



FPCF

OCTOBER 22, 2023
ORDINARY TIME



THY KINGDOM COME

GATHERING

▲ This symbol means to please stand whether in body or spirit.

GREETING + WELCOME

PRELUDE: Aria from *Sonata in Classic Style* (Gordon Young)

▲ CALL TO WORSHIP

▲ **PROCESSIONAL HYMN:** "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" (#12)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

RESPONSE: "Hear the Good News of Salvation" (#441)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

▲ SHARING OF PEACE

WORD

▲ **REFRAIN:** "Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God" (#175, 2X)

CHILDREN'S SERMON + BLESSING

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OT READING: Isaiah 45:1-7

NT READING: 1 Thessalonians 1:10

▲ **REFRAIN:** "The Kingdom of God is Justice and Peace"

▲ **GOSPEL READING:** Matthew 22:15-22

SERMON: "A Kingdom of God's Sovereignty"

RESPONSE

▲ **HYMN:** "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me" (#438)

▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

OFFERING + CHORAL ANTHEM: "Sing Ye Praises to Our King" (Aaron Copland)

▲ PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION + THE LORD'S PRAYER

MOMENT FOR MISSION: Stacey Doyle (Genesee County Free Medical Clinic)

DISMISSAL

ANNOUNCEMENTS

▲ **HYMN:** "God of Grace and God of Glory" (#307)

▲ **BENEDICTION + CHORAL BENEDICTION:** "Sizohamba naye/We Will Walk with God" (arr. John Bell)

POSTLUDE: Postludium from *Sonata in Classic Style* (Gordon Young)

WELCOME HOME

Welcome to today's service of worship at FPCF! No matter who you are or where you have been, you are welcome here as we worship God together. During today's greeting, please introduce yourself to those around you and welcome them to worship today!

TODAY'S ANTHEM TEXT

"Sing Ye Praises to Our King" (Aaron Copland)

*Sing ye praises, sing ye praises to our King,
O sing ye praises,
sing ye praises to our King and Ruler.
Come and hear all on earth.
Come and hear my praises.
He doth bless all the earth,
bringeth peace and comfort.
Shout unto God all on earth.
Shout unto God all your praises.
He doth bless all the earth,
bringeth peace and comfort.
Sing ye praises, sing ye praises to our King.
O sing ye praises, sing ye praises.
Come and praise Him all on earth.
Shout and praise Him all on earth.*

PIPE YOUTH

Pipe meets this afternoon from 4:00-6:00p. Join us for yummy snacks, fun games, and good friends. We can't wait to grow in faith together and don't forget to join us on Wednesday nights after family dinner for Bible Study from 6:00-7:00p. See ya there!

Pipe is going to DNow! This year's dates are November 3-5. Register now at dnowflint.com! D-Now Flint is an annual fall retreat that is hosted by combination of youth groups from all over the Greater Flint area. We believe that God's Kingdom is far bigger than any one church or church's youth group. We seek to see students transformed to live out the Gospel in their schools and neighborhoods. We gather across denominations to worship, learn, and be sent as one to invite God's Kingdom to come.

Pipe is going to have some fall fun! On October 28 at 4:00p, we're headed to Flushing Farms! Get ready for some corn mazes, hayrides, and donuts! Bring \$10 and a friend! See ya there!

FPCF KIDS

Children will be attending one of our Worship Centers after they are dismissed from the Sanctuary:

- 3 years - Kindergarten
(Worship Center 1: The Grove)
- 1st - 2nd Grade
(Worship Center 3: Second Floor)
- 3rd - 6th Grade
(Worship Center 2: The Grove)

Worship Center concludes at 11:50a each Sunday. Following Worship Center, children will be dismissed to The Grove for pick up. Younger children in the Nursery or the Red Room can be picked up on the second floor. You and your family are welcome to play in The Grove following Worship!

SUNDAY FAITH FORMATION

We gather every Sunday for adult Faith Formation in Room 129 at 9:30a. Each week, we discuss the Gospel lectionary passage and give you some behind the scenes information that will make the text come alive. Plus, intergenerational conversations and discussions at your tables! Join us this Sunday in Room 129. See you there!

NEW WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

There is a new Women's Bible Study beginning on Thursday, October 19 at 10:00a entitled "Prayer in the Night" by Trish Harrison Warren in Room 129 led by Kim Skaff.

FOOD GIVEAWAY VOLUNTEERS

We are in need of volunteers for the Crossover Food Giveaway on Monday, October 30 from 8:30a-2:30p at Court Street Methodist Church. See Luz at the Welcome Desk to sign up.

