

# Firelands Presbyterian Church

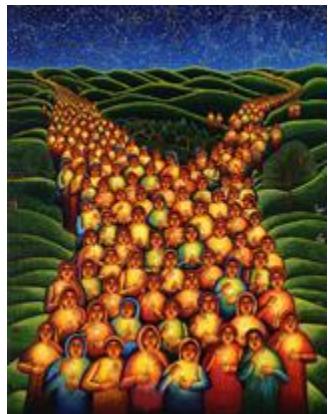
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Welcome to Firelands Church, a community of believers gathered by the Holy Spirit, growing together in Christ, and committed to serving God. Everyone is encouraged to stay for fellowship following the worship service.

## The Order Of The Liturgy

\*Those who are able are invited to stand.

Prelude

*Here I Am, Lord*

Schutte/Carter

*I Want to Walk as a Child of Light*      Thomerson/Hayes

Call to Worship

Today, we shield ourselves with three-fold power,

**Invoking the Trinity.**

Belief in the Trinity, professing the unity.

**In union with the Creator.**

Invocation (*together*)

**Early in the morning I seek your presence, O God, not because you are ever absent from me but because often I am absent from you at the heart of each moment where you forever dwell. In the rising of the sun, in the unfolding color and shape of the morning open my eyes to the mystery of this moment that in every moment of the day I may know your life-giving presence. Open my eyes that in every moment I may know you as the One who is always now.**

[Sounds of the Eternal: A Celtic Psalter, by J. Philip Newell]

\*Hymn 41

*O Worship the King (vs 1, 23)*

Call to Confession

Have mercy on us, O God the Father almighty, O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, only begotten of the Father, first-born of Mary, son of David, son of

Abraham, beginning of all things, fulfillment of the world, Word of God, Christ crucified, eternal judge, have mercy on us.

Prayer of Confession (*together*)

**I come before your sight, O Lord, as one accused with my conscience as witness. I pray, not daring to ask what I am not worthy to receive. But Lord, you know everything that drives us to confess to you; what we are ashamed of, and the sins we were not afraid to commit. With these words we yield to you our hearts and minds, and commend to you what we say, but not what we have done. Spare us, O Lord, and forgive the sins we confess. Have mercy on those who call to you. And because my senses are weak in comprehending your mysteries, grant, Lord, the things we do not ask because of the hardness of our hearts, and grant us pardon; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Silent Meditation

Assurance of Pardon

May the God of mercy, who forgives you all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God! Amen!**

Hymn #582      *Glory to God   Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.*

Prayer of Illumination (*together*)

**Holy Spirit, pour out upon us wisdom and understanding, that, being taught by you in Holy Scripture, our hearts and minds may be opened to receive all that leads to life and holiness. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

First Lesson: Isaiah 58:1-9a

**1 Shout out; do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. 2 Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments; they want God on their side. 3 "Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?" Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day and oppress all your workers. 4 You fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. 5 Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord? 6 Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? 7 Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them and not to hide yourself from your own kin? 8 Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you; the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. 9 Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, "Here I am."**

Anthem

*"Miracles"*   *DeFord*

Second Lesson:

Matthew 5: 13 - 20

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God!**

Sermon:

Living in the Kingdom of God, part 2

\*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. 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. Amen.**

\*Hymn 697

*Take My Life (vs 1,2 6)*

Offering Our Tithes and Gifts - Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

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

Prayers of the Church 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

Communion Invitation

The Lord be with you.      **And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts.      **We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. In Jesus, born of Mary, your Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth. He lived as one of us, knowing joy and sorrow. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, opened blind eyes, broke bread with outcasts and sinners, and proclaimed the good news of your kingdom to the poor and needy. Dying on the cross, he gave himself for the life of the world. Rising from the grave, he won for us victory over death. Seated at your right hand, he leads us to eternal life. We praise you that Christ now reigns with you in glory, and will come again to make all things new. Remembering your gracious acts in Jesus Christ, we take from your creation this bread and this wine and joyfully celebrate his dying and rising, as we await the day of his coming. With thanksgiving, we offer our very selves to you to be a living and holy sacrifice, dedicated to your service. Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that he leads us to eternal life. We praise you that Christ now reigns with you in glory, and will come again to make all things new. Amen.

## The Words of the Institution of the Lord's Supper

The bread which we break is the communion of the body of Christ.

The cup of blessing which we bless is the communion of the blood of Christ.

Communion Meditation      *Remembrance*      deSilva

Prayer after Communion.

\*Hymn 81      *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Benediction Response 547 *Go, My Children, with My Blessing* vs 3

*Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.*

*Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.*

*Here my Spirit's power filled you; here my tender comfort stilled you.*

*Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.*

\*Postlude      *In Thee Gladness*      arr. Osman

## This Week at Firelands

<b>Today</b>	9:30 am Adult Sunday School 10:30 Worship followed by Fellowship. Assisting in Worship are Karen Dietz (reader), and Sally & Dave Wahlers (Communion servers), and Choir: Gwen Aber, Janet Gray-Moore, Linda Holcomb, Carol Riznokove, Betty Roberts
<b>Monday</b>	10:00am - 1:00pm   Sewing Group
<b>Tuesday</b>	10:00am - 2:00pm   Office Hours
<b>Wednesday</b>	10:00am - 2:00pm   Office Hours
<b>Thursday</b>	10:00am - 2:00pm   Office Hours, Cleaning Service 2:00pm   The Chosen - study & fellowship
<b>Next Sunday</b>	9:30 AM Adult Sunday School 10:30 Worship followed by Fellowship. Mr. Dan Moulton preaching. Scheduled to assist are Ernie McCullough (reader), and Karen & Jay Viery (Communion servers)
<b>2/18 Ash Wednesday</b>	4:00 PM Worship with Imposition of Ashes and Communion 5:00 PM Church Dinner of Soup & Salad

## Prayer Concerns

Rob & Cindy Constien, Garrett Holcomb, Bill & Pat Sharp, Former Pastor Bobbi Bella & Wes, Former Pastor Mark & Jill Cooper, Gene Bailey, Karla Hoffman, Betty & Jim Layton's nephew, Eric, Karen Dietz, Mason Fenton & Anne Trombatore, Linda Holcom's sisters (Lois & Carol), Eric and Fiona Pott and her brother, Jeff Thompson, Mary (neighbor of McIntoshes), her sister, Darlene, and her mother, Pearl.