schmidt
- Rhonda Bryan, Kamryn Shumway's mother
- Phil Bennett
- Brionna Hornus, and her son, Evren, who is in the NICU at Sparrow Hospital
- John Sklar

## Prayers from the Pew and the Chat Panel

- The Byerleys' 21 year old granddaughter undergoing surgery to have her thyroid removed, and for her aftercare
- Joy and thanksgiving on the birth of Jim Shaw's new granddaughter, Roselyn Claire Youatte
- Thanksgiving for God's abundant love and forgiveness that we honor today

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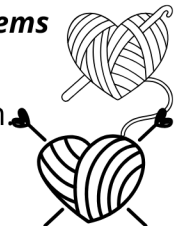
## FPC-Holt Prayer Shawl & Newborn Nurture Ministry

***Calling all those who love to share warm hugs by creating lasting items  
of encouragement and celebration!***

We'll meet **Monday, April 28 at 6:30pm** in the Hospitality Room.

Your enthusiasm is all that matters (we will teach you the rest)!

Questions? Please contact Heidi Hill, 231-215-6831.



# Sanctuary Conversation this morning



Since the 1980s, the Presbyterian Church (USA) has been at the forefront of the national sanctuary movement, an effort to stand in solidarity with immigrants and refugees as part of our calling to care for those in need.

After worship this morning, Dr. Brandon Grafius will facilitate a discussion on the historical roots of the sanctuary movement, the various ways churches have responded to the calling, and some of the ways FPC-Holt might be called to be a part of this movement. While the most high profile instances have involved churches who have housed immigrants, the movement encompasses a wide range of actions: offering a public statement of support, pledging to provide meals, or publicizing that we will help connect immigrants with the resources they need through our contacts in the community.

*Please join us in the fellowship hall after worship for what we know will be the beginning of a faithful and impactful conversation.*



## Time is running out to register for Summer Camp!

Of special note—Heather Thum-Gerber will be camp chaplain during the week of June 22-27!!! Camps being offered that week:

**6/22/25 4 pm—6/27/25 4 pm**

**Wacky Water Week (ages 9-13)** Every day is filled with different ways to play and learn in the water! Cost: \$425\*

**Science Snoops (ages 9-13)** Science Snoops combines all the fun of summer camp with ways to investigate, build, learn and create in our environment! Cost: \$425\*

Follow the QR code to register! \*Financial assistance/full scholarships are available, but limited. Contact church office for info!







# FPC-HOLT & LANSING YOUTH EVENTS



## MHYC SCHEDULE:

**SUNDAY, MAY 4 – 3:00–5:30 PM**

Certain League Farms  
(life skills for intellectually disabled adults). Meet at the church wearing closed toe shoes, work gloves, and dressed for the weather! Follow the QR code to sign up by April 27!



**SUNDAY, MAY 11 – NO MEETING –  
MOTHER'S DAY**

**SUNDAY, MAY 18 – NOON–1:30 PM**

Continue the tradition and help us welcome the 4<sup>th</sup> graders!

## YIA SCHEDULE:

**SUNDAY, MAY 4 – 5:30–8:00 PM**

Faith & Film - "The Way" (a preview of the 2026 International Pilgrimage through Portugal & Spain). Pizza provided!

**SUNDAY, MAY 11 – NO MEETING**

**SUNDAY, MAY 18 – 6:00–7:30 PM**


Puppy Love - Stress Relief puppy time with Cheryl Gamber at The Millers, 5699 Ladderback, Holt



***Thank you for helping our youth  
raise over \$700 in one night  
by returning your cans and bottles!***

# **REFUNDABLE BOTTLE & CAN DRIVE**

***Help send a youth on a mission trip or ministry activity -  
bring in your empties to start filling up the trailer again!***

 <p><b>V.I.P.S.</b> Very Important Presbyterian Seniors</p>	<p><b>Admit All FPC-Holt Seniors 55-ish and up</b> Tours, Lunches, Study, Fellowship &amp; more!</p>
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**Tuesday, April 29      Meet at FPC-Holt**  
**Meet at the church at 10 AM** to take a step back in time with a visit to Stahls Motors and Music Experience in Chesterfield, Michigan. The focus is on automobiles, but a collection of automated musical instruments is also part of the museum.



