

October 2, 2022

# Sacrament of Holy Communion



## 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!

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

Nixon McMillan, Organist

*We celebrate that the CDC's Covid Community Level for Ingham County is currently at "low" so you may choose to wear a mask at any time as an additional precaution to protect yourself and others.*

*If you feel most comfortable wearing a mask, please do so and know how welcome you are in this space!*

WESTMINSTER CHIMES

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Rob Carlson

PRELUDE

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Paul Schmidt, Liturgist

Heaven is here, and earth, and the space is thin between them.

**Distance divides us, but Christ's promise unites those bound by time and blessed by eternity.**

Heaven is here, and earth, and the Church above and below is one.

**Peter is here, and Paul; Martha and all the Marys; saints from far back and those who left us not long ago; and only sight prevents us from seeing them.**

Heaven is here, and earth, and the God who made them is present. The Lamb of God is beside us; the Spirit of God makes a resting place among us.

**God inhales the breath of our prayers and spreads a table for our satisfaction.**

Let the heavens be glad!

**Let the whole earth cry, Glory!**

\*HYMN #385

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

[Old Hundredth]

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

**Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. We turn to You once more, O God, that You may show us the way of repentance.**

*(silence for personal confession)*

\*KYRIE #437

You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy

\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

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

\*RESPONSE #441, v.1

Hear the Good News of Salvation

\*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 #733

We All Are One in Mission

*Making Change for Jesus*

*The monthly collection of our coins set apart at mealtime out of gratitude for the blessings we have received and as a commitment to be a blessing to the world.*

*Following the Children's Sermon and their "Making Change for Jesus" collection, children are invited to return to their seats. For the youngest among us, child care is available in the nursery.*

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 17:5-10

New Testament p. 97

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

"Increase Our Faith"

Rev. Dr. Rob Carlson

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*United Church of Canada, 1984*)

**We are not alone.**

**We live in God's world.**

**We believe in God**

**Who has created and is creating;**

**Who has come in Jesus Christ,**

**To reconcile and make new.**

**We trust God who calls us to be the church;**

**To love and serve others;**

**To seek justice and resist evil;**

**To proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,**

**Our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,**

**God is with us.**

**We are not alone.**

**Thanks be to God. Amen**

## 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

\*RESPONSE #716, v.3 God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

## THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

\*THE INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

\*THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

RESPONSE #1, v.1 Holy, Holy, Holy

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

*All are invited to speak a name or word representing a situation for which you are praying, knowing the cacophony of our prayerful hearts finds a home in the gracious mercies of our God.*

**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.**

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*This is the Lord's Table and he invites all who seek the grace and love of God to come and enjoy the feast. In that spirit of invitation, offer the elements to your neighbor with the words, "The Body of Christ," (to be taken individually signifying our individual relationship to Christ) and "The Cup of the New Covenant" (to be held and taken together signifying our unity in Christ). A faith-filled "Amen" is an appropriate response to both. (The bread being served today is gluten-free and, for any who would prefer, individually-wrapped kits will be passed with the cups.)*

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER THE COMMUNION

**Holy God, You come into our ordinary lives and set a holy table among us, filling our plates with the bread of life and our cups with salvation. Send us out, O God, with compassion, kindness, patience, forgiveness, and love, to touch our everyday world with Your promise of holiness. Amen.**

## WE TAKE GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

\*HYMN #714 God of the Fertile Fields [Italian Hymn]

\*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE #70 What Does the Lord Require of You?

\*POSTLUDE



We give thanks to God for our greeters, ushers (Keith & Gail Spitz), livestream production crew (Brian Lloyd, Susan Land, John Sklar) and for our pastor, Rev. Dr. Rob Carlson.



## THE CHANIER

### 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
- Tanya Olson
- Bill Brock
- 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 Sept. 25

- Prayers for Joe Hill as he recovers from surgery
- Marcia Howe's daughter-in-law's family, the Clarks, after the death of their grandmother
- Susanne Dayton after the death of her sister Nancy
- Trudy Smith and the extended Smith family
- Deb's mom and all residents of Florida in the path of the hurricane this Tuesday or Wednesday
- Continued prayers for Suzanne's children and grandchildren
- Prayers for a successful back surgery for Jane's daughter Alice
- Tanya as she receives CT scan results at an appointment with a gastroenterologist Tuesday

# FPC-Holt & Lansing Youth

**THIS  
WEEKEND  
OCT. 1-2**

**YIA Saturday @ 8pm**  
Cuba Reunion & Run-Through at  
Okemos Presbyterian Church  
(bring \$ for possible fourth meal)  
**YIA Sunday**  
Lead worship at OPC @10am  
(Gather @ 9am, Q&A @ 11am)

**MHYC & YIA Sunday 1-4pm**  
**The Great Pumpkin Truck  
makes the rounds in the  
neighborhoods!**  
meet & pick-up at FPC-Holt

**NEXT  
SUNDAY  
OCT. 9**

**MHYC & YIA: The Pumpkin Truck Returns!**  
(weather dependent)  
We'll meet at the church at 1pm (returning at 4pm) to travel  
to neighborhoods in the area to sell pumpkins.  
It's the best way to earn M3 that you'll have all year --  
last year's crew earned \$20 an hour!

