

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ROYAL OAK

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Pentecost Sunday

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FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

*How God's Spirit
guides our lives*



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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

“Spirit Song”

Wimber arr. Bock

10:30

“Every Time I Feel the Spirit”

Spiritual arr. Marianne Kim

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Welcome & Announcements

♦ Call to Worship—Litany of the Spirit ¹

As the music plays, listen to the multitude of names for God and the various ways we experience the Holy Spirit, which we celebrate on this Pentecost Sunday. When Pastor Emma Nickel moves to the pulpit, please join her in the responsive verses below:

One: Wellspring of life

Fresh spring of renewal

All: Clear stream of refreshment

Wide ocean of love

One: Divine wind, Breath of God,

as a whisper on the breeze

**All: a wind dancing in the treetops,
an exhilarating wind of the clifftops,
so we sense You.**

♦ Hymn #326

“Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”

Text & Music: James Manley ©1978

Call to Confession and Kyrie Eleison

One: Let us call on the name of the One who invites us to speak the truth about ourselves and our relationships and promises to show us grace. Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: Christ, have mercy upon us.

All: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Prayer of Confession

All: God, your Spirit is here and we feel the winds of power. Still, O Lord, we do not trust you completely, for we fear our lives are beyond repair. We turn away, for we fear our hope is lost. We imagine that we live in isolation, for we fear we are cut off from your presence. Forgive us, Holy One. As you have done for your people, time and again, breathe the fire of life into us once more.

[silence for individual prayer]

One: Through your Holy Spirit, we pray,

All: Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

One: People of God, the Spirit of God's truth has come upon creation and upon us. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, in the name of Jesus Christ, we receive forgiveness for all our sin.

All: We can be at peace with ourselves and with one another because of God's mercy. 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: The Spirit of Christ comes to offer us peace and invites us to share it. May the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you!

All: And also with you.

(10:30am)

Anthem

“Spirit Come Down”

Mark Patterson

~Sunburst Singers

“Refrain: ‘Spirit, come down, come and dwell here among us. Spirit, come down, fill our hearts now with faith. Spirit, come down; let God’s power surround us. Come, light our hearts with your flame.’ Spirit, send us courage to be your church today. Help us show the love of Christ, serving others in your name. Breathe in us, speak to us, stir our hearts, O Lord, we pray. Refrain.

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(10:30am)

Time with the Children

After the Time with the Children, kids in 1st grade and above are encouraged to sit with the families in the pew or use the Prayground. Kids in Kindergarten and below will go with Ms. Joelle to the Parlor and return at the end of the service.



PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination²

All: Holy Spirit, come again. Just as you inspired, astonished, and confused the people long ago, come to us now to fill our ears with the sound of your breath, to fill our eyes with the brilliance of your presence in each other, and to fill our hearts with your good Word. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Acts 2:1-4

Pew Bible, NT pg. 123

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm

“Psalm 104”

Sung to the Hymn-tune *Diademata*, #317 “Crown Him with Many Crowns”

“O bless the Lord, my soul, with might and honor clad:

Who makes the darkest midnight bright, the mourning spirit glad.

The heav’ns become God’s robe, God’s brow the stars adorn;

The fire and flame, like messengers, on wings of wind are borne.”

Paraphrase of Psalm 104 ©1999 Michael Morgan, The Psalter for Christian Worship, Witherspoon Press

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 12:1-13

Pew Bible, NT pg. 182

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

All: Thanks be to God.

(10:30am)

Anthem

“Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling”

Michael Burkhardt

~Chancel Choir

“Holy Spirit, ever dwelling in the holiest realms of light; Holy Spirit, ever brooding o’er a world of gloom and night; Holy Spirit, ever raising those of earth to thrones on high, living life-imparting Spirit, you we praise and magnify. Holy Spirit, ever living as the Church’s very life: Holy Spirit, ever striving o’er a world of gloom and strife: Holy Spirit, ever forming in the Church the mind of Christ: you we praise with endless worship for your gifts and fruit unpriced. Holy Spirit, ever working through the church’s ministry; quickening, strengthening, and absolving, setting captive sinners free; Holy Spirit, ever binding age to age and soul to soul in communion never ending, you we worship and extol.”

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Sermon

“Tongues to Proclaim Good News”

Rev. Emma Nickel



THANKSGIVING

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

“I Feel the Spirit Moving”

Spirituals arr. Mark Hayes

~Brady DeVecchio

“Gimme that old time religion ‘cause it’s good enough for me. It was good for my brothers and sisters, and it’s good enough for me. Every time I feel the spirit movin’ in my heart, I will pray. Upon the mountain my lord spoke. Out of his mouth came fire and smoke. Every time I feel the spirit movin’ in my heart, I will pray. There ain’t but one train on this track. It runs to heaven and runs right back. Every time I feel the spirit movin’ in my heart, I will pray.”

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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

(10:30am)

◇Blessing for Seniors

One: Loving God, we pray for your love in the lives of these seniors.

All: We pray for your joy to bubble up in them.

One: We pray for your peace to soothe their souls.