**Friday, May 9-note date change!**  
 We'll tour the Honolulu House Museum in Marshall, and enjoy lunch at Win Schuler's.  
**Meet at the church at 11 AM to carpool.**



If you would like more information, please call Jan Babcock, 517-930-4809, Deb Bachman, 517-525-1194, or the church office, 517-694-8151. Scan the QR code for the complete schedule!



**MORE LIGHT**  
PRESBYTERIANS

## More Light Conversation

On **Sunday, May 18th**, join us after the fellowship hour for a conversation around what it means to be **More Light Presbyterians**. Dr. Brandon Grafius will co-facilitate, along with Han Mathers from the MyFaith coalition - an interreligious network for LGBTQIA+ and supporting youth of faith. This session will invite us to reflect on what it means to be a church that welcomes and affirms LGBTQIA+ individuals and identities, and explore the biblical basis of a grace-filled relationship to sexuality and gender.



# Grace for the Journey and Grace Upon Grace

Grieving the loss. Healing together.

There is a specific kind of pain that comes with the loss of a spouse or significant other. Widows become part of a sisterhood, bound together by a common experience of loss that is yet as unique as the relationship from which it arose.

**Those who are recently widowed** are invited to join **"Grace for the Journey"** at FPC-Holt on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays, 12 noon, to share stories, support, encouragement and compassion with women who can meet you where you are.

Next meetings:  
5/6 Grace Upon Grace  
5/13 Grace for the Journey

**For any who are less recent widows** and would welcome continued support, a new group, **"Grace Upon Grace,"** which will meet **Tuesday, May 6, at 6 PM.** Please contact Beth Byerley, [bethbyerley@gmail.com](mailto:bethbyerley@gmail.com), with any questions.



## It's time to start thinking about Vacation Bible School!

We'll need lots of helpers with this event, which is on the calendar for July 13-17.

Are you being called to share God's word in a fun and engaging way?

We're looking for:

Tribe Leaders • Marketplace Shop Keepers • Food Court Prep and Servers • and more!

Join Eileen Krawczynski, VBS coordinator, on Sunday, May 4 in the Hospitality Room following worship for our first orientation and organizational meeting!





JOIN US FROM 9 AM TO 12 NOON



Bring your gardening tools, rakes, gardening gloves,  
and especially hedge trimmers, pruners and loppers!

# CONGRATULATIONS

*Class of 2025*

We're celebrating your accomplishments (high school,  
undergrad, trades, advanced degrees) on Sunday, June 1  
during our 10 AM worship service.

We'd love to include details about our grads - what you've  
accomplished and where you're going next.

Please follow the QR code to our bio form,  
fill in as much information as you'd like to share,  
and then let us know whether  
you'll be here on June 1.



Your senior or graduation photo  
would be great too!



**Feeling discouraged by current events?**

**Feeling called to do something?**

# Hope in Action

**Presbytery of Lake Michigan  
Eastern Area Churches**

## **Potluck, Worship & Community Action**

**Friday, May 16, 2025**

**Gathering Time 6:00-6:30 p.m.**

**Potluck 6:30-7:15 p.m. (bring a dish to share)**

**Worship 7:15-7:45 p.m.**

**Action 7:45-8:30 p.m.**

**Host: First Presbyterian Church of Holt**

Participating  
churches:  
Delta and Dimondale  
PC  
Eastminster PC  
FPC-Holt  
FPC-Jonesville  
FPC-Lansing  
FPC-Mason  
Northwestminster PC  
Okemos PC

### **Hospitality help needed!**

As hosts for this event, we'll need people to help with Fellowship

Hall set up (on Thursday), potluck supervision, participant  
check-in, and clean up afterward.

