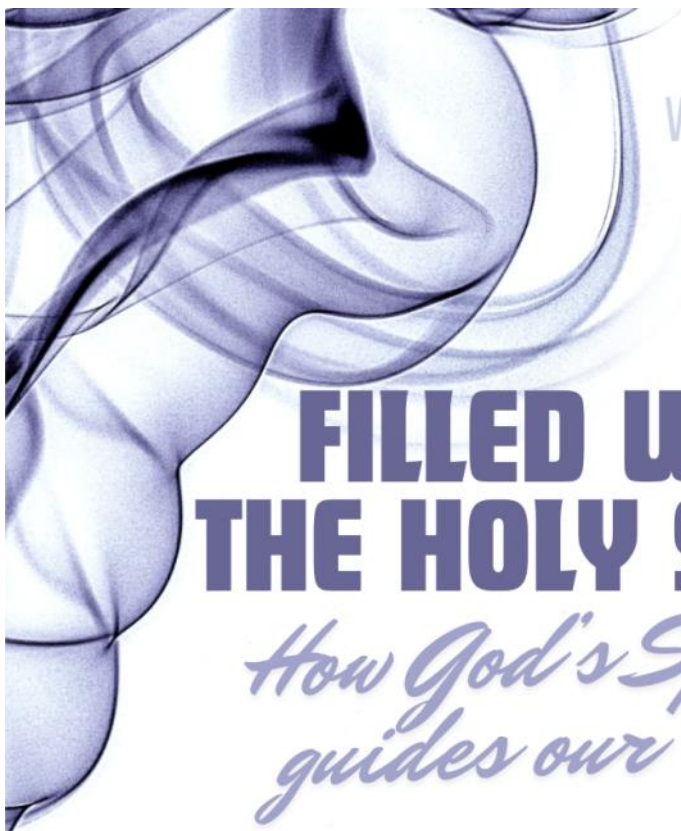


FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ROYAL OAK

APRIL 7, 2024 | 10:30AM

Second Sunday after Easter



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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

“Trumpet Tune on *Lasst Uns Erfreuen*”

Rebecca Groom Te Velde
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Welcome & Announcements

◊Call to Worship¹

One: Sitting in worship, we wait in expectation;

All: the Spirit will come as God has promised!

One: To the timid and the bold and to all God's children;

All: the Spirit will come as God has promised!

One: As we worship now in prayer and praise;

All: the Spirit will come as God has promised!

◊Hymn #312

“Christ Is Alive!”

Text: Brian Wren ©1975, 1995 Hope Publishing Co.

Call to Confession and *Kyrie Eleison*

One: We prefer to rush past our sins and rush ahead to God's grace. That grace is always waiting for us. But in the process of confessing and being honest about our lives, we are transformed to receive that grace in a new way. And so we come to God in prayer. Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: Christ, have mercy upon us.

All: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Prayer of Confession

All: Spirit of life, we confess that we shield ourselves from things that should detain us on our walk with you. We claim busy-ness as our free pass from stopping to serve or taking time with you. We confess that, even when some space and time come our way, we often shrink from being still before you. We are fearful of what we might hear in that stillness and how we should heed it. Forgive us for the times we exclude you from our lives because it is convenient.

[silence for individual prayer]

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

All: Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

One: Christ offers peace to our troubled souls.

All: By the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and freed from our sin. 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 Easter people, we celebrate God's grace and peace, which are on the loose in the world. May the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you!

All: And also with you.

Time with the Children

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 Illumination

All: Open our eyes and soften our hearts, O God, through the work of your Holy Spirit, that in the hearing of your Word we may receive new life. Amen.

Psalm

“Psalm 113”

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

“Bless the Lord, O saints and servants, praise the might of God's great name;

Ageless, matchless, filled with wonder, yesterday, today, the same.

When the dawn receives the sunrise till the night returns its rays,

Shall the glory of God's goodness be the theme of all our praise.”

Paraphrase of Psalm 113 ©1999 Michael Morgan, *The Psalter for Christian Worship*, Witherspoon Press

Scripture Reading

Acts 1:1-14

Pew Bible, NT pg. 122

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Waiting on the Promised Spirit”

Rev. Emma Nickel



THANKSGIVING

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

“Meditation on *Easter Hymn*”

Michael Bedford

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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.

Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving¹

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

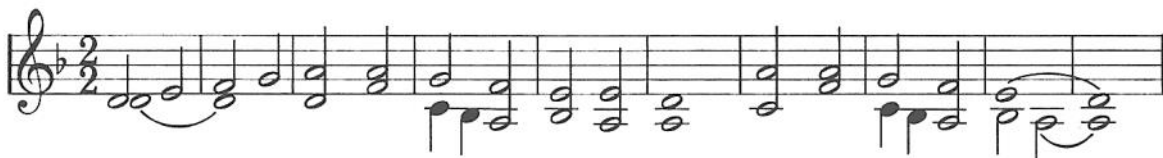
One: Lift up your hearts.

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.

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: Blessed are you O God...Remembering your self-giving love, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

One: Blessed are you, Spirit...We make our prayer to you, Almighty God, and we join our voices saying:

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.

You are invited to come forward to the servers at the front of the church 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. If you prefer to be served in the pew, please remain there and a server will come to you.

Prayer After Communion

All: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, we give thanks for your presence with us at this table. May we remember the nourishment and sweet taste of this meal in

both good and difficult times. May this meal help us to wait with anticipation for the guidance of your Spirit. May this meal help us to act as servants, following your lead. Through Christ our Lord, we pray, Amen.



SENDING

◇ Hymn #322

“A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!”

Text: tr. ©1978 Lutheran Book of Worship (Admin. Augsburg Fortress)

◇ Benediction

Postlude

“Postlude on *Truro*”

Michael Bedford

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1 Portions of today's liturgy were adapted from *Spill the Beans: Worship and Learning Resources for All Ages*, Issue 18, 2016.

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Kara Watson

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Bryan Clinthorne, *baritone*

Olivia Donnel, *soprano*

Brady DeVecchio, *tenor*

Audrey Frieberg, *soprano*

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Worship services in FPCRO's sanctuary are now broadcast live and are recorded and posted on our website and social media platforms.

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 Vera-Anne Corwin in memory of John Corwin and their April 9, 1955 wedding anniversary.

Easter chancel flowers were given by Harry Popko in loving memory of his wife, Ilene Popko. (*Apologies for this omission from the Easter worship bulletin insert.*)



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

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 info.



April 7: Regular Meeting at First Pres. Birmingham

April 14: Service Project Moving S.T.A.G.E. to FPCRO. Parents are asked to stay and assist.

April 21: Regular Meeting location TBD

Men's Fellowship Group

The Men's Group will gather on **Monday, April 8 at 7:30pm** at Bagger Dave's in Berkley. Questions? Contact Derek Helenberger or Matthew Nickel.

Women's Fellowship Group

The Women's Group will meet from **9:30-10:30am** on the following **Fridays: April 12, May 10, and June 7** at Coffee and Bark in Berkley. Questions? Contact Amanda Curry.

Annual Flower Sale is back! Fundraiser for S.T.A.G.E. Youth Ministry

All proceeds support S.T.A.G.E. Youth Ministry operation. Order online only: <https://tinyurl.com/4pe4hb23> Place orders by **2pm, Sunday, April 21**. Pick up is from **12pm-2pm on Saturday, May 18**, at **Greenfield Presbyterian Church**, 2312 Greenfield Road, Berkley.

Become a Better Listener—April 29 Workshop

On **Monday, April 29** from **7-8:30pm**, Pat Johnson, retired healthcare chaplain, spiritual director, and Commissioned Ruling Elder, will present **“Listening Sets the Bruised Heart Free,”** an in-depth look at listening to others, ourselves, and God. This is broad spiritual view of what makes for a meaningful growth experience, and is based on her book, *Listening for Life*. Highlighting these three layers of listening, Pat will share stories of encounters with patients while a chaplain. Read her book in advance (listed on Amazon.com) or purchase it after the presentation (check/cash only). Learn more about Pat on her website patj.substack.com.

Save the Date! Spring Grounds Clean-Up

This year's Spring Grounds Clean-Up is **Saturday, May 4, 9am-12pm**. Join us to ready the church's flower beds and grounds for the season. *Saturday, May 11 is the rain date.* Thank you!

Register Today! Scuba VBS is June 24-28, 9am-12pm

Children will receive a free gift when they register!

<http://tinyurl.com/yc42r5m8> Children 4 years old through 5th grade welcome.



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!
