

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ROYAL OAK

MARCH 3, 2024 | 9 & 10:30AM

Third Sunday in Lent



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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

9:00

“Sarabande in e minor”

G.F. Handel

10:30

“Adoration”

Florence Price

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Welcome & Announcements

◊Call to Worship¹

One: We have governments and leaders,

All: but God is ruler of all.

One: We devote our energy to family, friends, good causes, and important work,

All: but our lives are most fruitful when they are given to God.

One: Let us worship the one in whose love we truly prosper.

All: Let us praise the one who leads us into life.

◊Hymn (*page over*)

“God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

Text: Rusty Edwards © 1961, ren. 1989 The Hymn Society (Admin. Hope Publishing Co.)
Music: The Sacred Harp, 1844, Harm. 1958, ren. 1986 Broadman Press (Admin. Music Services)

Call to Confession and *Kyrie Eleison*

One: Being honest with God and receiving God’s mercy frees us to follow on the path of discipleship. And so we come to God with the truth of our lives. Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: Christ, have mercy upon us.

All: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Prayer of Confession

All: Loving God, forgive us when we forget that you are our creator, and that you are the one who sustains us. When we neglect our bodies, minds, or spirits, forgive us. Show us how to care for the good gifts you have given us. When we forego important relationships or allow wounds between us to fester, lead us to a better way. When we fritter away our time and energy instead of investing it in love, faith, and hope, teach us how to live differently. Restore us to be the creatures and community you intend—ones who serve you and honor you, by honoring all that you have made.

[silence for individual prayer]

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

Capo 3: (D) (Bm) (G)
 F Dm B \flat

1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and
 2 Skills and time are ours for press - ing toward the goals of
 3 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through powers your

(D) (Bm)
 F Dm

end - less store, na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost - ly
 Christ, your Son: all at peace in health and free - dom, rac - es
 grace con - ferred: ours to use for home and kin - dred, and to

(G) (D) (A)
 B \flat F C

cross, grave's shat - tered door: gift - ed' by you, we turn
 joined, the church made one. Now di - rect our dai - ly
 spread the gos - pel word. O - pen wide our hands in

(Bm) (F \sharp m) (Bm) (G) (A) (D)
 Dm Am Dm B \flat C F

to you, of - fer - ing up our - selves in praise; thank - ful song shall
 la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone. Born with tal - ents,
 shar - ing, as we heed Christ's age - less call, heal - ing, teach - ing,

(Bm) (G) (D)
 Dm B \flat F

rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.
 make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.
 and re - claim - ing, serv - ing you by lov - ing all.

One: Relying on you, we pray,

All: Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

One: Hear the good news! God has forgiven all our sins.

All: In Jesus Christ, we are made new! 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: Knowing the goodness of God's forgiveness, we can share that mercy with each other.
May the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ 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.

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: Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

Psalm

“Psalm 86”

Sung to the Hymn-tune *Hamburg*, #261 “When I Survey”

***“All nations shall proclaim Thee Lord,
And at Thy name all knees shall bend
To glorify Thy righteousness,
And sing Thy praises without end.”***

Paraphrase of Psalm 86 ©1999 Michael Morgan, The Psalter for Christian Worship, Witherspoon Press

Scripture Reading

Mark 12:1-17

Pew Bible, NT pg. 49

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

All: Thanks be to God.

(10:30am)

Anthem

“O Lord, My God, to Thee”

Jacques Arcadelt

~Chancel Choir

“O Lord, my God, to Thee do I lift up my soul. O Lord, in Thee have I trusted. Let me not be ashamed, let not my foes triumph over me. O lead me in a plain path; cast me not off, neither forsake me. Teach me Thy way, Lord, lead me in a plain path. O hide not Thy face far from me. Amen.”

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Sermon

“Offer Your Whole Life”

Rev. Emma Nickel



THANKSGIVING

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

“Hear My Prayer, O Lord”

Antonin Dvorák

~Bryan Clinthorne

“Hear my prayer, O Lord, give ear unto my cry. Thou art my refuge and my hope, Thou shalt tread down my enemies. I will dwell forever in Thy tents and hide me in the shadow of Thy wings. Lord! Thou art indeed my God, yea, I will seek Thee early. My soul is faint, my body longeth after Thee in a barren desert where there is no water. Now I will bless Thee daily and lift my hands in prayer and adoration; yea, my lips shall praise Thee all my life long.”

