

**Angels in bright raiment
rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes
where thy body lay.**

**Thine is the glory,
risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory
thou o'er death hast won.**

CHILDREN'S OFFERING; BLESSING

**Congregation: May the Lord go with you as you
worship and learn together.**

Children: May the Lord be with you as you
worship here.

Congregation: Go in peace.

Children: We go in peace. Amen.

During the response to the Passing of the Peace, newborns through 5th grade are invited to come forward to the chancel steps for the blessing. After the blessing, they will be dismissed to the Nursery and to the Children's Worship Center in the lower level for the Children and Worship time. Please pick up your child from the Nursery or Worship Center when they have finished their time of worship.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 53:1-6

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

For the Beauty of the Earth

John Rutter

Liam Cox, Lexi Galliers, Lauren Geates, Megan Ransom, soloists

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

John 10:22-30

The Gospel of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

REFLECTION

"My Sheep"

Rev. Mark Morningstar

Question of the day: How does Jesus know his sheep?

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *From Scripture*

**This is the good news which we have received,
in which we stand, and by which we are saved,
if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins
according to the Scriptures, that he was buried,
that he was raised on the third day,
and that he appeared first to the women,
then to Peter, and to the Twelve,
and then to many faithful witnesses.**

**We believe that Jesus is the Christ,
the Son of the living God.**

**Jesus Christ is the first and the last,
the beginning and the end;
he is our Lord and our God. Amen.**

*HYMN No. 803 *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(If you have a prayer of concern or joy, please text 989-954-3297.)

MORNING PRAYER AND 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 sins, as we forgive those who have sinned against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*HYMN No. 187 *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE *The Lord Bless You* Hal Hopson

* POSTLUDE *Voluntary* John Garth

*NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS, SO GO IN PEACE AND SERVE THE LORD

Notes:

*Stand in body and spirit.

Worship Leaders: Mary Jo Cox; Norma Richardson The Chancel Choir; Mark Morningstar; David Martin Stevens

The Prayers and Concern of the Congregation are extended to:

John Daniels, Jean Winther, Jennifer Miller Sheffield (Andrew Miller's sister), Kolton Hutson, J T Schmitt (Barb Lindley's son-in-law), Nick Baker, Mike McNabb, Scott Campbell (Andrew & Martha Miller's friend), Betty Gempel, David & Flynn Gray, Lois Miller, Jaime Love (brother of Kevin Love), Louisa Ellis (Jeff & Cam Ellis granddaughter), Suzanne Hand, Charles Loubert, Jim Gilbert, Verna Russell, Sarah Gilbert, Joyce McNabb, Lavona Osborne. Cathy Chang and Noah Lapp, Vowles Elementary, First Presbyterian, Deckerville, MI, Evangelical Reformed Church in Lithuania and the Nutrition Club of Community Compassion Network.

Offering

If you are joining us for worship in-person and would like to give an offering, please place your offering in an offering plate. You can also give your pledge, per capita payment, or offering by mailing it to the church office: First Presbyterian Church, 1250 Watson Road, Mt. Pleasant, 48858. You can also give an offering by going to the church's website, www@fpcmp.org and hit the "Give Now" button or use the QR Code,



Save the Date

Blood Drive

Saturday, May 31, 2025, from 9AM to 2PM.

To sign up to give blood, scan the QR Code or click the link:

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=fpcmp>



Biography

Mark Morningstar was born and lived near Flint before attending Western Michigan University. After college, I lived in Kalamazoo for 2 years before moving to Traverse City where God entered the picture so off to Louisville. While at LPTS I met Cynthia, my wife of 42 years. We have three daughters and two grandsons.

We have had three called positions, Plymouth outside Detroit, Sandusky in the Thumb and Shelbyville south of Indianapolis. Plus I worked as a student at a church in Cincinnati for two years, was an Intern Associate Pastor in Traverse City and served for a part-time Stated Supply position after retirement.

We moved to Mount Pleasant because our grandsons live here with parents Matt and Beth. Our youngest daughter, Jill lives near East Lansing and my 94 year old dad still lives in his house near Flint. Our oldest daughter, Mandy moved to Sherman, Texas over 10 years ago, but we never planned to move that far from Owen and Gavin so we settled here.

I like to golf, fish, watch and play lots of sports and go to plays. Cynthia is an accomplished pianist with a BA in Piano Performance and worked on a Masters Degree in two places when marriage got in the way. She did attend UM-Flint for a year to try to get her teaching certificate but ended up working at our local library instead. She has been a church music director and accompanist for high school choirs. Cynthia reads around 120 books a year, enjoys traveling, sporting events, concerts and plays.