



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

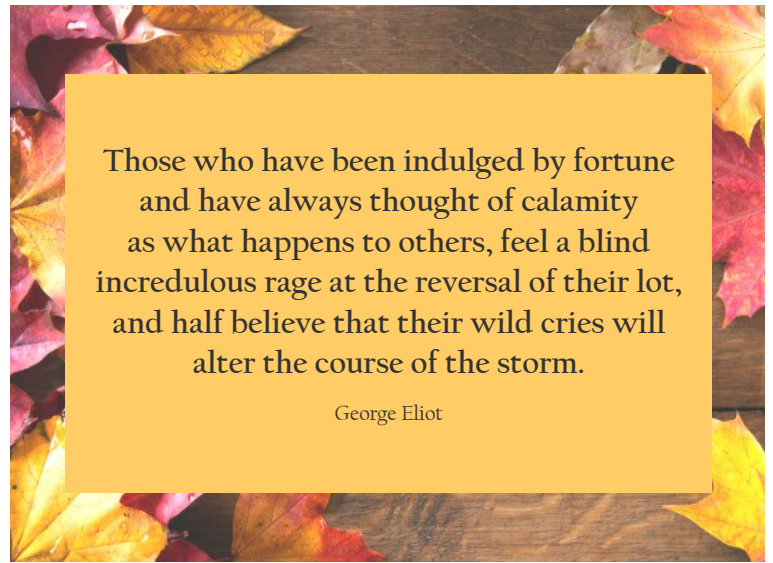
508 FRANKLIN AVENUE, GRAND HAVEN, MICHIGAN 49417

10:00 a.m.

October 18, 2020

*20th Sunday after Pentecost*

Rev. Troy Hauser Brydon, Senior Pastor  
Rev. Kristine Aragon Bruce, Associate Pastor  
Rev. Scott Stanley, Parish Associate  
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George Eliot

**Welcome to Worship Online!**

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PRELUDE—*Prière à Notre-Dame*

Léon Boëllmann

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT—*Bella of Our Savior*

James Christensen

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (based upon Psalm 145)

One: The Holy One is here in this community of faith:

**All: Great is our God and greatly to be praised!**

One: Let us bless the Holy Name forever and ever:

**All: Great is our God and greatly to be praised!**

One: Let us meditate on God's wondrous works:

**All: Great is our God and greatly to be praised!**

One: Let us bless and praise God's name forever and ever:

**All: Great is our God and greatly to be praised!**

LIGHTING THE CANDLE TOGETHER

OPENING HYMN—*Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*

Hymn #35

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Oh God, you call us to patience and diligence as we wait for you, but we get discouraged and give up too soon. You call us to collaborate in community to do your work, but we neither trust nor honor the gifts of others. You call us to be full of joyful confidence in serving you, but we burden ourselves with anxiety and fear. Lord, have mercy upon us. Forgive us, O God, and lead us in the ways of patience, community, and joy.**

*(time for silent confession)*

RESPONSE—*Kyrie*

**Lord, have mercy upon us; Christ, have mercy upon us; Lord, have mercy upon us.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

RESPONSE—*Gloria Patri*

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Lesson—Ecclesiastes 3:9-15

Second Lesson—Esther 6:1-11

\*For those who are able, please stand.

RESPONSIVE SONG—*Come, Now is the Time to Worship*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and 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.**

STEWARDSHIP VIDEO—Melissa VerHage

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY—*Your Grace Finds Me*

\*DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*PRAYER OF THANKS

\*CLOSING HYMN—*Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*

Hymn #687

\*CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION

One: As we faithfully live our lives in this coming week, what does God call us to do?

All: **We are called to celebrate God's grace as a Christ-centered community of acceptance, growing in faith and living as Christ's hands to serve.**

\*BENEDICTION and CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE—*All The People Said Amen*

POSTLUDE—*Menuet Gothique*

Léon Boëllmann

## WORSHIP CONCLUDES—SERVICE BEGINS!



*The flowers in the chancel are dedicated to the glory of God  
in loving memory of Carol & Winfield S. Hall  
by Nita Pellegrom.*

## Our Church Family & Friends

### Congratulations!

to Dorothy Miller and Linda Green on the October 7th birth of (great) granddaughter, Charlie Rae Green. Parents are Jeremy & Georgeann Green.

to great-grandmother, Sandra Peel, on the October 8th birth of great-grandson, Arthur Thomas. Parents are Sam and Jen Nicholas

**Prayer requests:** Barb Bekins, Brian Anderson and Joan Tandler, Mary Lou Bender, Betty Berg, Marilew Helmers, Stan Johnson, Beth Maschewske, Joe McCrea, Beverly Purcell, Barbara Race, Lisa Stoner, and Jim & Sandy Teunis

**Your ongoing generosity with the church is appreciated!** A drop box has been installed between the set of doors at the Clinton Street entrance where you can securely drop off your offering while maintaining "social distancing." You can also mail your offering: 508 Franklin Ave, GH 49417, give online using [onrealm.org](http://onrealm.org) or text **FPGH** to **73256**. We are working hard to keep the church strong, serving, and ready to relaunch as soon as we are able.



### Worship Leaders:

Rev. Troy Hauser Brydon, Senior Pastor; Rev. Kristine Aragon Bruce, Associate Pastor; Maryanne Beery, Director of Music & Fine Arts; Rob Hlebinsky, Organist; Carillon Ringers; Marc Felt, Gathering Band Director; Kim McDonough, Aaron Portenga, Tim Olson, Musicians

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