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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

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.

One: It is right, and a good and joyful thing...And so we join with your people on earth and all the company of heaven to praise your name and join the unending hymn:

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: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ...as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

One: We pray for your intervention and blessing...And so we lift our voices in prayer together 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.

At 10:30am, 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: God with us here, in a spirit of gratitude, we give thanks for this gathering at your holy meal. This time at your table has filled us with strength and courage. As we continue on this Lenten journey, may we find your peace surrounding us. May we share with our neighbors the joy we find here. Through Christ we pray, Amen.



SENDING

◇ Hymn #466

“Take My Life and Let It Be”

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◇ Benediction

(10:30am)

Postlude

“Prelude in b minor”

J.S. Bach

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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 to by Todd Crawford in memory of Margaret E. Crawford, longtime member of FPCRO, mother to Todd Crawford.

Join us for Coffee Hour in Kirkman Fellowship Hall following the 10:30am service. Melissa Ross is hosting today.

Easter Flower Dedications Due Today

It's time to "think spring" with a flower dedication (choice of lily, daffodil and hydrangea) for the sanctuary on Easter Sunday, March 31. Please fill out an order form at the reception desk and turn it in with a check payable to FPCRO by **today, March 3**. Questions? Contact Chris Klein at 248-990-8586 or CKlein8000@live.com.

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.

Sunday, March 10: Regular Meeting at Cana Lutheran Church

Sunday, March 17: Regular Meeting at FPCRO

Sunday, April 7: Regular Meeting at First Pres. Birmingham

Sunday, April 14: Service Project TBD

Sunday, April 21: Regular Meeting at Cana Lutheran Church

Men's Fellowship Group

The Men's Fellowship Group will gather **Monday, March 11 at 7:30pm** at Bagger Dave's (2972 Coolidge Hwy) in Berkley. Please feel free to join us for a return visit or your first time! Contact Derek Helenberger or Matthew Nickel for more information.



ANNOUNCEMENTS, CONTINUED

Forgotten Harvest Volunteer Opportunity

FPCRO has reserved spots to volunteer in the Oak Park Forgotten Harvest warehouse on **Saturday, March 16 from 9am-12pm**. Volunteers must be at least 10 years of age. Please sign up on the link provided: <http://tinyurl.com/26nf8h45> We will then provide you with more information about signing up on the Forgotten Harvest website. Please contact Edie Watson or the church for more information.

Household Items Collection for Lighthouse

Thank you for helping to provide move-in baskets of household items for Lighthouse clients exiting the shelter and moving into their first apartments. If you took a tag with an item, donations are due back by **Sunday, March 24**. Thank you for sharing with our community!

Lent in Plain Sight Discussion Group

Join Pastor Emma in reading *Lent in Plain Sight: A Devotion Through Ten Objects* by Jill Duffield. Read one devotion per day and gather at the church for discussion of each week's readings on **Wednesdays from 1-2pm, through March 27**. God is often at work through ordinary people and objects. These devotions highlight ordinary objects Jesus would have encountered on his way to Jerusalem. Read Week 4 entries on coins for the meeting on March 6.

Maundy Thursday Soup Supper— Can you bring a soup?

Join us for a Soup Supper at **6pm** before the Maundy Thursday Worship service on **March 28**. We'll have a simple meal of soup and crackers and conversation at the table. Then we'll head to **worship at 7pm**. To make the meal possible, we are looking for volunteers to bring a crock pot of soup to share. Signup if you can donate one: <http://tinyurl.com/4w4cnsyu>

Holy Week and Easter Worship Services

Maundy Thursday, March 28: Soup Supper at 6pm, Worship at 7pm

Good Friday, March 29: Worship at 7pm

Easter Sunday, March 31: Worship Services at 9am & 11am with brass.



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.