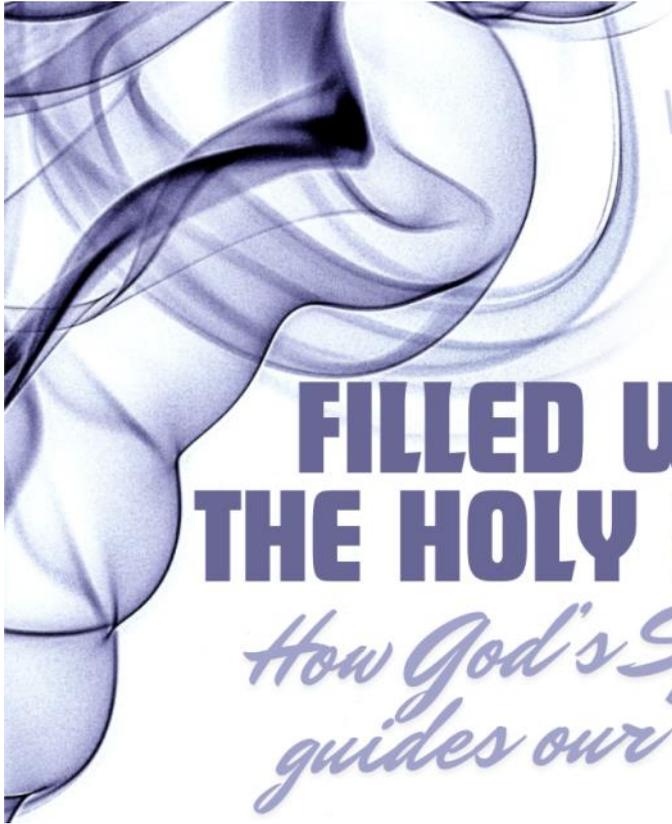


FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ROYAL OAK

APRIL 14, 2024 | 9 & 10:30AM

Third Sunday of 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

9:00

“Andante”

Muzio Clementi

10:30

“Ciaccona”

Dietrich Buxtehude

Public Domain

Welcome & Announcements

♦Call to Worship¹

One: From our cluttered lives to your spacious presence,

All: gracious God, we gladly come.

One: From our noise-filled world to your quiet center,

All: gracious God, we gladly gather.

One: From our timid faith into your daring love,

All: gracious God, we gladly enter.

♦Hymn #113

“There’s a Spirit in the Air”

Text: Brian Wren ©1979, 1995 Hope Publishing Co.; Music: John Wilson ©1979 Hope Publishing Co.

Call to Confession and *Kyrie Eleison*

One: The proof of God’s amazing love is this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us and was raised for us. Trusting in God’s forgiveness, we offer our honest confessions. Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: Christ, have mercy upon us.

All: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Prayer of Confession

All: Risen Lord, we confess to being shy about our faith. We see others wear the name “Christian,” and we don’t always like what we see. So in turn, we hide our faith in you. We keep our trust private. We tell ourselves that is meant to make others comfortable. But often, it is because we simply do not dare to make our beliefs plain. Forgive us for the times we hide our trust in you. Empower us with confidence and courage. Urge us to let our mouths and our lives speak clearly of your love, mercy, and compassion.

[silence for individual prayer]

One: Through your Holy Spirit, we pray,

All: Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

One: By the grace of Christ, our prayers have been heard.

All: God’s promises are sure! And so we can be confident that 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: Because we are forgiven, we can share the peace Christ gives. Peace 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 and will return to the sanctuary at the conclusion of the service.

Minute for Mission Giving Thanks for Refugee Co-Sponsorship

Ted DeVantier and Benny Rediers, FPCRO; DeeDee McVety and Mackenzie Benninger, Samaritas



PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

All: Holy God, by your Spirit reveal your radical, surprising love; come to us through your holy word, and let us hear what you are saying. Amen.

Psalm

“Psalm 4”

Sung to the Hymn-tune *Slane*, #502 “Be Thou My Vision”

“God of all righteousness, hear when I pray,

In my distress be my hope and my stay;

Long I have suffered revilement and shame,

Great God of mercy, I call on your name.”

Paraphrase of Psalm 4 ©1999 Michael Morgan, The Psalter for Christian Worship, Witherspoon Press

Scripture Reading

Acts 3:1-10

Pew Bible, NT pg. 124

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

All: Thanks be to God.

(10:30am)

Anthem

“O Holy Spirit, Lord of Grace”

Christopher Tye

~Chancel Choir

“O Holy Spirit, Lord of grace, eternal source of love, inflame, we pray, our inmost hearts with fire from heaven above. As thou dost join with holiest bonds the Father and the Son, so fill us all with mutual love and knit our hearts in one.”

