

May 15, 2022

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER



First Presbyterian Church of Holt

We are an ordinary people, welcoming all into our family
of faithful worship,

compassionate service and

love for our extraordinary God!

Rich in tradition, yet open to the leading of the Spirit...

We believe that by the power of the Holy Spirit,
the transforming love of Jesus Christ

is working through us to do the unimaginable!

WELCOME!

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.

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.*

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

THE GATHERING

Joanne Maher, Organist

The CDC's Covid Community Level for Ingham County has recently been moved to "medium." Given the increased Covid risk inherent with singing, all are strongly encouraged to wear a mask when doing so.

Recognizing that we all have different health situations, if you feel most comfortable wearing a mask at all times, please do so and know how welcome you are in this space!

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Kirk R. Miller

PRELUDE

Prelude on Hymn Tune "Duke Street"

arr. by Jason D. Payne

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from *Call to Worship*, v. 55.1, 2021)

Mark Polzin, Liturgist

Praise the Lord, all the earth!

**Praise the Lord from the heavens;
praise the Lord in the heights.**

Praise the name of the Lord,
and the Lord's glory shall be praised,

**for people near and people far,
for people present and people to come,
for the young and for those wise with age.**

Come, let us praise the Lord;
come, let us worship God.

*HYMN #645

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Loving and merciful God, you are the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer of the universe. We thank you for the community in which you have placed us. We thank you for the siblings that we walk this journey with, both familiar friends and new strangers yet to be friends. Yet, we confess that we fail to love as you love. We push aside those who are unfamiliar. We look for excuses to not be in relationship with others. Form in us a new community, in which there is neither East nor West, neither South nor North. We pray this for the sake of your Reign that both is and is not yet. Amen.

(silence for personal confession)

*KYRIE (*Scots Gaelic Traditional from the Abbey at Iona*)

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*RESPONSE #582, v.1 Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

*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

Following the Children's Sermon, children and youth 4th grade and younger are invited to make their way to the lower level for WaterWorks!

RESPONSE #188

Jesus Loves You!

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 148

Old Testament p. 716

John 13:31-35

New Testament p. 132

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Love Wins

Rev. Ben Rumbaugh

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

Please use this QR code or visit www.fpc-bolt.org/stewardship for safe, convenient online giving.



OFFERTORY

When God Cometh

arr. by Larry Shackley

*RESPONSE #711, v.1

Lord of All Good

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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 #37

Let All Things Now Living

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE #582, v.2

Glory to God Whose Goodness Shines on Me

*POSTLUDE

The Heavens Declare God's Glory

arr. by Robert J. Powell



THE CHANTER



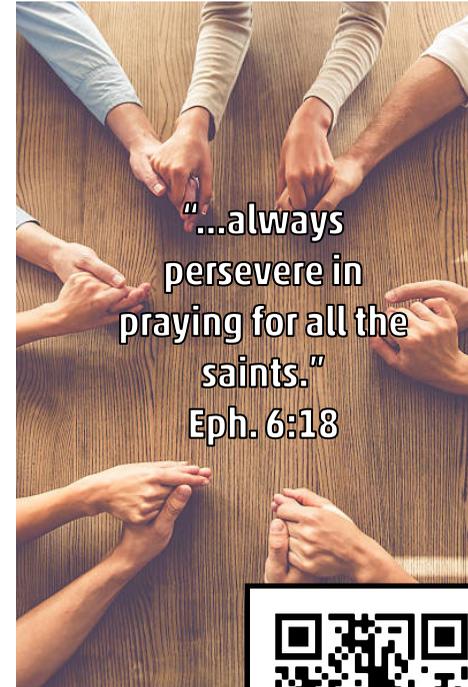
Ongoing Prayer Concerns

- Bev Stewart
- Nevin Johnson, Betts' grandson with chronic kidney disease
- Lois Schmidt
- Don Moore, Peggy Hadwin's brother with lymphatic cancer
- Priscilla Krohnke & BK Gopal
- Ken Gibler, Jane DiMaggio's brother with brain cancer
- Wilma & Jayna Akright
- Verla Miller
- Anita Betts' daughter and son-in-law (Robin & Kevin) as Kevin is treated for lung cancer
- Pam Swiler in rehab in Charlotte

Prayers from the Pew and Chat Panel on May 8

- Cherry, Elizabeth and Zach Hill all have Covid
- Eileen and her sons
- Thanksgiving for Ben's leadership and love while we have been blessed to have him
- Suzanne's son and grandson as they create a new way of life and direction
- Heidi's dad who continues to suffer pain from a broken neck
- Thanksgiving for the beautiful choir anthem and dedication of our choir members
- Kari Bell is very sick and will go to UofM on May 19
- Jennifer Spencer's sister-in-law who was just released from the hospital
- Thanksgiving for the birth of Ruth's new great-grandson, Hudson Allen
- The Hill family
- Joyce's surgery and prayers for healing
- Thanksgiving for mothers
- Jayna as she recovers from surgery
- The people of Ukraine
- Our servicemen and women
- Thanksgiving for Cera's graduation as she received her Ph.D.
- Thanksgiving for Heather's sermon and for the 7 years she has been with us
- Kris, Annika and Mary Lee Hultin as Kris continues to recover

Can We Pray for You?



We're privileged to pray for one another during worship each week and then to uphold each other in prayer throughout the week as we keep the Chanter requests in front of us on the refrigerator or the dashboard of our cars. But did you know that "pray-ers" in our church family are standing by to pray for you around the clock – 24/7/365?

Our "prayer chain" is a dedicated group of people committed to lifting you up in prayer at any time you would like and for any reason*. Requesting prayer can be as simple as calling or emailing the office, or scanning this code at any time. (A prayer icon is also in the footer of our website pages to access the request form.)

