

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ROYAL OAK

MAY 26, 2024 | 9 & 10:30AM

Trinity Sunday



Spirituality | Service | Sharing

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church of Royal Oak

We hope you sense an authentic community here! This church is *not* for people who have everything about their faith figured out. It's not for people whose lives are neat and tidy. *This is a community gathered in Christ.* Together, we are seeking a world made whole. The Holy Spirit draws us together with our doubts, struggles, *and* our celebrations. God is at work transforming us and showing us glimpses of Christ's light in the world!

Our worship service follows a traditional format. Our prayers and preaching put the Bible in conversation with practical questions to help us live faithfully in our daily lives. Our community is made up of people who bring different experiences and perspectives. Together, we trust in God's grace and love, which are free gifts to us, no matter what life brings our way. We don't need to earn that love, yet we can always rely on it.

If you are seeking to be comforted, challenged, or to grow in your faith, we would be honored to accompany you on that journey. You are welcome here just as you are.

Rev. Emma Nickel

Pastor

Children Belong Here

There is a place for families and children of all ages here! We believe children who worship with their church family stick with their faith for a lifetime. Choose what works best for your family:

- *Playground* in the back of the sanctuary, where children may do quiet activities, with you nearby to assist, as they absorb the worship service.
- *Pew Pouches* with children's Bibles to help guide children who sit with their family during the worship service. Find these in the back pew.
- *Sunday School: Following the Time with Children*, kids may go with Sunday school leaders to class, which ends at the conclusion of the worship service.
- *Nursery: Childcare* for infants and toddlers during the 10:30am service, with background-checked staff and volunteers.

Finding Your Way

Kirkman Fellowship Hall: Use either staircase in the lobby to go downstairs into the Hall. *Nursery:* Located to the right of the lobby, down the hallway across from the Sunflowers Preschool classroom. *Elevator:* Down the hall, left past the Sunflowers Preschool classroom. *Restrooms:* Women's & Men's are at the top of the short stairwells in the lobby; All Gender/Single in the narthex outside the sanctuary; Accessible is at the end of the hallway near the Fireside Room. *Hearing-assist devices:* Ushers near the sanctuary doors are available to assist you.

Interested in Joining?

For those interested in exploring the possibility of membership or learning more about who we are and what we do, new member gatherings take place several times a year. To get connected, contact Rev. Emma Nickel at enickel@fpcro.org



Giving

Giving online is a fast and easy! Click GIVE at www.fpcro.org to make a one-time gift. Recurring gifts may set up using a debit/credit card, or a PayPal account using the QR code. Cash/checks may be placed in the offering plates by the side aisle doors or in the basket in the narthex entry. Thank you for sharing your gifts with God and the church!





GATHERING

At the ◊ you may stand in body or in spirit. Bold text is read or sung in unison.

Prelude

9:00

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

arr. Fred Bock

10:30

Partita on “Holy, Holy, Holy”

Piet Post

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Welcome & Announcements

◊ Call to Worship¹

One: We have come to worship God, the living God,

All: who calls prophets and teachers to bear witness.

One: We have come to praise the Christ, our almighty savior,

All: who answers the forces of hatred and hurt with the power of grace.

One: We have come to worship the all-gracious Spirit,

All: who calls you and me to receive and carry the Word of life and hope.

All glory to God!

◊ Hymn (*next page*)

“Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud”

Text: Thomas Troeger ©1986 Oxford University Press

Call to Confession and Kyrie Eleison

One: Let us confess our sins to the Triune God who invites into new life. Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: Christ, have mercy upon us.

All: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Prayer of Confession

All: Holy God, we know that you are always there to lead us, yet we somehow lose our way and fall back into fear. We confess that we have stumbled, and we recognize our need for you to lift us up and help us start again. Forgive us our failings, restore us to strength, and reconcile us with you, ourselves, and each other, through the power of Christ and the gift of your Spirit.

