

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ROYAL OAK

OCTOBER 20, 2024 | 10:30AM

Twenty-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:

- The *Prayground* in the back of the sanctuary, where children may do quiet activities, with you nearby to assist, as they absorb the worship service.
- The **Backyard Playroom** is a free program offering a safe, indoor environment for children ages five (5) and under to play under parental/guardian supervision, and is open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9am to 12pm.
- 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!

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

Prelude

“Cantabile” (Symphony No. 2)

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Welcome & Announcements

♦ **Call to Worship**¹

One: How beautiful are the places where you dwell, O Lord!

All: This house cannot contain your glory; even the heavens are bursting with the goodness of your presence!

One: Happy are those who find their strength in you.

All: Hear our prayers this day, Holy God, as we proclaim your praises to all the earth!

♦ **Hymn #1**

“God Is Here!”

Text: Fred Pratt Green ©1979 Hope Publishing Co.;

Music: Cyril Taylor ©1942, Ren. 1970 Hope Publishing Co.

Call to Confession and Kyrie Eleison

One: Even the highest heaven cannot contain the Lord. And yet, God comes close to each of us, promising to forgive us and make us new. And so, we can confess our sin, trusting in the grace of Christ. Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: Christ, have mercy upon us.

All: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Prayer of Confession

All: Merciful God, we are people who limit our connections with you. You are present with us all the time, but too often, we are not present to you. Free us from the thought that worship is only something that happens in this place. Show us that prayer doesn't have to be done in silence when we're all alone, but can be embodied throughout our daily life. Remind us that service is not just good deeds, but a primary way we follow in the steps of Jesus. When we do not have the words or the understanding, teach us how to broaden our view of your presence and power in our lives.

[silence for individual prayer]

One: Make us new, O God.

All: Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

One: The Lord is with you. God's steadfast love never ceases. By the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and restored!

All: 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.

God Is Here!

C $\frac{Em}{G}$ Am $\frac{Em}{G}$ F $\frac{F}{A}$ $\frac{F}{C}$ C Am Dm $\frac{G9}{D}$

1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer
 2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long
 3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shap - herd's
 4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of

$\frac{C}{E}$ $\frac{Dm}{F}$ Fmaj7 Gsus G $\frac{C}{E}$ $\frac{Em}{G}$ Am $\frac{Em}{G}$ F $\frac{F}{A}$ $\frac{F}{C}$ C

praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure
 need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;
 flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,
 change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the Gos - pel;

Am Dm $\frac{G9}{D}$ $\frac{C}{E}$ $\frac{Dm}{F}$ Fmaj7 G B \flat Gm6 Dm B \flat 6 Gm7 C7

what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the world a -
 here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es - ty of
 Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants of the
 help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's ded - i -

F \sharp F G $\frac{Am7}{E}$ $\frac{Bdim}{D}$ $\frac{F}{C}$ Bm7(b5) $\frac{Am}{C}$ Dm7 E7 Am $\frac{C}{E}$ $\frac{Em}{G}$

round us, all our var - ied skills and arts wait the
 preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech, here, in
 Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore what it
 ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive; we, who

Am C $\frac{B\flat}{D}$ $\frac{C}{E}$ $\frac{Am}{G}$ $\frac{Dm}{F}$ $\frac{A7}{E}$ Dm $\frac{C}{E}$ F $\frac{C}{G}$ G7 C

com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
 new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
 means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
 can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

◇ Passing of the Peace

One: Jesus told the disciples, "Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you."
Today, we receive that peace and offer it to others. May the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you!

All: And also with you.

Time with the Children—Presentation of Bibles

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 directly there from Sunday school. Others will return to the sanctuary at the conclusion of the service.



PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

All: Loving God, let us hear in your word the encouragement of your Spirit, the meaning of Christ's way, and the power of your creating love. May our hearts be made new by what we hear. May our living be transformed by your truth. Amen.

Scripture Reading

2 Samuel 7:1-17

Pew Bible, OT pg. 312

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm

"Psalm 122"

Sung to the Hymn-tune *Munich*, #670 "O Word of God Incarnate"

"How glad was my rejoicing, how great my soul's delight,

When into God's own temple my friends did me invite!

Long have my feet been planted within the city gates;

And soon I'll claim the promise for which my spirit waits."

