

# Third Sunday after Epiphany



## 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!

January 22, 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  
WESTMINISTER CHIMES  
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS  
PRELUDE

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 27) Sam Schuler, Organist  
The Lord is my light and my salvation;  
whom shall I fear?  
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;  
of whom shall I be afraid?  
Teach me your way, O Lord, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies.  
I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the  
land of the living.  
Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage;  
wait for the Lord!

\*HYMN (on monitors) Come with Me, Into the Journey [Jefferson]  
Text: Chris Shelton, b.1978@2021 GLA Publications

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)  
God of the call, you have loved us unconditionally, and have commanded us to love one another just as you love us. But we confess that our love for one another has faltered. Often it has failed altogether. Whether it’s privilege or responsibility, we’re slow to claim it. We turn away from sisters and brothers who think, speak, and act in ways that are different from our own; we recoil from those who have offended us, rather than seeking reconciliation.  
Forgive our smallness of heart that causes us to love only when it serves our own interest; pour out your Spirit and enlarge our hearts, that we may indeed love one another as freely as you have loved us.  
(silence for personal confession)

\*KYRIE #577 Lord, Have Mercy

\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS  
Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.  
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

\*RESPONSE #268, v.1 Crown Him with Many Crowns

\*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 “Jesus Loves You!”  
Following the Children’s Sermon, children pre-K through 4th 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 Matthew 4:12-23 New Testament p. 4  
This is the Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.  
SERMON “The Godsend” Rev. Kirk R. Miller

**WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

TRES M COMMISSIONING  
ANTHEM “The Lord Is My Light/El Señor Es Mi Luz” Carol Browning  
FPC-Holt Chancel Choir  
Ben Kambs, Director  
Mira Choi, Collaborative Pianist

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES  
Your offering can be made using this QR code or by visiting [www.fpc-holt.org/stewardship](http://www.fpc-holt.org/stewardship).



OFFERTORY  
\*RESPONSE #822, v.2 When We Are Living  
PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH  
We pray to the Lord.  
Lord, hear our prayer.

THE LORD’S 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 #721 Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

\*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE #746 Thuma Mina  
(Zulu, English, Zulu)  
*Translation: Send me Jesus, send me Jesus. Send me Jesus, send me Lord.*

\*POSTLUDE Improvisation on “Jefferson”



We give thanks to God for our greeters, ushers (Linda Cwiek, Ron Hope), livestream production crew (AJ Hill, Paul Schmidt) and for our pastor, Rev. Kirk Miller. Rev. Carlson is away this weekend.



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 Jan. 15

- Discernment for Suzanne Trim’s children and grandchildren
- Ken Hoffman as he finishes his first week of treatment with 6 weeks to go
- Safety and a sense of God’s love for our homeless person, Lisa
- Nathan (Ted’s nephew)
- The Winn family after the death of Mrs. Winn
- Congratulations to David and Gena Sizoo as they celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary
- The people of Ukraine
- Cheryl Swager and family
- Dick Bacon
- Barry’s friend Tyrell who is dealing with cancer
- Susan Land’s niece and nephew who were assaulted on Saturday
- Cheryl Gamber and her friends who have been deeply impacted by the death of a friend’s dog
- Esther’s niece Jenna who had a baby this morning
- Susan Celsor White’s neighbor who is having medical struggles and for a friend diagnosed with breast cancer

WITH A HEART FULL OF GRATITUDE, I want to thank all of you who have supported me in so many ways after Roger’s death. I’m overwhelmed at how much love there is in this church family and it has been a great comfort. Please know that every card, call and visit with me has touched my heart more than I can say, Cheryl Swager

Intergenerational Christian Education at 9am

Adult Ed with Rob Carlson Next Sunday

Rev. Rob Carlson will lead an adult ed class on January 29 and the topic is, "What does Paul have against women?" Rob will invite us to look at some notorious passages in Paul's letters and see what we can distill from these writings.

The Parament Project

Join Cheryl Gamber in the Art Room on Sunday mornings at 9am and/or on Thursday afternoons at 1pm for fellowship and fabricating (painting, sewing, needle pointing, constructing, cutting, hammering, gluing, etc.). No experience necessary – just a willingness to learn!