## Intergenerational Christian Education at 9am on Oct. 9

### Jesus Then and Now - Extended for an Additional Week!

Join Rev. Carlson in the Fellowship Hall next Sunday as we continue looking at Jesus "then" as well as "now." How well do you know the historic Jesus? Could you fill out an emergency contact form for Jesus? Do you even know his last name? We'll explore ancient and modern ideas about who Jesus is and why it matters.

For the "now" aspect, we will seek out the authentic voice of Jesus among all the other contemporary voices that claim to give voice to Jesus today.

### Lauds

The Vespers faithful host "Lauds," (morning prayer) in the Hospitality Rm. and Zoom each Sunday and invite you to check it out. Drawing on the beauty and fellowship of the Vespers service, with rotating leaders (Brandon Grafius, 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.

## The Great Pumpkin Truck (Puts Store-Bought to Shame!)



Get your pumpkins after church on Oct. 2 & 9!  
\$10 and \$15

Funds support the Youth Mission and Ministry

## Liturgist Line-Up in the Works

Ever wonder about becoming a liturgist? We're putting together a pool of potential liturgists. If interested, you'll be fully trained by the Worship Committee and you can choose the Sundays to serve that work for you. The first step is expressing your interest in the next training by sending an email to [office@fpc-holt.org](mailto:office@fpc-holt.org)

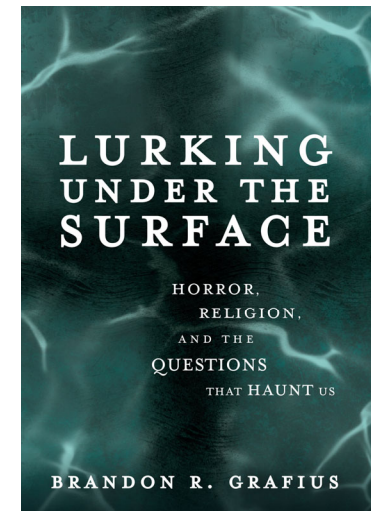
## Book Launch with Our Own Dr. Brandon Grafius

LURKING UNDER THE SURFACE: HORROR, RELIGION,  
AND THE QUESTIONS THAT HAUNT US

Brandon's new book releases Oct. 4, and he's inviting the FPC-Holt family to some events to celebrate! It's a book for everyone who's interested in how we make meaning out of life - and particularly for those wondering how movies can help us do that.

Booklist says: "Grafius' easy writing and gentle touch will lull the reader into an educational trance that makes diving into the slim book more like watching a movie than reading an informational text. Grab the popcorn."

These events are free and open  
to the public:



Tuesday, Oct. 4, 7:30pm:  
Book Reading and Signing  
at Schuler Books, Meridian Mall  
Thursday, Oct. 6, 5:00-7:00pm:  
Reception and Signing  
at Bestsellers, Mason

September 4 - October 2, 2022

# Peace & Global Witness

The Peace & Global Witness Offering encourages the church to cast off anxiety and fear, discord and division, and embrace our God's mission of reconciliation to those around the corner and around the world.

## This Week at FPC-Holt

<b>Sunday</b>	Oct. 2	9:00am	Lauds (Hospitality Room and on Zoom)
		9:00am	Jesus Then and Now (Fellowship Hall)
		10:00am	YIA Leads Worship at Okemos Presbyterian
		10:00am	Worship Service in the Sanctuary and on Livestream
		11:00am	Church Family Fellowship Hour
		1:00pm	MHYC & YIA: Pumpkin Selling in the Neighborhoods
		6:30pm	AA
<b>Monday</b>	Oct. 3		CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED ON MONDAYS
		10:00am	Matter of Balance class in the Fellowship Hall
		12:00pm	Bible Study
<b>Tuesday</b>	Oct. 4	10:00am	Staff Meeting
		5:30pm	Jazzercise
		6:00pm	Nominating Committee
		6:30pm	SA for Men
		8:00pm	AA
<b>Wednesday</b>	Oct. 5	10:00am	Matter of Balance class in the Fellowship Hall
		6:00pm	Committee Meetings
		7:00pm	Square-Dancing
		6:30pm	AA
<b>Thursday</b>	Oct. 6	5:30pm	Jazzercise
		6:30pm	SA Women
		7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
<b>Sunday</b>	Oct. 9	9:00am	Lauds (Hospitality Room and on Zoom)
		10:00am	Worship Service in the Sanctuary and on Livestream
		10:20-ish	WaterWorks! and Worship Center
		11:00am	Church Family Fellowship Hour
		1:00pm	MHYC & YIA: Pumpkin Selling in the Neighborhoods
		6:30pm	AA