©1955 the Royal School of Church Music

Sermon

“A Courageous Spirit”

Rev. Emma Nickel



THANKSGIVING

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

“I Will Sing of Thy Great Mercies”

Felix Mendelssohn

~*Bryan Clinthorne*

“O Lord, send to me thy Holy Spirit that they may touch my lips as I sing again to thee with a joyful heart. I will sing of thy great mercies, O Lord, for evermore. I will proclaim that thy Word is truth.”

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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

**All: This is the good news which we have received,
in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast:
that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures,
that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day,
and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve,
and then to many faithful witnesses.**

**We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God.
Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end;
he is our Lord and our God. 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 (*next page*)

“Give Thanks for Those Whose Faith Is Firm”

Text: Martin Leckebusch ©2003 Kevin Mayhew Ltd.

◇Benediction

(10:30am)

Postlude

“Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!”

Healey Willan

©1950 Concordia Publishing House

Give Thanks for Those Whose Faith Is Firm

Capo 1: (D)

E^b

(A)

B^b

(Bm)

Cm

(G)

A^b



1 Give thanks for those whose faith is firm when all a -
 2 Give thanks for those whose hope is clear, be - yond mere
 3 Give thanks for those whose love is pure, a spar - kling
 4 Give thanks for saints of a - ges past and saints a -

(D)

E^b

(A)

B^b

(D)

E^b

(G)

A^b

(Em)

Fm

(A)

B^b

(F[#]m)

Gm



round seems bleak: on God's good prom - ise they re - ly, so
 mor - tal sight: who seek the cit - y God has planned, the
 pre - cious stone: they show by what they say and do an
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(Bm)

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(G)

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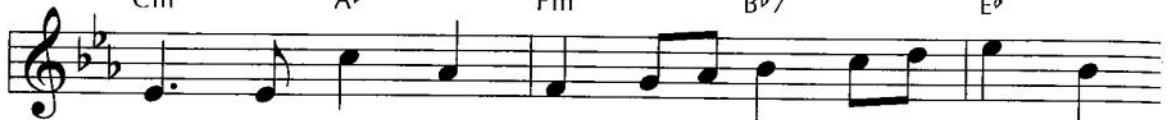
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(A7)

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(D)

E^b



while they live and when they die how force - ful -
 true, e - ter - nal prom - ised land, and steer on
 in - ward beau - ty, warm and true, for God's con -
 hearts by God are rich - ly prized. Give thanks that

(A7)

B^b7

(B)

C

(Em)

Fm

(G) (A7)

A^b

B^b7

(D)

E^b



ly they speak: the strong, who once were weak!
 toward that light, a bea - con ev - er bright.
 cerns they own: God's love through them is known.
 we may say we share their pil - grim way.

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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Linda Willemsen

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Audrey Frieberg, *soprano*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chancel Flowers

Today's flowers are given by Dave Nelson in memory of Tillie Nelson.

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.



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

April 21: Regular Meeting or Activity, location TBD

May 5: Regular Meeting at FPCRO

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.

Returning Outside Group Rental

Sportsman's Dog Training Club will be hosting AKC Scent Work Trials at FPCRO **April 20 & April 21**. They'll be using the entire building both days for scent trials, except the worship wing starting at the reception desk. During their rental, we ask you to please enter the building through the Chapel or Hendrie doors. Signs will be out as reminders. Remain in this section of the building as much as possible. Rest rooms will be open. If able, please use the ones at the top of the stairs in the CE Lobby; The dogs are being timed, please don't interact with them.



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

Become a Better Listener—April 29 Presentation

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. Sign up at the CE Lobby reception counter, or online at <https://tinyurl.com/328a4uja>. This is a 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.

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!

Men’s Fellowship Group

The Men’s Group will gather on **Monday, May 13 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.

Women’s Fellowship Group

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

Community Buy Nothing ‘Free Sale’ Event in Our Parking lots

On **Saturday, May 18 from 9am-12pm** (rain date, June 15), FPCRO will host a group for a Buy Nothing Free Sale in our parking lot. Many RO residents are members of ‘Buy Nothing’ Facebook groups, where they take unwanted/unused items and gift them to others. This year, the group is hosting an in-person event which fosters **community connection and cares for creation** by keeping items out of landfills. To offer this community service, we need volunteers! Could you: Serve as a **parking lot attendant** on this day, directing people where to park and set-up? Serve as a **host at a booth** for our church offering greetings, giving directions to our church’s bathrooms, water fountains, and pointing people to the event’s coordinators for other assistance? Sign-up here: <https://tinyurl.com/3mptsn2> or email Pastor Emma to let her know you want to participate.

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!

