

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ROYAL OAK

JULY 28, 2024 | 10:30AM

Tenth 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](mailto:enickel@fpcro.org)



### Giving

Giving online is a fast and easy! Click GIVE at [www.fpcro.org](http://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

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

### Prelude

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

*Wayne Wold*

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### Welcome & Announcements

#### ◊Call to Worship<sup>1</sup>

One: Your creation gives thanks to you, O God.

**All: And we, your faithful, bless you.**

One: We will speak of the glory of your realm and tell of your power.

**All: We will share the knowledge of your deeds and splendor!**

#### ◊Hymn #82

“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

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### Call to Confession and Kyrie Eleison

One: Let us confess to our God for the Lord is just and kind. The Lord is near to all who call on God's name. Lord, have mercy upon us.

**People: Christ, have mercy upon us.**

**All: Lord, have mercy upon us.**

### Prayer of Confession

**All: God, you uphold those who are falling and raise up those who are bowed down. Therefore, we confess our sins – both things we have done and things we have left undone – in confidence that you will offer forgiveness. We admit the times our words have been hurtful instead of blessing others. We admit the times our actions have not been Christ-like and therefore have not been a blessing to you. Too often, we fall back into old patterns instead of living in the new life you offer. Knowing that we fall short, we lean on your steadfast love and mercy.**

*[silence for individual prayer]*

One: In Christ's name, we pray,

**All: Amen.**

## Assurance of Pardon

One: Rejoice! The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**All: In Jesus Christ, we 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: With God's forgiveness sustaining us, we can greet one another in peace and in love.  
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 and will return to the sanctuary at the conclusion of the service.*



## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

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### Prayer for Illumination<sup>1</sup>

**All: Holy God, may your Word give us the power to comprehend, with all the saints, the length and width, the height and depth of the love of Christ and fullness of life in you. Amen.**

### Psalm

"Psalm 103"

Sung to the Hymn-tune *Dix*, #40 "For the Beauty of the Earth"

***"Bless, O bless the Lord, my soul,***

***All within me, praise the Lord!***

***Ever is God's name adored!***

***Who redeems my sinful soul,***

***Makes my fainting spirit whole."***

Paraphrase of Psalm 103 ©1999 Michael Morgan, The Psalter for Christian Worship, Witherspoon Press

### Scripture Reading

Psalm 103

*Pew Bible, OT pg. 613*

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## Anthem

“10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)”

Jonas Myrin and Matt Redman

~Don Johnson

*The Congregation is invited to join the soloist in singing the Chorus the last time through.*

*“Chorus: **Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; worship His holy name. Sing like never before, O my soul; I’ll worship Your holy name.** The sun comes up, it’s a new day dawning, it’s time to sing Your song again. Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me, let me be singing when the evening comes. **Chorus.** You’re rich in love and You’re slow to anger. Your name is great and Your heart is kind. For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing; ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. **Chorus.** And on that day, when my strength is failing, the end draws near, and my time has come; still, my soul will sing Your praise unending ten thousand years, and then forevermore! **Chorus.***

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## Sermon

Elder Douglas Ryan



# THANKSGIVING

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## Invitation to the Offering

### Offertory

“I Come with Joy”

David Cherwien

### ◇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

#### ***Ordination and Installation of Deacons and Elders***

### Sentences of Scripture

One: There are a variety of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

**All: There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.**

One: God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God’s purpose that is accomplished.

**All: To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.**

One: Together, we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.

## Statement on Ordination and Installation

## ◇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.**

## Constitutional Questions

## Questions to the Congregation

## Prayer of Ordination and Laying on of Hands

## Declaration of Ordination/Installation and Charge

## 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

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### ◇Hymn #71

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

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### ◇Benediction

### Postlude

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

*Johann Walther*  
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<sup>1</sup> Call to Worship and Prayer for Illumination from *Feasting on the Word: Liturgies for Year B, Vol 2*, Ed. Kimberly Bracken Long (Louisville: Westminster John Knox, 2015).

## **LITURGIST**

Rev. Emma Nickel

## **FPCRO STAFF**

*Pastor:* Rev. Emma Nickel

*Dir. of Christian Education:* Joelle Jarrait

*Dir. of Music Ministries/Organist:* Joseph Jackson

*Chancel Choir Dir.:* Kent Wattleworth

*Sunburst Singers Dir.:* Audrey Frieberg

*Church Admin.:* Kari Peruski

*Facility Manager:* Alan Glasel

*Admin. Assistant:* Sally Gilreath

*Sunday/Evening Reception:* Todd Crawford

*S.T.A.G.E. Youth Ministry Director:* Jessica Gibbs

*Backyard Playroom Coordinator:* Ashleigh McKnight

*Nursery Care Worker:* Julia Carroll

## **SOLOISTS**

Bryan Clinthome, *baritone*

Brady DeVecchio, *tenor*

Olivia Donnel, *soprano*

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**

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### **Chancel Flowers**

Today's flowers are given by Laurie Gerald in loving memory of Monte and Barbara Gerald on their 68<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

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During the month of July, our congregation is observing a time of sabbath rest. We will have meaningful worship each Sunday. Other activities on the church calendar will be minimal. This intentional time of rest in our congregation will help us renew our energy and remember our reliance on God. **Church staff will be working their normal hours** throughout the month and the office will be open per regular hours.

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### **Offering Envelopes**

If you requested a box of envelopes for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, which begins August 1, they are available for pick-up in the church narthex.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS, CONTINUED

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### End of Fiscal Year Gifts

As the fiscal year draws to a close, we want to thank you for your faithfulness in giving to the ministry of FPCRO. Your gifts throughout the year make all the ministries at FPCRO possible! We are so grateful for your pledges and gifts to God through the church. Our church's fiscal year ends on July 31. We encourage you, as you are able, to complete your current year's pledge by that date. To be counted toward this budget year, **all gifts need to be received in the church office or postmarked by July 31**. New pledges for the 2024-2025 fiscal year take effect on August 1. Thank you for your faithful generosity!

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### School Supplies Collection

During the month of **August**, we'll collect school supplies for Oakland Elementary school in Royal Oak. Look for sales and pick up a few items when you see them. Boxes will be out in the church to receive donations. Teacher requested items include: crayons, colored pencils, markers, glue sticks, composition notebooks, primary journals (composition notebook, but with a spot to draw a picture for K-2 classes), plastic folders with prongs, colored dry erase markers, pencils (pre-sharpened), Play-Doh, bingo daubers, socks (for feet and white board erasers).

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### Flower Dedications

New Flower Dedication charts for September 2024-August 2025 are now posted, so sign up to honor, remember, or recognize a person or group. The dedications cost \$45, and add nature and beauty to our sanctuary on Sunday morning. You may fill out a dedication card right away and wait until the month before your dedication date to pay. Questions? Contact Chris Klein.

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### Recommendation Station with Dessert Potluck

What's a great book you've read recently that others might enjoy? Is there a movie, documentary, or podcast that has really opened your eyes or made you think? Come share your recommendations and hear ideas from friends on **Thursday, August 29 at 7pm**. Your recommendations might be faith-based, but that is not required. Beach reads, true crime, powerful cinema, and good laughs are all equally welcome! Bring a dessert to share. We'll enjoy sweets as we share our favorite recommendations and get ideas for what read, watch, and listen to this fall. If you need childcare, let Pastor Emma know by August 15.

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*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.*