Fredonia Presbyterian Church
November 8, 2026



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Prepare for Worship

Welcome to worship, where God gathers us in the name of love. At FPC, we hope to be challenged by Scripture, comforted by community, and energized by service. If you're new here or it's been a while, we're glad you walked in today. For more, check out the Weekly Guide Sheet. All people: toddlers, teenagers, Gen Xers, Boomers and beyond, LGBTQIA+ folx, conservative or liberal people, and those with differing abilities and mental health journeys—all—are cherished and affirmed here.

Catch up with one another as you come in! When the **chiming of the hour** sounds, please keep the silence as we prepare for worship.

Reformed worship centers around the Word, both the Word of scripture and Christ as the Word incarnate. Worship, then, is our communal and individual response to the Word.

Bold text is read by the congregation in one voice.

***Please rise in body or in spirit.

Confession isn't to prove you're pious. It's to help rebuild connections between you and God, you and yourself, you and others, and us and the world.

Gather

PRELUDE - Lily Li

CHIMING OF THE HOUR
Use this moment of silence to gather your heart and mind as we prepare for worship.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS - Rev. Holly

CHORAL INTROIT - The Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP - Melissa Chwojdak
One: Come, all who are ready.
All: And come, all who are still figuring it out.
One: Come with your lamps burning, or come looking for a little light.
All: There is room for all of us in the presence of God.
One: God is not looking for another performance.
All: God is looking for lives that reflect love and justice.
One: Let justice roll down like waters!
All: And righteousness like an ever-flowing stream!
One: So let us worship God, with open hearts and ready hands.

*HYMN NO. 409 *God Is Here!*

CALL FOR THE OFFERING
In lieu of passing the plates, please use this time to consider your gift to the church.

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION
Generous God, take these gifts and use them to make your love tangible. May they feed the hungry, welcome the stranger, comfort the lonely, and strengthen the work of justice in our community and beyond. May our giving be more than a moment in worship; may it be a reflection of the lives we seek to live. Amen.

HYMN NO. 606 DOXOLOGY
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heaven-ly host; *praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen. **Or Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost*

CALL TO CONFESSION AND SILENT CONFESSION
(You are invited to share your wrongdoings and sorrows with God).

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION
God of justice and mercy, we confess that sometimes we get the details right and miss the point entirely.

(prayer continues)

Scripture: Our pastor (usually) follows the Revised Common Lectionary, an ecumenical, Biblical reading program. This helps the Holy Spirit move into places we might otherwise miss.

Our Choir: Anyone can join the choir. They practice Sunday mornings at 9:30. Just show up!

The Lord's Prayer: We use "debts and debtors" in the Lord's Prayer. If you're more comfortable with the "trespass" language, please use it. Or if this prayer is meaningful to you in a different language, pray it that way. We all get to "Amen" together.

Communion: Served on 1st Sundays. Anyone, regardless of age or membership, is invited to partake. We use non-alcoholic grape juice. Gluten free bread is available with its own cup. If you're nervous, just ask someone. You can't mess this up (although sometimes, we do make a mess and that's okay too!)

We have mistaken being busy for being faithful. We have mistaken being prepared for being present. We have mistaken our own comfort for your peace.
Forgive us when our worship doesn't make its way into the world. Wake us up to the needs around us. Fill our lamps with compassion and our lives with the kind of love that makes a difference. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON
One: We are forgiven, healed, and made whole. May all God's people say,
All: Amen

SUNG RESPONSE TO THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON
HYMN NO. 582 *Glory to God*

Word

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

HEBREW TEXT: AMOS 5:18–24

ANTHEM

MOMENT WITH GOD'S YOUNG DISCIPLES
Children 3-12 are invited to attend Fred Kids! a time for faith-formation and fun.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 25:1–13
One: The Word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God

SERMON - Rev. Holly

MUSICAL REFLECTION - Lily Li

Engage

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and power and the glory forever. Amen.

Offering: Giving does not buy you God's love—that is free. Giving simply helps keep our heat on, our ministries going, and our staff, paid.

An offering plate is found at the front of the sanctuary. You may also mail, Venmo, or PayPal a donation.

We **affirm our faith** together because as diverse as we are, as differently as we vote, as many interests as we have, we have these beliefs that we share.

Benediction is a fancy word for blessing.

Worship Notes
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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the One Triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.
From: A Brief Statement of Faith, Presbyterian Church (USA)

*HYMN NO. 749 *We Are Called*

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

*SHARE THE PEACE OF CHRIST
Go now in peace, go now in peace, May the love of God surround you everywhere, everywhere you may go.

Worship Leaders
Pastor, The Rev. Holly Clark-Porter
Parish Associate, The Rev. Zoe Milliman
Director of Music, Lily Li
Liturgist, Melissa Chwojdak
Teacher: Katie Sanders

Clerk of Session, Rey Spangler
Session: Janine Scaccia, Betsy White, Kristi Leone, Trish Lehnen, Rey Spangler, Matthew Carman
Admin. Response Team: Rey Spangler, Matthew Carman, Betsy White

Deacons of the Month for November: Sand Johnson & Janine Scaccia

ALL ARE WELCOME to a time of fellowship from 11:30-12:15 after the service today in the Fellowship Hall. We welcome 11 news members at coffee hour!!

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