Paraphrase of Psalm 122 ©1999 Michael Morgan, The Psalter for Christian Worship, Witherspoon Press

Scripture Reading

1 Kings 5:1-5; 8:27-30 *Pew Bible, OT pg. 342 & 347*

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

"Come Dwell in Solomon's Walls"

Z. Randall Stroope

~Chancel Choir

~John Etsell, Piano

"When the final timber lay against the measured stones, with the doorposts in their place overlaid with gold. And then the Lord appeared to Solomon, blessing all the house, also the temple of the ark of God, pure and whole. Come and dwell in Solomon's walls, come and dwell in the house of the Lord. Where the humble bow down, seeking wisdom and strength, for the Lord dwells within and heals their land. Come and dwell in Solomon's walls, come and dwell in the house of the Lord, where wisdom and righteousness, justice and holiness, join at the feet of God. When the people of this house kneel and humbly pray, when they turn from dark to light and your will obey, O Lord of heaven and Lord of earth, show favor on this house, and heal, restore, forgive,

2 Samuel 7:1-17

God's Covenant with David

7Now when the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, ²the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent.' ³Nathan said to the king, 'Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you.'

⁴ But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: ⁵Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the LORD: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? ⁶I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. ⁷Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, 'Why have you not built me a house of cedar?' ⁸Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; ⁹and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. ¹⁰And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, ¹¹from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. ¹²When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. ¹³He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom for ever. ¹⁴I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me. When he commits iniquity, I will punish him with a rod such as mortals use, with blows inflicted by human beings. ¹⁵But I will not take my steadfast love from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from before you. ¹⁶Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure for ever before me; your throne shall be established for ever. ¹⁷In accordance with all these words and with all this vision, Nathan spoke to David.

and bless, Lord, we pray. Come and dwell in Solomon's walls, come and dwell in the house of the Lord. Where wisdom and righteousness, justice and holiness, join at the feet of God."

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Sermon

"God Our Parent"

Rev. Emma Nickel



THANKSGIVING

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory "Thou, Whose Unmeasured Temple Stands" Robert Cundick
~Olivia Donnel

"Thou, whose unmeasured temple stands, built over earth and sea, accept the walls that human hands have raised, O God, to thee. And let the comforter and friend, the Holy Spirit, meet with those who here in worship bend before thy mercy seat. May they who err be guided here to find the better way; and they who mourn, and they who fear, be strengthened as they pray. My faith grow firm, and love grow warm, and pure devotion rise, while 'round these hallowed walls the storm of earthborn passion dies."

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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**²

Reception of New Members

Presentation

◇**Profession of Faith**

One: Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

All: I do.

One: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love?

All: I do.

One: Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?

All: I will, with God's help.

◇**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.

Questions

Introductions

Prayer

Welcome

One: Let us welcome our new friends as they join with us in the worship and mission of the church.

All: With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you to share with us in the ministry of Christ, for we are all one in him.

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

“What Is This Place”

Text: Huub Oosterhuis; Music: Nederlander Gedenck-Clank;
Text and Music Harm. 1967 Gooi En Sticht, Baarn, The Netherlands (OCP in English-Language Countries)

◇Benediction

Postlude

“Choral” (Symphony No. 2)

Louis Vierne
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- 1 Call to Worship by Amy Loving, *The Worship Closet*, <http://worshipcloset.com/>.
- 2 Today's Prayer of Dedication was adapted from *Spill the Beans: Worship and Learning Resources for All Ages*, Issue 20, Spill the Beans Resource Team, 2016, p. 61.

LITURGIST

Karen Kline

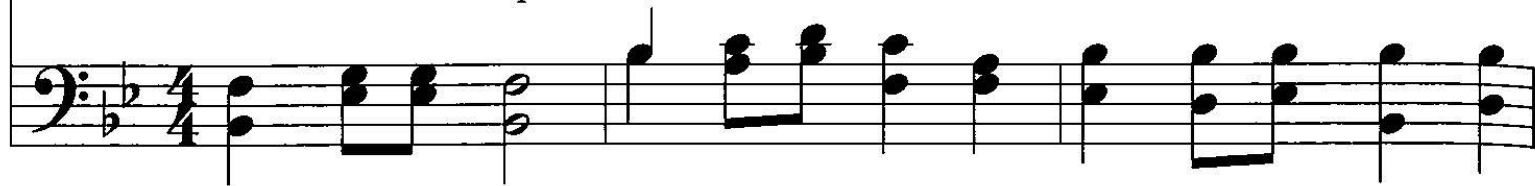


Our church is a Stephen Ministry church. Stephen Ministers are lay caregivers who are trained to provide high-quality confidential, Christ-centered care to people who are hurting. Contact the pastor if you are in need.