All: We pray for your patience to emerge in their words.

One: We pray for your kindness to show through their actions.

All: We pray for your goodness to surround their worries.

One: We pray for your faithfulness to pervade their relationships.

All: We pray for your gentleness to show through their spirits.

One: And we pray for your self-control to be part of their choices.

All: Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. May these gifts blossom in and through these students, who go on to new adventures, near and far. May we always be a home they can return to. May you always be their guide. May they always remember your love, which never fails. 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 #332

“Let Every Christian Pray”

Text: Fred Pratt Green ©1971 Hope Publishing Co.

◇ Benediction

(10:30am)

Postlude

“Veni, Creator Spiritus”

Paul Luddington Wright

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- 1 Wellspring, “Litany of the Spirit,” *Fire and Bread: Resources for Easter Day to Trinity Sunday* (Glasgow: Wild Goose Publications, 2006), 172.
- 2 *Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year B, Vol 1*, Ed. Kimberly Bracken Long, (Louisville: Westminster John Knox), 2014, 184.

LITURGIST

Roger Watson

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Bryan Clinthome, *baritone*

Brady DeVecchio, *tenor*

Olivia Donnel, *soprano*

Audrey Frieberg, *soprano*

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When you enter the sanctuary for a service, you consent to the recording and broadcast of your voice and likeness for such purposes without compensation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chancel Flowers

Today's flowers are given by Dave and Jama Hayes in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary.

There is a Congregation al Meeting today, Sunday, May 19, immediately following the 10:30am service, to elect nominees for office.

Nametag Boards

As we welcome Drayton Presbyterian Church to Evans Chapel, we have given some attention to the FPCRO nametag storage boards. Nametags of those who regularly attend the 9am service remain in the Chapel Narthex. Nametags of those who regularly attend the 10:30am service are being stored on the board in the Sanctuary narthex. Take a look on the Sanctuary board if you're having trouble finding your tag! If you need a (new) nametag, please add your name to the list on the table outside the Sanctuary doors, then look for your tag waiting for you there the next Sunday.

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.

Mission in Service Project

Join the Mission in Service committee after the 10:30am service on **Sunday, May 19** to pack hygiene kits for Church World Service. The Deacons will host coffee hour I Kirkman Fellowship Hall, while we also join together to help neighbors around the world in this intergenerational project which will be done in an assembly-line style.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, CONTINUED

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!

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.

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.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, CONTINUED

S.T.A.G.E. Youth Ministry

Middle and high schoolers and friends are invited to our collaborative S.T.A.G.E. (Somewhere To Ask God Everything) youth ministry. Meetings, on select Sundays, are from 4:30-6:30pm, unless otherwise specified. Questions? Contact Director, Jessica Gibbs, at stageyouth@gmail.com. Scan the QR code for more information.



June 9: End of Year Party at FPCRO

June 24-27: Middle School Mission Week—F.R.O.G. *Friends Reaching Out for God*

July 7-13: High school mission trip to Mayfield, KY

Backyard Playroom @ FPCRO

The Backyard Playroom is a program offered to the community by FPCRO which offers a safe, indoor environment for children ages five (5) and below to play under parental or guardian supervision. In 2016, the original Backyard Playroom was born at Cana Lutheran Church in Berkley where it served the community for eight years. In 2024, the Backyard Playroom moved across Woodward Avenue to its new home. FPCRO now welcomes families to play in Royal Oak, and hosts other events in the space to promote community and wellness. The Backyard Playroom is free for families to access during our regular hours. Our intention is to keep the space free and accessible, which relies on donations from the people who love and value this community resource. On weekends, let us host your child's birthday party, baptism, or family get-together in the Backyard Playroom spaces! Thank you for choosing the Backyard Playroom to come play!



Little Free Pantry

FPCRO's Little Free Pantry serves unhoused neighbors as well as those who may be running short on funds. Below is a suggested list of non-perishable items which may be dropped off during church office hours. For cash or check donations, please indicate the "Little Free Pantry" on the check or note. **Pull-Tab Cans:** stew (beef and chicken), fruit (cocktails, peaches, pears, etc.), vegetables (corn, green beans, peas, etc.), baked beans, soup (any variety), beefaroni/ravioli (ready-to-eat), canned tuna, chicken, or turkey. **Non-perishables:** granola bars (soft/chewy, any flavor), cereal (small individual boxes), tuna/chicken (ready-to-eat pouches), Knorr rice/pasta sides, peanut butter, snack crackers/cookies, small bottled waters, juice boxes, Easy Mac and Cheese (pouches/cups).

May 2024 Slate of Nominees for Office

Elder — Class of 2027

Denise Huebner
Steve Kucharski
Julie Matthews*
Doug Mooney

Youth Elder — Class of 2025

Riley Schnieders

Deacon — Class of 2027

Karen Barger
Amanda Curry
Carol Hilliard
Joan Wesa

**Currently serving and returning for another term of service*

At-Large Nominating Committee Member — Class of 2026

Ted DeVantier
Sally Gilreath



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.