



# 25th Sunday of Pentecost

November 19, 2023

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Joanne Maher, Organist

Rev. Dr. Rob Carlson

Robert J. Hughes

Suzanne Trim, Liturgist

Make the Sounds of Praise

from Psalm 90

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

**The days of our life are seventy years or perhaps eighty, if we are strong; even then their span is only toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away.**

Who considers the power of your anger? Your wrath is as great as the fear that is due you.

**So teach us to count our days so that we may gain a wise heart.**

Turn, O LORD! How long? Have compassion on your servants!

**Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love; so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.**

Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us, and as many years as we have seen evil.

**Let your work be manifest to your servants and your glorious power to their children.**

**All: Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us and prosper for us the work of our hands— O prosper the work of our hands!**

\*HYMN #4 Holy God, We Praise Your Name

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God, you have named us and claimed us and made us children of light. Yet we reside in the darkness. We settle for the seeming security and comforts of home, where our talents may be tucked away, our gifts preserved, but paralyzed. You call us to live in faith, investing our lives in the world you made—even at the risk of losing them. But we are slow to trust, slow to act. Have mercy upon us, Lord; have mercy. Help us understand your will for us. Teach us what you desire. Embolden us to steward well the gifts you have entrusted, that one day, we might fully enter your joy.**

*(silence for personal confession)*

\*KYRIE Scots Gaelic Traditional from the Abbey at Iona  
*Translation: Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy. Grant us peace.*

\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.  
**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

\*RESPONSE #583 Glory to God

\*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

SCRIPTURE READING

SERMON

Jesus Loves You!

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

“You Know What I’m Talkin’ About...”

Rev. Kirk Miller

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

ANTHEM

For the Beauty of the Earth

John Rutter

Chancel Choir

Ben Kambs, Director

Mira Choi, Collaborative Pianist

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY

Prayer

Kreutzer

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

\*RESPONSE 612, v. 1 We Praise You O God

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH AND 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 #366 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

\*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE (Tune: Iona Kyrie)

Pilgrimage

Christ before me on this day

Christ beside me on my way

Christ within me this I pray

Make me brave and faithful.

Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia

Al-le-lu-ia, Amen

\*POSTLUDE Come, Ye Thankful People, Come Arr. Mary McDonald



We give thanks to God for our greeter (Gena Sizoo), ushers (Nancy Corner, Ron Hope, Jan Hoffman) livestream production crew (Brian Lloyd, John Sklar) and for our pastors Rev. Kirk R. Miller and Rev. Dr. Rob Carlson.



# THE CHANIER



## Ongoing Prayer Concerns

- Bev Stewart
- Lois Schmidt
- Nevin Johnson, Betts' grandson with chronic kidney disease
- Priscilla Krohnke & BK Gopal
- 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
- Phil Bennett (cancer)
- Matt Altenritter, Ed's son, who has been diagnosed with stomach cancer

## Prayers from the Pew and the Chat Panel on November 12

- Welcome to all our new members
- Recovery from COVID for Cherry Hill
- Prayers for Chad Hill with COVID, and that it doesn't spread further
- Prayers for the Goodrich's daughter, Karen, as she starts radiation treatments
- Prayers for Clark Schnepf's cousin Carl and his family on the death of his son
- Thanksgiving for Leota's return home after surgery and continued healing
- Prayers for Robin's chihuahua and thanksgiving for the joy our pets bring us
- For Ruth's eye appointment, that anxiety be replaced by God's peace
- For the Hill family, dealing with COVID
- Chuck Goodrich's medical situation; prayers for strength
- Paul Schmidt and his path forward in health/medical concerns
- Ken Hoffman as his medical journey continues, strength for body and soul
- Nancy Silvey and Malissia Stone in their ongoing health struggles
- Denise, whose grandson committed suicide; prayers for all those with mental health issues

**SUNDAY NOV. 19 @10:10ISH: WATERWORKS! FOR 5TH-8TH GRADES**

**SUNDAY NOV. 19**

**Advent House 2:30-4:30PM**

It's a Mexican fiesta at Advent House! We're heading downtown to serve authentic enchiladas, including handmade tortillas, to the guests of Advent House. Don't miss the chance to spread the love of food and Christ!



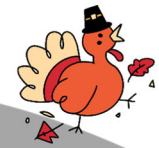
**Pumpkin Pie on the Go! 5:30-7:30 PM**

Nothing says "Thanks!" like pumpkin pie! We're off to Independence Village to hang with residents from our churches, saying thanks for being part of our family with a slice of homemade goodness.



**SUNDAY NOV. 26**

**No Youth Activities!**



**FPC-HOLT & LANSING YOUTH EVENTS**

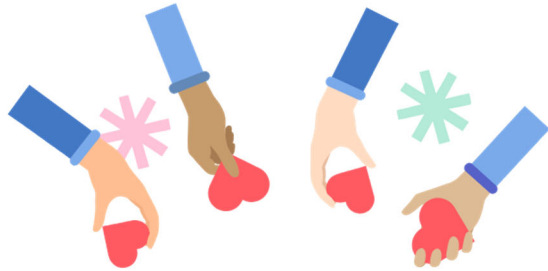


## ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING



Every family-by blood or volition, of any configuration or size, is invited to light the Advent Wreath to open our worship on Sundays, Dec. 3, 10, 17 or Christmas Eve morning. Interested? Please contact Dee Malone or the church office.