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 John Joss), 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 Lauds in the Hospitality Room or on Zoom at <https://bit.ly/3wJ0pfG>



# Join Us in the Fellowship Hall After Worship! Justice League Presentation & Soup



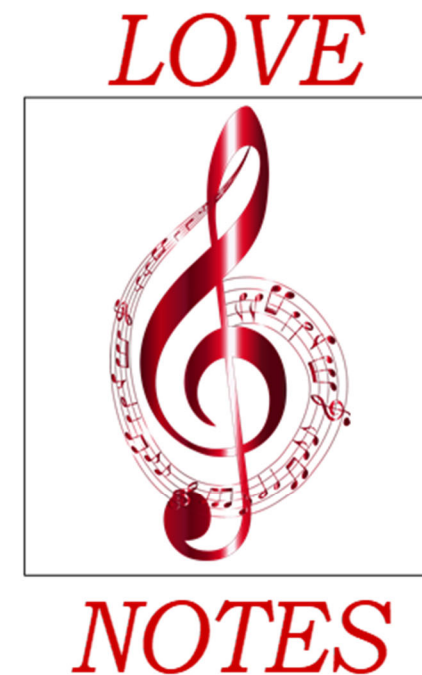
*"When the song of the angels is stilled when the star in the sky is gone, when the kings and princes are home, when the shepherds are back with their flocks, the work of Christmas begins:*

*to find the lost  
to heal the broken  
to feed the hungry  
to release the prisoner  
to rebuild the nations,  
to bring peace among the people,  
to make music in the heart".*

*Howard Thurman*

Living into our call as a Matthew 25 church, we are finding inspired ways to live in the Beloved Community.

FPC-Holt is pleased to invite you to enjoy lunch (hosted by our Witness Committee) and learn about the Justice League of Greater Lansing (JLGLM) after worship. The presentation is guaranteed to be scintillating and enlightening. Come dine and listen to how we can support JLGLM in their local reparations work repairing the breach created by the sin of racism.



All **Women of the Church** and their **guest(s) of any age** are invited to join us, **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN**, for a fun-filled evening of fellowship while writing Love Notes to those close to us and followed by a time of singing favorite love songs accompanied by Mona Tropf in the Fellowship Hall.

We'll gather for Love Notes to write on white decorated cards (such as the example on the left) provided along with red envelopes and white address stickers for you to address and stick onto the envelopes. (*Be sure to bring your address book.*)

"Love" Forever stamps will be available to purchase so your notes may be mailed easily. We will also have some craft items for you to embellish your notes if you choose and young ones will have the same opportunity to write notes as well.

February 6, 2023  
6:30 – 8:00 PM

Favorite Love Songs? – Questions? Forward to:  
Marcia Howe 517.646.8486 howemarc@gmail.com

## FPC-HOLT AND FPC-LANSING



**THIS SUNDAY, JAN. 22  
SKATING AT MUNN!**



MHYC & YIA Meet at the church at 2:45pm  
(or drop off/pick up at Munn Pro Shop at 3:15 and 5pm)  
Cost: \$5 entrance, \$3 skates (boyo if you got 'em)  
LPA required.

**MHYC: MAKIN' MORE  
THAN JUST A  
JOYFUL NOISE**

6-7:30pm

Jonathon Korpi will take us from "never picked up a bell before" to "making music together"! Who knows -- we may even play together in worship on February 5!

**NEXT  
SUNDAY  
JAN. 29**

**YIA: TOP SECRET  
MISSION!**

Okay, maybe not top secret. We just have a couple details to work out on the mission project, but we'll get them to you asap. We're taking Christ's love to the world!



## God's Gifts, Our Hands

The Tres M team would like to thank everyone who donated to this year's mission trip to Tabi, Mexico. These donations and your prayers will allow the team to finish and stock this health clinic that will serve the entire village of Tabi (construction began in 2002!) Over the years, crew-by-crew, brick-by-brick, year-in and year-out, you have been part of the support team that has finally made clean water and access to health care possible. Thanks for helping to make this blessing come true!



## Greenwood Gators Time!

### Full Scholarships Available by Clicking Here

Registration for camp opened on January 1 and the spots are filling quickly — especially since a few discounts are tied to early registration!

[Click here to register for camp](#), or visit

[www.campgreenwood.org](http://www.campgreenwood.org) before Jan. 31 for a 10% discount. Register and let us know in the office and you'll receive an FPC-Holt campership in June.

Finally, click the scholarship link above to learn about and apply for a "full" scholarship through FPC Grand Haven. Application deadline is May 15.

### Summer 2023 Line-Up!

#### THINK AHEAD AND PLAN!

- **Imagination Unchained**
  - June 11-16 Ages 9-13
- **Art Unleashed**
  - June 11-16 Ages 14-17
- **Wacky Water 1**
  - June 18-23 Ages 9-13
- **Science Snoops 1**
  - June 18-23 Ages 9-13
- **Adventure Camp**
  - June 25-30 Ages 13-17
- **Family Camp**
  - July 1-3 All Ages!
- **Mini Camp**
  - July 5-7 Ages 6-9
- **Wacky Water 2**
  - July 9-14 Ages 9-13
- **Science Snoops 2**
  - July 9-14 Ages 9-13
- **8-Day Explorers**
  - July 16-23 Ages 12-14
- **8-Day Seekers**
  - July 16-23 Ages 15-17

616.754.7258 | [office@CampGreenwood.org](mailto:office@CampGreenwood.org) | [www.CampGreenwood.org](http://www.CampGreenwood.org)