What Is This Place



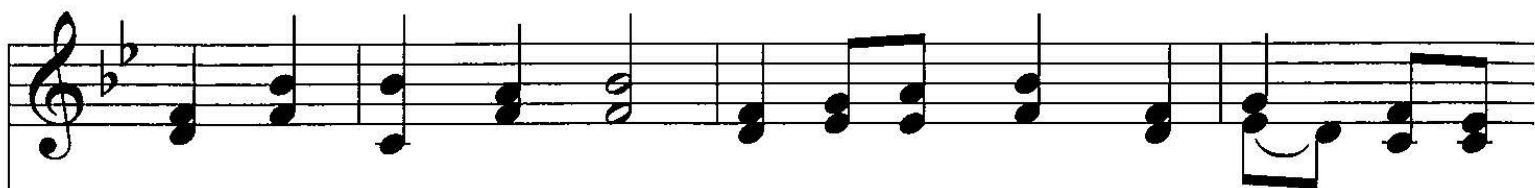
1 What is this place, where we are meet-ing? On - ly a house, the
2 Words from a - far, stars that are fall - ing. Sparks that are sown in
3 And we ac - cept bread at his ta - ble, bro - ken and shared, a



earth its floor. Walls and a roof, shel - ter - ing peo - ple, win-dows for
us like seed: names for our God, dreams, signs, and won-ders sent from the
liv - ing sign. Here in this world, dy - 'ing and liv - ing, we are each



light, an o - pen door. Yet it be - comes a bod - y that
past are what we need. We in this place re - mem - ber and
oth - er's bread and wine. This is the place where we can re -



lives when we are gath - ered here, and know our God is near.
speak a - gain what we have heard: God's free re - deem - ing word.
ceive what we need to in - crease: God's jus - tice and God's peace.



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Olivia Donnel, *soprano*

Audrey Frieberg, *soprano*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chancel Flowers

Today's flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and the loving, bright women of the Naomi-Ruth Circle.

S.T.A.G.E. Youth Fundraiser—Mission: Possible

This fundraiser goes directly to support the summer high school mission trip and the middle school *Friends Reaching Out for God* (F.R.O.G.) week. The format is simple—in the lobby, see the board with envelopes showing different dollar amounts on them. Pick the one that's right for you, fill the envelope with a donation for that amount (cash, or check payable to S.T.A.G.E. Youth ministry), then turn in the envelope to the front desk. Thank you for your support!

Women's Wellness Circle: Sharing Ideas & Experiences

Wednesdays at 7pm, thru November 20, in the Fireside Room

The responsibilities of caregiving for family, friends, and communities, alongside demanding careers or volunteering, often take a toll on women's wellness. When we take time to gather, we can share tools and resources with one another, accept that we are in this together, support one another, and continue doing these tasks while protecting our wellness. Each week we'll share and discuss a scheduled topic, but also check in with one another. Facilitated by Heather Gleason. Sign-up here: [**https://tinyurl.com/yc3xjh5t**](https://tinyurl.com/yc3xjh5t)

ANNOUNCEMENTS, CONTINUED

Trunk or Treat is Friday!

Our exciting Trunk or Treat event is happening **Friday, October 25**. There is still time to volunteer or decorate your car. To signup visit, **<https://tinyurl.com/2jd7tuyn>**. If you would like to make a monetary donation, you may include “trunk or treat” on your donation.

Snack Pax Bags

We are preparing to pack 400 Snack Pax bags after worship on **Sunday, November 3**. Mark your calendar now. Before then, we need to **decorate the bags!** Pick up some bags to take home and decorate. They're in the box in the Christian Education lobby. Please return them no later than **Sunday, October 27**.

Men's Fellowship Group

The Men's Fellowship Group will gather at Bagger Dave's in Berkley (2972 Coolidge) starting at **7:30pm on Monday, November 4**. Join us for some multifarious topics of conversation. If you can't join us at 7:30pm, don't worry. Join us at 8pm or 8:30pm and you can find a place in one of the conversations.

Fall Grounds Clean-Up

The House and Grounds Committee invites you to join us on **Saturday, November 9, from 9am- 12noon** for the annual Fall Grounds Clean-Up. All are welcome! Bring work gloves and gardening gear as we rake leaves and prepare the church grounds for the coming winter. *Rain date: after worship on Sunday, November 10.*

Adventure in Worship for Kids and Families

Plan to join us for our Adventure in Worship event on **Sunday, November 10 from 9-10:15am**. Children of all ages are invited to attend with their grown-ups! There will be opportunities to learn about worship including baptism, communion, and organ music. Doughnuts and juice will be offered as we get started! Childcare for infants and toddlers available upon request, contact Joelle Jarrait.

Serve at Forgotten Harvest

Join us for a day of volunteering at Forgotten Harvest in Oak Park **from 1-4pm on Saturday, November 16**. Activities may include sorting and repacking food, breaking down boxes, or other needs. We are looking for 35 volunteers and will serve alongside S.T.A.G.E. Youth group students and members of Drayton Presbyterian. Use this link to sign up: **<https://tinyurl.com/2upuutjw>**. Then look for an email to register with Forgotten Harvest.