## WINTER IS COMING AND SO IS OUR CLOTHING DRIVE FOR



We're collecting:

- Socks
- Mittens
- Scarves
- Long Underwear,  
(sizes Large, XL and up)

We'll have  
a tree set  
up in the  
narthex  
beginning  
12/3!



*We're hoping to have our FPC-Holt children sing in the 7 PM Christmas Eve Service!*

Rehearsals would be from music time during WaterWorks! until 11:30 AM on Sundays, November 19, 26 and December 3, 10 & 17.  
(There may be an extra rehearsal on Saturday, December 23.)

***Any child, from Young Ones to Mid-Highs, is welcome to participate.***



If your family is planning to attend the 7 PM service on December 24 and you'd like to know more, please contact Rebecca Bossenbroek, 517-927-4755 or [rebeccabossenbroek@comcast.net](mailto:rebeccabossenbroek@comcast.net)



## The Christmas Joy offering will be received on Sunday, December 17

- 50% of your gifts make it possible for students to learn and grow in faith at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color.
- 50% of your gifts provide assistance for current and retired church workers and their families with critical financial needs.





## V.I.P.S.\* Christmas Carols & Cookie Exchange

DEC. 12, 2023 at 12 noon

What better way to prepare for Christmas than tuning our hearts to the music of the season? Bring a dozen cookies for our annual cookie exchange and then sit back and enjoy the gift of the day: Mona Tropf will be our accompanist!

*\*(Very Important Presbyterian Seniors)*



## V.I.P.S. November 28 Abrams Planetarium at MSU



We have 4 spots open for this look at the wonderful celestial creations in the night sky that God calls out by name at Christmastime. Tickets are \$5 each. Contact the church office or Jan Babcock if interested.

### Other V.I.P.S. events in December:

**Holiday Pops Concert at the Wharton Center** We'll be attending the 3 PM show on Sunday, December 17. This spectacular concert with the Lansing Symphony Orchestra, and featuring Teri Hansen as guest vocalist, is \$30 per person. **Our block of tickets is sold out; please contact the Wharton Center directly, 517-432-2000, to make your reservation.**

**Meadow Brook Hall Holiday Walk** More than 50 trees will be on exhibit for this December 19 activity. We leave the church at 9 AM and plan to be back by 5 PM. Again, our block of tickets, which are \$15.50 each, is sold out; **if they still have space available for our 11 AM time slot tickets must be ordered online in advance at <https://meadowbrookhall.org/holidaywalk/>** Questions? Contact Jan Babcock.



## Looking for our annual ACT Uganda Handcrafts this December?

Due to some Holiday conflicts with my travel to Holt, our annual sale has to be postponed. You can order online (see below) or save some of your gift money to shop in person in February 2024 for our amazing handcrafts. We are coordinating the sale with my assigned Month of Mission Sunday to tell of our new accomplishments.

***This is ACT's 20th anniversary as a non-profit!  
Isn't that amazing?***

I look forward to sharing with all of you my latest travel to Uganda as well.

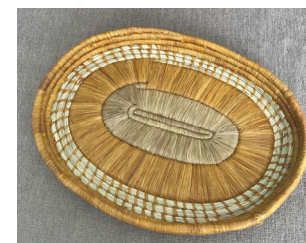
Peace,

Diana Stubig

FPC-Holt Member and "Florida Livestreamer"

ACT Board Member

Team Leader for Uniquely Uganda Handcrafts



**ACT Uganda** - Wouldn't it be nice to find that perfect, unique gift for a loved one, while giving someone hope at the same time? Well - you can! Just visit [actuganda.org](http://actuganda.org) or scan the QR code and take a "trip" to our ACT Uganda store for your Christmas shopping. The proceeds from your purchase will go back into the programs of ACT Uganda. It's a win/win! We have beautiful

baskets, jewelry and sewn items made by the women of Muko Sub-County who are part of our Uniquely Uganda Handcrafts program. We also have a group of dedicated volunteers in Michigan who make lovely sewn items from the fabrics our Travel Teams bring back from Uganda.

***Place your orders no later than December 11 to ensure that they arrive before Christmas.***

And if you're not sure what to purchase, there is always the ACT Uganda Digital Gift Card, also available in our online shop, which is available to purchase and receive immediately. We hope you'll consider our shop as you work through your gift list. We thank your congregation for being a long-time supporter of ACT Uganda!