[silence for individual prayer]

One: In God’s holy name, we pray,

All: Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

One: We are no longer bound to our sinful natures. Sin has no claim on us anymore, because through the power of the Holy Spirit, we have put to death our old ways of acting and thinking.

We have been given new life as God’s own children.

Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud



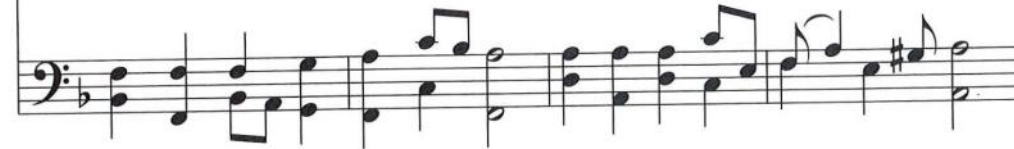
- 1 Source and Sov-ereign, Rock and Cloud, For-tress, Foun-tain, Shel - ter, Light,
- 2 Word and Wis - dom, Root and Vine, Shep-herd, Sav-ior, Ser - vant, Lamb,
- 3 Storm and Still - ness, Breath and Dove, Thun-der, Tem-pest, Whirl-wind, Fire,



Judge, De - fend-er, Mer - cy, Might, Life whose life all life en-dowed:
Well and Wa - ter, Bread and Wine, Way who leads us to I AM:
Com - fort, Coun-selor, Pres-ence, Love, En-er - gies that nev - er tire:



May the church at prayer re - call that no sin - gle ho - ly name



but the truth be-hind them all is the God whom we pro - claim.



All: Through the power of the Triune God, our sins are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

◇ **Gloria Patri**

Hymn #734

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.

◇ **Passing of the Peace**

One: Filled with the Spirit of Love, we exchange signs of peace. May the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you!

All: And also with you.

(10:30am)

Time with the Children

After the Time with the Children, kids may go to Sunday school classes with their teachers. They will return to the sanctuary at the end of the service.



PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

All: Come, Holy Spirit, giver of life; breathe into us that we may hear a word of truth this day. Draw us into communion, enable us to love, and conspire to make us one with you for the world you so deeply love. Amen.

Psalm

“Psalm 29”

Sung to the Hymn-tune *Austrian Hymn*, #598 “Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”

**“All on earth and all in heaven, raise to God a song on high;
Strength unmeasured, love unbounded, God alone we glorify.
At God’s voice the clouds assemble, thunder roars and torrents fall;
Earth shall quake before God’s presence, mountains tremble at God’s call.”**

Paraphrase of Psalm 29 ©1999 Michael Morgan, *The Psalter for Christian Worship*, Witherspoon Press

Scripture Reading

Romans 8:12-17

Pew Bible, NT pg. 164

One: The Word of God for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

(10:30am)

Anthem

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

Franz Schubert

~Chancel Choir

“Holy, Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord. Holy, Holy, Holy, Holy is He. He, without beginning, he, who always was, ever is and ruleth, shall be evermore. Holy, Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord. Holy, Holy, Holy, Holy is He. Power, wonder, love, all around Him dwell. Holy, Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord.”

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Sermon

“Why the Doctrine of the Trinity Matters”

Rev. Emma Nickel



THANKSGIVING

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

9:00

“Holy Is the Lord”

Schubert arr. Bock

10:30

“Andante”

Josef Rheinberger

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◇ Doxology

Hymn #34

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 Dedication

◇ Affirmation of Faith — Apostles’ Creed

All: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer

All: 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



SENDING

◇ Hymn #136

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”

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◇ Benediction

(10:30am)

Postlude

“Fanfare and Trumpet Tune on *Nicaea*”

Christopher Tambling

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LITURGIST

Karen Thomas

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SOLOISTS

Bryan Clinthorne, *baritone*

Olivia Donnel, *soprano*

Brady DeVecchio, *tenor*

Audrey Frieberg, *soprano*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chancel Flowers

Today's flowers are given by Gary Moultrup in memory of Pam Moultrup. *Love, Your Friend Forever.*

The Eddy family is delighted to share the flowers which graced the sanctuary at Skip Eddy's memorial service yesterday, as we remember and celebrate her life.

