

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ROYAL OAK

JUNE 16, 2024 | 10:30AM

Fourth 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



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

“We Walk by faith and Not by Sight”

arr. James Biery

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Welcome & Announcements

◊Call to Worship

One: We live our lives by faith, not knowing where each step will take us,

All: but trusting God to lead us.

One: If we travel with Christ, we become a new creation.

All: Our old way of being is obsolete. God makes everything new.

One: Let us worship the God who looks into the human heart,

All: and through Jesus Christ, makes everything new.

◊Hymn (*see insert*)

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

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Call to Confession and Kyrie Eleison

One: God will not count our trespasses against us, longing instead for us to be reconciled. We come before God, then, in honesty, humility, and hope.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: Christ, have mercy upon us.

All: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Prayer of Confession

All: Gracious God, we so often miss your hand at work among us. Captivated by power and privilege, we overlook the mustard seeds you have planted. Forgive us for failing to notice where and how you are at work—in ourselves, in our communities, and even in our enemies. Forgive us when we work against your purposes—fostering divisions when you have called us to reconciliation; being apathetic in the face of great needs. Help us to grow in faithfulness.

[silence for individual prayer]

One: In Christ’s name, we pray,

All: Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

One: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

**All: We are ambassadors for Christ, for God has reconciled us through him!
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: Filled with the Spirit of Love, we exchange signs of peace. 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

Prayer for Illumination

All: Holy God, as we walk in faith, guide our steps in your Word that, by the power of the Holy Spirit, we may find our way in your way. Through Christ we pray, Amen.

Psalm

“Psalm 92”

Sung to the Hymn-tune *Tallis' Canon*, #715 “Now Let Us from This Table Rise”

“How good to bring our thanks to God!

To sing the praises of our Lord!

Each rising day, God's steadfast love,

Like finest oil on us is poured.”

Paraphrase of Psalm 92 ©1999 Michael Morgan, The Psalter for Christian Worship, Witherspoon Press

Scripture Reading

2 Corinthians 5:6-17

Pew Bible, NT pg. 190

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

“Like a River in My Soul”

arr. Tim Osiek

~Chancel Choir

“I’ve got peace like a river in my soul. I’ve got peace like a river, soothing river, calmly flow. When the world closes in, feel the stillness within. I’ve got peace like a river in my soul. I’ve got love like an ocean in my soul. I’ve got love like an ocean, endless ocean, deep and full. When you’re lost and alone, let the waves bring you home. I’ve got love like an ocean in my soul. I’ve got joy like a fountain in my soul. When your hope nearly dies, just remember, once again you shall rise! I’ve got joy like a fountain, love like an ocean, peace like a river in my soul.”

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Sermon

“Judgement That Looks Like Grace”

Rev. Emma Nickel



THANKSGIVING

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

“A Little More Faith in Jesus”

Spiritual arr. John W. Work III

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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

Reception of New Member and Candidate for Ministry

Presentation

◇Affirmation of Faith—*from A Brief Statement of Faith*

All: In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. Amen.

Questions

Prayer

Welcome

One: Let us welcome Lon among us as he joins 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 (*see insert*)

“There Is Now a New Creation”

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◇ Benediction

Postlude

“We All Believe in One True God”

arr. Jacob Weber

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LITURGIST

Derek Helenberger

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SOLOISTS

Bryan Clinthome, *baritone*

Olivia Donnel, *soprano*

Brady DeVecchio, *tenor*

Audrey Frieberg, *soprano*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chancel Flowers

Today's flowers are given by Carolyn Ledford in memory of Ken Ledford, a 62 year member of FPCRO, on this his first birthday and Father's Day in heaven.

Today's anthem is a gift to the Music Department from the family of Ken Ledford. As his family gathered to celebrate his life this weekend, we join them in honoring his over 40 years of service to the Chancel Choir.

Join us for Coffee Hour in Kirkman Fellowship Hall following the service. We are grateful to Carolyn Ledford for hosting, along with Ruth Goode and the Deacons, as the Ledford family gathered this weekend to give thanks for the life of Ken Ledford.

Detroit Institute of Arts Visit: Please Note New Date!

The State Employees Retirement Association (SERA), who meets at FPCRO, would like to invite any senior church members to join SERA on a free bus trip from FPCRO to the Detroit Institute of Arts will now be on **Tuesday, July 16 at 12pm** (changed from 9am on Thursday, June 20 as previously advertised). Questions? Please contact Barbara Weiskopf via email at **oldscout36@gmail.com** or by phone at 248-968-2799.

SnackPax Hands-On Mission Event

After worship on **Sunday, June 23**, join in packing snack bags in Kirkman Fellowship Hall. This event will provide healthy snacks for preschool children during the summer. **SnackPax** is a program of **Song & Spirit** and provides snacks to area children who are at, or below, the poverty level. Every Monday, Song & Spirit delivers bags to City Covenant Church in Detroit, Crescent Academy in Detroit, as well as two Head Start Programs in Detroit.

Outdoor Worship, Sunday, June 30

Join us on the Hendrie Lawn on **Sunday, June 30 at 10:30am** for a service in the beautiful outdoors (weather permitting). Bring your lawn chair or blanket to sit on. We also recommend a hat and sunscreen. Many members enjoy this more casual service and a time to experience worship in the sunshine. Invite a friend to join you! We also have four beautiful new canopy **tents** to provide shade. **Can you help us set them up before or take them down after the service?** Sign up at the reception desk.



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

Cereal for Summer

No child should go hungry. However, many kids who rely on receiving a subsidized breakfast or lunch during the school year often face long summer days without enough to eat. FPCRO is again supporting the **Presbytery of Detroit's Cereal for Summer** campaign. Please bring your cereal box donations to the church through **June 30**.

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.

Job Opening

FPCRO is seeking a **Nursery Coordinator** to care for infants and toddlers during Sunday morning worship services. Please visit <https://www.fpcro.org/jobs> to see the Job Description. Resumes may be sent to Joelle Jarrait at jjarrait@fpcro.org.

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.

Save the Date: Recommendation Station with Dessert Potluck, Thursday, August 29 at 7pm

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.