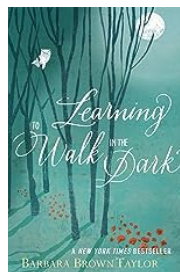
**The Advent Devotionals are ready to order!**  
**Follow the QR code by November 28 to**  
**reserve your Advent materials**



For Families: *Illustrated Advent for Families* is an opportunity for families to take time each week during the Advent season to be intentional and focus on their faith. You'll receive five weekly family devotions, coloring & activity pages, and an Advent calendar. A D.Y.I. Advent Wreath is also included in the free kit.

For Adults: *The In Light & Darkness Advent Devotional* is a free weekly devotional based on scripture showing how light and darkness exist together. The short reflections explore the theme of light and darkness in Advent scriptures. How we understand these ideas affects how we view God, our faith, and our world. Inspired by Barbara Brown Taylor's book, *Learning to Walk in the Dark*, we re-frame the traditional binary understanding of light as good and darkness as bad or evil.

**We are also offering the opportunity to purchase the book, "Learning to Walk in the Dark", at a cost of \$15.00 per copy**, just follow the QR code above. Written by Barbara Brown Taylor, she asks us to put aside our fears and anxieties and to explore all that God has to teach us "in the dark." Often it is in the deepest of dark that we actually see the light. We find courage, we understand the world in new ways, and we feel God's presence around us, guiding us through things seen and unseen.



# Hanging of the Greens

Saturday, December 2 | 9:30 AM

*Help your FPC-Holt family decorate the church  
 for Advent and Christmas!*

Wear your festive clothes and plan for a fun morning of making our worship space reflect the joy of the season!  
 (No experience required!)



## 2023 POINSETTIAS- DEADLINE TO ORDER IS DECEMBER 10!

Although the Hanging of the Greens is December 2, the final "greens" (aka white poinsettias) for the sanctuary will be in place for Dec. 17. This year's plants will be white with gold foil and you'll be able to take the plants home (or deliver to someone else) after the 10:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service.

I wish to order \_\_\_\_\_ poinsettia(s) at \$15.00 each

You may order your plants by scanning the QR code, or by completing this form and putting it in the offering plate with your payment, dropping it off in the office, or sending it by mail. (Please make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church of Holt and write poinsettia on the memo line.)



In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor Of \_\_\_\_\_

A Gift For \_\_\_\_\_

From \_\_\_\_\_

(print name as you want it printed in the tribute page on Dec. 17 & 24)

# This Week at FPC-Holt

|                  |                |                                   |  |
|------------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>Nov. 19</b> | 10:00am                           | Worship Service in the Sanctuary and on Livestream   |
|                  |                | 10:20ish                          | WaterWorks! for 8th graders and younger after the Children's Sermon. Pick up after worship (or 11:30 for children's choir singers) in the fellowship hall. |
|                  |                | 11:15ish                          | Church Family Fellowship Hour  |
|                  |                | 11:30am                           | MHYC Bonus Time—Authentic Mexican Cooking 101  |
|                  |                | 2:30pm                            | MHYC—Advent House  |
|                  |                | 6:00pm                            | YIA—Pumpkin Pie on the Go!   |
|                  |                | 6:30pm                            | AA   |
| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>Nov. 20</b> | 12noon                            | Bible Study  |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>Nov. 21</b> | 10:00am                           | Staff Meeting  |
|                  |                | 6:00pm                            | Jazzercise   |
|                  |                | 6:00pm                            | Ringers of the Kirk  |
|                  |                | 6:30pm                            | SA for Men   |
|                  |                | 7:15pm                            | Chancel Choir  |
|                  |                | 8:00pm                            | AA   |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>Nov. 22</b> | 6:30pm                            | AA   |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>Nov. 23</b> | Thanksgiving—Church Office Closed |  |
|                  |                | 6:30pm                            | SA for Women   |
|                  |                | 8:00pm                            | AA   |
| <b>Friday</b>    | <b>Nov. 24</b> | Church Office Closed              |  |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | <b>Nov. 25</b> | 6:00pm                            | AA   |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>Nov. 26</b> | 10:00am                           | Worship Service in the Sanctuary and on Livestream   |
|                  |                | 11:15ish                          | Church Family Fellowship Hour  |
|                  |                |                                   | No Youth Activities  |
|                  |                | 6:30pm                            | AA   |

## Where Do I Send What?

FPC-Holt has had some staff changes, which means there are new faces in the office ... and new people to contact! Please make a note of these email addresses:

Sam Hovde—[sam@fpc-holt.org](mailto:sam@fpc-holt.org) Sam is the office receptionist, and she's the one who welcomes your visits, uploads your photos, makes changes in the member directory, and manages the church calendar

Chris Commet—[chris@fpc-holt.org](mailto:chris@fpc-holt.org) Chris is the communications specialist, and any notices for the Order of Worship, Chanter, Loop – essentially anything that needs to be shared with the FPC-Holt family & beyond – should be sent to her

Please do not send time-sensitive notices to [office@fpc-holt.org](mailto:office@fpc-holt.org), as this mailbox are not checked as frequently. Thanks for helping keep everyone informed!