Registration Deadline for Scuba VBS is June 1!

VBS is June 24-28 from 9am-12pm. Children receive a free gift with registration! Children four years old through 5th grade welcome. <http://tinyurl.com/yc42r5m8>

Volunteer for SCUBA Vacation Bible School!

This is a wonderful week of sharing God's word with our church children and the children of our community. We are looking for volunteers for a variety of areas. Not only do we need helpers during the event, but also helpers for planning and designing sets and props. Please visit our sign-up genius at <https://tinyurl.com/mr53bmrf> to join in on the fun!

Closing Worship for the 9am service

All are welcome at **9am on Sunday, June 2 in Evans Chapel** to celebrate the ministry of the early worship service and bring that ministry to a close. At this final 9am service, we will give thanks for the witness of those who have faithfully gathered for worship in the Chapel over the years. We'll celebrate communion and come to God in prayer and praise.



Our church is a Stephen Ministry church. Stephen Ministers are lay caregivers who are trained to provide high-quality confidential, Christ-centered care to people who are hurting. Contact the pastor if you are in need.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, CONTINUED

Sunday Serenade, June 2

Join us **Sunday, June 2 at 2pm**, in support of our talented section leaders/soloists Bryan Clinthorne, Brady DelVecchio, Olivia Donnel, and Audrey Frieberg, as they share their gifts with us in an afternoon of song. We are fortunate to have such a wonderful quartet of soloists and this concert will feature them in ways that go beyond what we hear on a Sunday morning. The program will include solos, duets, trios, and quartets from classical Art Song, Opera, and Musical Theater. Within this huge variety there will be something for everyone to enjoy! Our own Joseph Jackson will accompany our talented singers for a beautiful concert which will showcase the versatility of their gifts. The concert will be free and open to the public.

Women's Fellowship Group

The Women's Group will meet from **9:30-10:30am** on **Friday, June 7** at Coffee and Bark in Berkley. Questions? Contact Amanda Curry.

Service of Peace and Justice

On **Sunday, June 9 at 10:30am**, the FPCRO choirs will lead a special worship service focusing on peace and justice. The Chancel Choir, Sunburst Singers children's choir, and Jubilate Bell Choir will offer music that witnesses to the peace of Christ and God's commitment to justice and equity in the world. Join us for this powerful worship service.

S.T.A.G.E. End of Year Party

Youth and their families are invited to join us on **June 9** from **4:30-6:30pm** at **FPCRO** for the End of Year Party. Pizza and breadsticks will be provided, but we are asking families to sign-up to bring drinks, desserts, and sides. If you are able to bring a dish please visit <https://tinyurl.com/dpsp9csm> and let us know what you are bringing so others can coordinate!

Men's Fellowship Group

The Men's Group will gather on **Monday, June 10 at 7:30pm** at Bagger Dave's in Berkley. Please join us for a return visit, or your first time, for some free-flowing conversation on a wide range of subjects. Questions? Contact Derek Helenberger or Matthew Nickel.

Volunteer Drivers Needed

Some of our church members are, for a variety of reasons, no longer able to drive themselves to church. These same church members have a strong desire to attend church services in person on at least a few Sundays each month. The only thing holding them back is transportation. You can make their wish a reality! If you would be able and willing to help, on an occasional basis, to drive a church member to Sunday services, please call Roger Watson at 248-752-0584. If called upon to drive, he will try to match you with someone living close to your home. Thank you for your help with this important church mission.

Job Opening

FPCRO is seeking a **Nursery Coordinator** to care for infants and toddlers during Sunday morning worship services. Please visit <https://www.fpcro.org/jobs> to see the Job Description. Resumes may be sent to Joelle Jarrait at jjarrait@fpcro.org.
