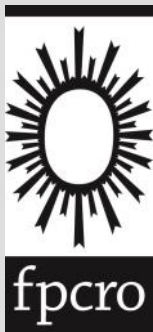


FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ROYAL OAK

JUNE 2, 2024 | 10:30AM

Second Sunday after Pentecost



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

“Grave and Adagio” *Sonata No. 2*

Felix Mendelssohn
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Welcome & Announcements

◊Call to Worship¹

One: We come together to praise God with festive songs and shouts of joy!

All: Renew us by your Spirit, Lord.

One: We come together to hear the voice of our Savior calling us to compassion.

All: Renew us by your Spirit, Lord.

One: We come together to experience the abundance of God’s grace.

All: Let us worship God!

◊Hymn #424

“How Can I Keep from Singing?”

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Call to Confession and Kyrie Eleison

One: We like to follow our own counsel rather than the counsel of the Lord.

Confessing our sin, may God soften our hearts and guide our feet to walk in the ways of faithfulness. Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: Christ, have mercy upon us.

All: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Prayer of Confession

All: Loving God, sometimes we can only see what is right in front of us. We forget how your light shines through even the darkest shadows. We fail to notice the way your story upends our expectations and rewrites narratives we thought had ended. Help us to sense the new life you offer, even in situations that appear hopeless. Give us eyes to see your hand at work, even when you seem to be absent.

[silence for individual prayer]

One: By the power of the Spirit, we pray,

All: Amen.

Assurance of Pardon²

One: We are jars of clay with a treasure within—an extraordinary power that does not come from us, but from God.

All: We are not left crushed, despairing, forsaken, or destroyed. The life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ is visible and at work in us. We are freed from sin and death. 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: As forgiven people, we can share the peace Christ offers. May the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you!

All: And also with you.

Time with the Children and Teacher Recognition

After the Time with the Children, kids may go to Sunday school classes with their teachers.

Those attending Sunburst Singers music time will be taken to practice directly from Sunday school.

Others will return to the sanctuary at the end of the service.



PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination³

All: Shine in the darkness, O God, and shine in our hearts, so that, by the power of your Holy Spirit, we may grow in the knowledge of your glory, proclaiming Jesus Christ and not ourselves, until his life is made visible in us. Amen.

Psalm

“Psalm 81”

Sung to the Hymn-tune *Leoni*, #16 “The God of Abraham Praise”

“O sing to God, our strength; in Jacob’s God, rejoice!

Let trumpets sound, and with a song lift up your voice!

“I am the Lord your God,” our maker did declare;

“The same who saves from captive bonds and dark despair.”

Paraphrase of Psalm 81 ©1999 Michael Morgan, The Psalter for Christian Worship, Witherspoon Press

Scripture Reading

2 Corinthians 4:5-12

Pew Bible, NT pg. 190

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

“Trust in the Lord”

David von Kampen

~Chancel Choir

“Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths.”

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Sermon

“The ‘but not’ of God”

Rev. Emma Nickel



THANKSGIVING

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

“O Come Everyone That Thirsteth” (Elijah)

Felix Mendelssohn

~Chancel Quartet

“O come everyone that thirsteth, O come to the waters, O come unto Him. O hear and your souls shall live forever.”

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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

Congregational Update

Hendrie Parking Lot

Kevin Ball

Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving⁴

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

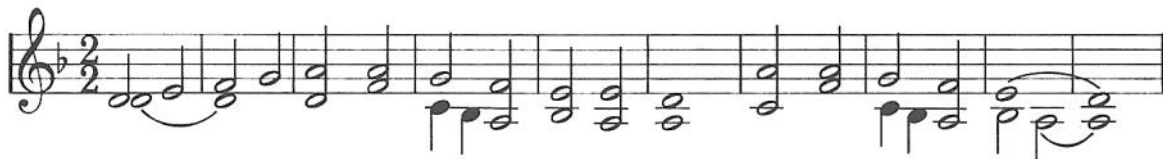
All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

One: It is right and our great delight to praise you...Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,



heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na



in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the



name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

One: You are holy, God of power and might...Remembering your gracious acts in Jesus Christ, we proclaim together the mystery of faith:

**All: Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again!**

One: Come, then, life-giving Spirit...We pray in the words of Jesus, saying together:

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

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Everyone is welcome to receive communion! You are welcome at God's table here regardless of your denomination or affiliation. Come forward to the servers at the front to receive the bread and cup. Please open your hands and the server will place the bread into them. Eat the bread when you receive it. A gluten free bread option is available in the center of the plate; please let the server know and you're invited to take the GF bread from the plate yourself. Take a cup and drink from it, then place the cup in the trashcan nearby or take it back to your seat with you. If you prefer to be served in the pew, please remain there and a server will come to you.

Prayer After Communion⁵

All: Loving God, when the taste of cup and bread fade from our lips, remind our hearts that the sun continues to rise. For it is in you that we find mercy. It is in you that we have our hope. For this meal we have shared and the truth it represents, we give you thanks. Amen.



SENDING

◇ Hymn #569

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

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◇ Benediction

Postlude

“Fugue in d minor”

Felix Mendelssohn
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1 Ellen Williams Hensle, Presbyterian Outlook, 2024.

2 *Feasting on the Word Worship Companion, Year B, Vol 2* (Louisville: Westminster John Knox, 2015), 15.

3 *Feasting on the Word Worship Companion, Year B, Vol 2* (Louisville: Westminster John Knox, 2015), 16.

4 *Feasting on the Word Worship Companion, Year B, Vol 2* (Louisville: Westminster John Knox, 2015), 266-268.

5 Michelle Henrichs, *Come to the Table: Communion Liturgist of Invitation*, Life in the Labyrinth, 2020, 106.

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Laurie Geraldts

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Audrey Frieberg, *soprano*

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