## SUNDAY, FEB. 5 ANNUAL CONGREGATION & CORPORATION MEETING

### [& SOUPER BOWL OF CARING]

On Sunday, Feb. 5, after worship (11:30-ish), join us in the Fellowship Hall and on Livestream\* to:

- Hear Kirk's annual report on the state of the church
- Receive the Clerk's Statistical report
- Receive the Treasurer's report (includes a statement of income and expenditures as compared to the preceding year's and a statement of the trusts, endowments, memorial and other special funds)
- Hear reports of various boards, organizations, and Session committees
- Review a copy of the current year's budget

\*The livestream link will be distributed in a separate, private email (and not publicly available on our website, Facebook page, Chanter or Loop).

**YIA WILL SERVE LUNCH  
ON SUNDAY, FEB. 5!**



**VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITE  
SOUP WITH DOLLAR BILLS  
-- FUNDS RAISED GO TO  
THE FOOD BANK**

The Souper Bowl of Caring is youth across the nation working to fight hunger and poverty — coincidentally, right about the time of that *other* Super Bowl.

YIA's take on the effort fills your stomach on Sunday, Feb. 5 in exchange for your "vote." Youth will prepare different soups for you to try, and then you get to vote on which soup (or soups) is your favorite. But this is no paper vote with hanging chads, it's a paper vote with dollar bills — of any denomination!

And the caring? All of your dollar bills will go to hunger relief in our own backyard: the Holt Community Food Bank.



# FOYO's Defy Gravity Today! (who needs snow?)

Even if we can't soar through the air on a tube (yet), we can still do some soaring!  
Meet with the FOYO's (Families with Young Ones) at 2pm at Defy trampoline and activity park, 820 S. Waverly Rd. in Lansing 48917. Accessible for all ages!



## Only 3 More Family Spots Available!

A poster for the FPC-Holt Families of Young Ones Winter Retreat. The background is dark blue with white snowflakes and a white border at the top and bottom. The text is in white and gold. The title "FPC-Holt Families of Young Ones Winter Retreat" is in a large, elegant script. Below it, the dates "February 17-19, 2023" and the location "Camp Wakanda 10396 Old State Road, Johannesburg" are listed. The cost is "\$200/family" and it says "Contact Kirk if cost is prohibitive". There are three links: "Click here to see last year's video", "Click here for more details", and "Click here to register". At the bottom, there is a list of activities: snow sculptures, sledding and skating, star gazing, Scrumptious Family Friendly meals, Board games/puzzles/hot chocolate by the fire, family focused Bible time, interactive/intergenerational worship, and building up the Body of Christ! The poster is decorated with snowflakes and a white border at the top and bottom.

*FPC-Holt  
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- sledding and skating
- star gazing
- Scrumptious Family Friendly meals
- Board games/puzzles/hot chocolate by the fire
- family focused Bible time
- interactive/intergenerational worship
- building up the Body of Christ!

# It's Retreat Season

Sign up today with the links below:

Only 3 more family slots  
available

Feb. 10-12 (MHYC - [click here](#))

Feb. 17-19 (FOYO - [click here](#))

Need 4 more mid-highs by  
1/22 to lock in Wakanda!

## This Week at FPC-Holt

<b>Sunday</b>	Jan. 22	9:00am	Adult Ed: Lauds (Hospitality Room & via Zoom)
		9:00am	Adult Ed: Parament Project (Art Room)
		10:00am	Worship Service in the Sanctuary and on Livestream
		11:30am	Justice League Lunch & Presentation
		2:00pm	FOYOs at Defy (820 S. Waverly, 48917)
		2:45pm	MHYC & YIA Ice Skating at Munn
		6:30pm	AA
<b>Monday</b>	Jan. 23		CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED ON MONDAYS
<b>Tuesday</b>	Jan. 24	6:00pm	Jazzercise
		6:00pm	Ringers of the Kirk Rehearse
		6:30pm	SA for Men
		7:00pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
		8:00pm	AA
<b>Wednesday</b>	Jan. 25	6:30pm	AA
<b>Thursday</b>	Jan. 26	1:00pm	Parament Project
		2:00pm	Tai Chi in the Fellowship Hall
		6:00pm	Jazzercise
		6:30pm	SA Women
<b>Saturday</b>	Jan. 28	9:00am	Jazzercise
		6:00pm	AA
<b>Sunday</b>	Jan. 29	9:00am	Adult Ed: Lauds (Hospitality Room & via Zoom)
		9:00am	Adult Ed: Parament Project (Art Room)
		9:00am	Adult Ed: What Does Paul Have Against Women?
		10:00am	Worship Service in the Sanctuary and on Livestream
		6:00pm	MHYC: More Than a Joyful Noise
		TBD	YIA: TBD
		6:30pm	AA