Follow the QR code for more details and to sign up!



## **LIVE STREAM OUTREACH**



**Volunteers are needed for:**

**production • • • cameras • • • sound**  
**[we will train!]**

If you have a gift for technology or an eye for artistry, we'd love to talk  
with you! Please speak with Ken Caron or Rev. Miller



- 2 Alyse Lund
- 4 Hanna Coldwell  
Adam Parry
- 5 Alexandra Shock
- 6 Lyn Bowling
- 7 Evelyn Turner
- 8 Dave Metts
- 9 Eric Dawdy
- 10 Travis Rivera  
Braden Welk
- 12 Becky Rathbun
- 13 Peg Cheney  
Anora Lloyd  
Thet Mon Myint
- 14 Sue Giller  
Jan Hoffman
- 15 Rick Arford  
Chad Hill

- 16 Ethan Dawdy  
Ed Altenritter
- 17 Blayne Olney
- 18 Logan Carr  
Elizabeth Hill
- 19 Rita Tarnowski
- 20 Bridgid Turner  
Mark Doyle  
Jen Miller
- 21 Devin Lamb  
Sherri Washabaugh  
Natalie Palmer
- 23 Susan Brown  
Eric Spitz  
Clark Schnepf
- 26 Betsy Zietlow  
Ava Scarborough-Lamb  
Braelyn Lloyd
- 27 Tha Cho Zin Aye
- 28 Linda Cwiek  
Tucker Arford
- 30 Dani Malone



- 1 Steve & Julie Pingston  
Andrew & Becky  
Rathbun
- 10 Nicholas & Sara Bet
- 11 Keith & Gail Spitz
- 12 Anita & Jim Betts
- 14 Joshua & Lisa Horwath
- 19 Philip & Cheryl Gamber
- 20 Don & Anne Brand  
Luke & Jean Seward
- 30 Mark & Joanne Maher
- 31 Theodore Stanfel &  
Lazara Aragon Stanfel



We all enjoy a “good” scent. Unfortunately, some perfumes, aftershaves, and colognes are very strong. You may not realize just how strong they are because you're used to them. Even though it's not unpleasant, some members of our congregation are quite sensitive, and even allergic, to the ingredients in these products. This causes them discomfort, or more severe symptoms such as headaches, coughing, and sneezing. When making fragrance choices, please consider all who worship or attend events at FPC-Holt. ***Thank you!***

# This Week at FPC-Holt

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Apr 27</b>	10:00am	Worship Service in the Sanctuary and on Livestream; WaterWorks! For children grades pre-K through 8th
		11:00am	FPC-Holt Church Family Fellowship Time
		11:15am	"Sanctuary" Adult Ed Forum with Dr. Brandon Grafius (Hospitality Room)
		1:00pm	Quilting Group
		6:30pm	AA
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Apr 28</b>	12noon	Bible Study
		6:30pm	Prayer Shawl Ministry
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Apr 29</b>	10:00am	VIPS visit to Stahls Motors & Music Experience (carpool from church)
		8:00pm	AA
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Apr 30</b>	6:30pm	AA
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>May 1</b>	5:30pm	Ringers of the Kirk Rehearsal
		7:00pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
		8:00pm	AA
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>May 3</b>	6:00pm	AA
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>May 4</b>	10:00am	Worship Service in the Sanctuary and on Livestream; Holy Communion; Making Change for Jesus
		11:00am	FPC-Holt Church Family Fellowship Time
		11:30am	VBS Leadership Exploration/Interest Meeting
		3:00pm	MHYC—Certain League Farms
		5:30pm	YIA—"The Way" (YIA Room)
		6:30pm	AA

Rev. Miller will be on vacation April 28 to May 9. For pastoral concerns, please contact Rev. Carlson.



## Easter Lilies available!

Whether or not you ordered one, you're welcome to take home an Easter lily—or two—following worship this morning, to enjoy in your home, gift to someone special, or plant in a garden. Just please remember to leave the drip plate behind!