SAVE THE DATE: VOCAL RECITAL

We will be hosting a vocal recital featuring Emily Marvosh (contralto), Collin Whitfield (collaborative pianist), Arturo Ziraldo (violinist), and Jamie Fiste (cellist) on Friday, November 17 at 7:30p in the Sanctuary. This recital is themed around nature, love, and spirituality. Featured composers include Ralph Vaughan Williams, Johannes Brahms, Antonín Dvořák, Florence Price, and works by 21st-century composers. Please bring your family and friends to this wonderful event! Recital is free to the public.

THANKSGIVING FOOD BOXES

Each Thanksgiving, Crossover serves 100 families and 20 senior citizens and/or special needs adults with boxes of "traditional" Thanksgiving foods allowing them to celebrate Thanksgiving.

These boxes are meant to provide a traditional Thanksgiving meal for the family without additional strain on already minimal to non-existent budgets.

To uplift those in need with a "traditional" Thanksgiving meal, we need extra items. We are asking your help to share the love of the holiday season by donating the extra items needed to complete these Thanksgiving boxes. We need gravy (powdered mix or canned), canned cranberry sauce, canned sweet potatoes, more green beans and corn, and more stuffing mix (any items would be appreciated...these would be suggestions to round out the meal!). Please feel free to drop your donated items off to the church.

JANE FANER SWEERS PRESENTS SPEAKER, BECCA STEVENS

The Jane Faner Sweers Faith Foundation is pleased to present speaker, Becca Stevens! She will be speaking here at FPCF on Saturday, October 28 and preaching on October 29 during worship. Products from her company, Thistle Farms, will be available for purchase here during this time and also available online. Becca will also be joining us for neighborhood breakfast and Faith Formation. Becca Stevens is a speaker, justice entrepreneur, author, priest, and founder and President of Thistle Farms. She has been featured on PBS News Hour, The Today Show, CNN, ABC World News, named a CNN Hero, and White House Champion of Change. She also holds five honorary doctorates and raised over \$75M in funding for justice initiatives. Drawn from 25 years of leadership in mission-driven work, Becca leads important conversations across the country with an inspiring message that love is the strongest force for change in the world. Join us!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT EVENING OF STORIES

Y'ALL COME. If you're reading this, make plans to join us at the church for this Wednesday (6:00-7:00p) as we gather to practice the sacred art of storytelling. This week, we are again inviting you to prepare a five-minute story about....stories and/or story telling. Consider one of the following prompts:

1. Tell us a story (true/folktale/myth/bible/family) that you connect to your childhood.
2. Tell us about a person you know/knew who was especially gifted storyteller. What made them good in your eyes?
3. Tell us about a time when a story you read "came to life" in your life. Did you ever find a time when your life resembled the plot of a story you've read?
4. Tell us what highlights would you want to be included in the official story of your life. What parts would you want to leave out?

WEEKLY CALENDAR

TODAY (10.22)

- 8:00a Neighborhood Breakfast
- 9:00a Choir Rehearsal
- 9:30a Faith Formation
- 10:30a Worship
- 1:00p Bruce Nieuwenhuis Tribute + Reception
- 4:00p Pipe Youth

MONDAY (10.23)

- 8:30a Jeremiah Project Meeting
- 5:30p Women's Bible Study

TUESDAY (10.24)

- 10:00a Women's Bible Study
- 3:30p Facilities Team Meeting
- 4:45p Koinonia Team Meeting
- 5:30p Session Meeting

WEDNESDAY (10.25)

- 10:00a Sewing Ladies Meeting
- 10:00a Women's Bible Study
- 5:15p Arts Team Meeting
- 5:15p Family Dinner
- 6:00p Adult Faith Formation
- Children's Choir
- Pipe Bible Study

THURSDAY (10.26)

- 9:00a Food Bank Volunteer Group (Offsite)
- 10:00a Women's Bible Study
- 6:15p Concert Handbell Rehearsal
- 7:00p Chancel Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY (10.27)

- 11:00a Haskel Walker Funeral + Reception

SATURDAY (10.28)

- 9:00a Men's Bible Study Group
- 10:00a Becca Stevens Speaking Event
- 4:00p Youth Flushing Farm Trip

SUNDAY (10.29)

- 8:00a Neighborhood Breakfast
- 9:00a Choir Rehearsal
- 9:30a Faith Formation
- 10:30a Worship
- 4:00p Pipe Youth

IN TODAY'S SERVICE

PREACHING TODAY

Rev. Dr. Joseph Novak

ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Rev. Paul Ytterock

LECTOR

Pam Morgan

ORGANIST

Collin Whitfield

ACOLYTES

Gideon Field (light)
Michael Reigle (banner)

ASL INTERPRETER

Karly Blandford

CONVENIENT WAYS TO GIVE

OFFERING PLATE: Add your gift or pledge to the offering plate as it comes to your pew.

ONLINE: To access our secure online platform go to fpcf.org/give or use the QR Code below.

OFFERING BOX: Outside of the Sanctuary there is a secure drop box available.

Scan QR Code
to make your
contribution online.

