



Fredonia Presbyterian Church  
May 10, 2026



*A Mother and Her Child, Christian Krohg*

## 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 bulletin insert. All people: toddlers, teenagers, Gen Xers, Boomers and beyond, LGBTQIA+ folk, conservative or liberal people, and those with differing abilities and mental health—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

CHORAL INTROIT

- The Choir

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

- Trish Lehnen

One: Athens, of 2000 years ago, was full of altars and idols.

**All: Our world is also full of distractions and obsessions.**

One: Athens was full of people searching for meaning; sometimes on the right track, sometimes on a track far away.

**All: Honestly, same.**

One: So, Paul stood in the middle of the city and said, "God is closer than you think."

**All: Closer than the air in our lungs. Closer than the beat of our hearts.**

One: So come as you are--curious, weary, joyful, skeptical, hopeful.

**All: For in God we live and move and have our being. Let us worship God!**

\*HYMN NO. 5 *God the Sculptor of the Mountains*

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

**God who made heaven and earth, you invite us to participate in your work of love and restoration. So take these gifts, and take our lives too.**

**Use our money, our energy, our compassion, our conversations, and our courage to help build a world that looks more like your kin-dom.**

**Help us remember that faith is not just something we believe, but something we practice together. 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).*

**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 1<sup>st</sup> 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!)

#### UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of heaven and earth, we confess that we often look for life in things that cannot give life.**

**We fill our schedules but neglect our souls.**

**We scroll endlessly but struggle to truly connect.**

**We want quick answers instead of deep wisdom.**

**We want comfort instead of transformation.**

**Forgive us for the ways we shrink you down to something manageable and convenient.**

**Open our eyes to your presence already at work around us.**

**Help us recognize your image in our neighbors, your voice in truth and beauty, and your Spirit moving in unexpected places.**

**Teach us again what it means to truly live in You. 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. 452 *Open the Eyes of My Heart*

#### Word

#### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

HEBREW TEXT: PSALM 66:8-20

#### CHORAL ANTHEM

#### MOMENT WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

*Children 3-12 are invited to attend Fred Kids! A time for faith-formation and fun.*

#### GREEK TEXT: ACTS 17:22-31 (WRITTEN BY LUKE)

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. 582 *Glory to God*

#### \*CHARGE & BLESSING

#### \*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  
Childcare Staff: Reece Lehnen  
Liturgist, Trish Lehnen  
Fred Kids 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 May  
Sandy Johnson and Jenn O'Boyle

- **ALL ARE WELCOME** to a time of fellowship from 11:30-12:15 after the service today in the Fellowship Hall.

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