You will be asked how broadly you want your request distributed (e.g., prayer chain and Chanter prayer list, deacons only or pastors only). Remember too that if you're worshipping virtually on Sunday morning, you can type your prayer request into the chat panel or add your prayer request to those spoken out loud in the sanctuary by scanning this QR code.

**If you are interested in serving as a link on the prayer chain, please contact the church office.*



A Sacred Going-Away-Party!

You're probably planning on attending the Service of Worship for the Ordination of Heather Thum-Gerber, but did you know the lunch afterward will also be a chance to say good-bye to Rev. Thum-Gerber – and Tim, Aleta and Ezra too?!

Everyone's invited!

Intergenerational Christian Education at 9am

Year of the Bible

You can start reading along at any time by [clicking here for the reading plan](#) (or contact the office and we'll send you one). Then join the discussion group in person each week in the Mid-High Room.

Resurrection Now!

This Sunday at 9am, join Kirk in the Fellowship Hall for session 3 of "Resurrection Now!" which explores what Jesus' resurrection means for our daily connection with God.

- SESSION THREE: En Christo
- SESSION FOUR: Fast Food Christianity
- SESSION FIVE: Jesus Hermeneutic
- SESSION SIX: Anti-Septic Christianity

"The videos feature Father Richard Rohr, who spends a good portion of these films encouraging spiritual practices of contemplation as means of discovery and transformation.

"Salvation in the Jewish scriptures is talking about liberation, fulfillment, life, wholeness, freedom, peace, NOW!" Fr. Richard Rohr

Lauds

The Vespers faithful host "Lauds," (morning prayer) in the Hospitality Room and on Zoom each Sunday and invite you to check it out. (Click here to join the Zoom or email the office for the link.) Drawing on the beauty and fellowship of the Vespers service and with rotating leaders (Brandon Grafius, Nancy Coppennoll, Jane Olney and Chad Hill), we'll use a curriculum from Illustrated Ministries to discuss the scripture from the sermon that day and spend time together each week in prayer.

Join the VIPS 55+ Club on Tuesdays



May 17 @ 12
Lunch Bunch at Delhi Cafe

May 24 @ 12
Pastor's Picnic Returns!

Come for a picnic on the cloister — catered by your pastors!



Help the Presbyterian Women Put Love Into Action!

The Presbyterian Women of Circle II have a new outlet for the love of Christ here at FPC-Holt and invite everyone to take part during the month of May.

We're collecting personal care products that will be delivered to Love, Inc. at the end of the month. Love, Inc. is a charity based in Grand Haven which supports the hundreds of migrant workers who come into Michigan each year to pick the fruit and vegetables that we love to put on our tables and in our lunch boxes.

There is a collection tub in between the doors to the nursery where you can drop off items from the following list at any time:

- Soap (bar or bottle)
- Shampoo
- Hand lotion
- Deodorant
- Toothbrushes & toothpaste

Travel sizes of all of the above are welcome and you can talk to Jan Babcock or Anita Betts for more information.



Pop a Top with the Presbyterian Women!

If you pop a top with metal rings or tabs – beverages, soups, tuna, etc. – then you've got what it takes to spread love to some hurting families in mid-Michigan.

The Presbyterian Women collect the tabs from any can and give them to the Ronald McDonald House in Lansing. And it really makes a difference! The amount of pop tabs collected and donated annually provides enough to cover the House's utilities for a month -- nearly \$2,000!

The collection point is a basket in the Fellowship Hall on the table near the light switches. Simply drop your tabs in the basket and we'll put them in the hands of Ronald McDonald himself!



This Week at FPC-Holt

Sunday	May 15	8:30am	Campers Breakfast
		9:00am	The Year of the Bible Class (Mid-High Youth Rm.)
		9:00am	Resurrection Now! (Fellowship Hall)
		9:00am	Lauds (Hospitality Room and on Zoom)
		10:00am	Worship Service in the Sanctuary and on Livestream
		10:20-ish	WaterWorks!
		11:30am	Church Family Fellowship
		11:30am	Exploratory Gathering
		1:00pm	Sunday Sew-In
		6:30pm	AA
Monday	May 16	12:00pm	Bible Study
Tuesday	May 17	10:00am	Staff Meeting
		12:00pm	VIPS Lunch Bunch at Delhi Cafe
		6:00pm	Jazzercise
		6:30pm	SA for Men
		6:30pm	Ringers of the Kirk Rehearse
		6:45pm	CCRT
		8:00pm	AA
Wednesday	May 18	6:00pm	Session
		6:30pm	AA
		7:00pm	Square-Dancing
Thursday	May 19	6:00pm	Jazzercise
		6:30pm	SA for Women
		7:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
Friday	May 20	4:00pm	Kiwanis Chicken BBQ
		6:00pm	Presbyterian Women Year-End Potluck
Saturday	May 21	11:00am	Service of Ordination for Heather Thum-Gerber
		12:00pm	Lunch in Celebration of Heather's Ordination
Sunday	May 22	9:00am	The Year of the Bible Class (Mid-High Youth Rm.)
		9:00am	Resurrection Now! (Fellowship Hall)
		9:00am	Lauds (Hospitality Room and on Zoom)
		10:00am	Worship Service in the Sanctuary and on Livestream
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		11:30am	Church Family Fellowship
		11:30am	Exploratory Gathering Meets with Session
		6:30pm	AA

**Next
Sunday's
Celebration:**
**We'll celebrate
TWO baptisms
and recognize
our musicians,
vocalists,
teachers
& advisors!**
**Join us for the
"grand finale"
of our program
year!**