

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ROYAL OAK

JUNE 30, 2024 | 10:30AM

Sixth 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 Are an Offering”

Dwight Liles arr. Mark Hayes
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Welcome & Announcements

◊ Call to Worship

One: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases.

All: God’s mercies never come to an end.

One: They are new every morning.

All: Great is God’s faithfulness!

◊ Hymn (*page over*)

“God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

Text: Robert Edwards ©1961, Ren. 1989 The Hymn Society (Admin. Hope Publishing Co.)

Call to Confession and *Kyrie Eleison*

One: Because of such great mercy, God is ready to forgive all the ways we fail to live in faithfulness. Relying on that mercy, let us confess our sin before God and one another. Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: Christ, have mercy upon us.

All: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Prayer of Confession

All: Loving God, we intend to be generous. We mean to share our resources widely. We try to give our time selflessly. We want to have enough energy to go around. But often, we fall short of those intentions. Instead, we feel overwhelmed by the number of good causes and the enormous needs. We retreat into ourselves and feel like our small efforts will not make any difference. Remind us that being generous always counts, no matter the amount that we can give. Remind us that sharing and caring for our neighbors is part of our calling as disciples.

[silence for individual prayer]

One: In Christ’s name, we pray,

All: Amen.

Assurance of Pardon¹

One: If the Lord kept count of all our sins, who could stand?

But with God, there is forgiveness.

All: Christ gives us peace. Thanks be to God!

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

F $\frac{F}{E}$ $\frac{Bb}{D}$ $\frac{F}{C}$ $\frac{Gm}{Bb}$ Gm7 C $\frac{F}{A}$ Bb $\frac{F}{A}$ Gm7 $\frac{C7}{G}$ F

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

$\frac{C}{E}$ Am $\frac{Bdim}{D}$ F Gsus G7 C $\frac{C}{E}$ F $\frac{C}{G}$ Am $\frac{Dm7}{F}$ G7 C

na-ture's won-der, Je-sus' wis-dom, cost-ly cross, grave's shat-tered door,
 all at peace in health and free-dom, rac-es joined, the Church made one.
 ours to use for home and kin-dred, and to spread the Gos-pel Word.

$\frac{F}{A}$ $\frac{F7}{A}$ Bb2 Bb Gm Gm7 C \sharp C Am Am7 Dm2 Dm Bb Gm7 C \sharp C

gift-ed by you, we turn to you, of-fering up our-selves in praise;
 Now di-rect our dai-ly la-bor, lest we strive for self a-lone;
 O-pen wide our hands in shar-ing, as we heed Christ's age-less call,

C $\frac{C7}{Bb}$ $\frac{F}{A}$ $\frac{F7}{A}$ Bb F Gm Dm $\frac{Gm}{Bb}$ Gm $\frac{F}{A}$ $\frac{Gm}{Bb}$ C7 F

thank-ful song shall rise for-ev-er, gra-cious do-nor of our days.
 born with tal-ents, make us ser-vants fit to an-swer at your throne.
 heal-ing, teach-ing, and re-claim-ing, serv-ing you by lov-ing all.

◇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 the playground with their teachers and will return at the conclusion of the service.



PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

All: By the power of your Spirit, speak your Word to us, O God. Show us who you are and who you are calling us to be, for the sake of your son and our Lord, Jesus Christ, Amen.

Psalm

“Psalm 30”

Sung to the Hymn-tune *Hyfrydol*, #153 “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

“Sing to God, that all may hear you! God, whose arm can lift and save;

By thy healing touch, revive us, life restore beyond the grave.

Praise we now our sure salvation, God, the holy One above,

End the night so dimmed by anguish, with the sunrise of Thy love.”

Paraphrase of Psalm 30 ©1999 Michael Morgan, The Psalter for Christian Worship, Witherspoon Press

Scripture Reading

2 Corinthians 8:7-15

Pew Bible, NT pg. 192

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“From Stinginess to Generosity”

Rev. Emma Nickel



THANKSGIVING

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

“Something for Thee”

Paul S. Jones

~Brady DeVecchio

“Savior, thy dying love thou gavest me, nor should I aught with-hold, dear Lord, from thee: in love my soul would bow, my heart fulfill its vow, some offering bring thee now, something for thee. Give me a faithful heart, guided by thee, that each departing day henceforth may see some work of love

begun, some deed of Kindness done, some wanderer sought and won, something for thee. All that I am and have, thy gifts so free, ever in joy or grief, my Lord, for thee, and when thy face I see, my ransomed soul shall be, through all eternity, offered to thee. Through all eternity, offered to thee.”

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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

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 (*page opposite*)

“When the Poor Ones”

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◇Benediction

1 Parts of today's liturgy are adapted from *Feasting on the Word: Liturgies for Year B, Vol 2*, Ed. Kimberly Bracken Long (Louisville: Westminster John Knox, 2015).

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Barb Hayes

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Audrey Frieberg, *soprano*

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When the Poor Ones

Cuando el Pobre

Unison Dm A7 Bb

1 When the poor ones who have noth-ing share with strang-ers,
 2 When at last all those who suf-fer find their com-fort,

1 Cuan-do el po-bre na-da tie-ne y aun re-par-te,
 2 Cuan-do su-fre un hom-bre y lo-gra su con-sue-lo,

D7 A Gm C7 F

when the thirst-y wa-ter give un-to us all,
 when they hope though e-ven hope seems hope-less-ness,

cuan-do el hom-bre pa-sa sed y a-gua nos da,
 cuan-do es-pe-ra y no se can-sa de es-pe-rar,

E C E7 A7 Dm

when the wound-ed in their weak-ness strength-en oth-ers,
 when we love though hate at times seems all a-round us,

cuan-do el dé-bil a su her-ma-no for-ta-le-ce,
 cuan-do a-ma-mos, aun-que el o-dio nos ro-de-e,

Dm C Dm B Refrain Bb A7 Dm

then we know that God still goes that road with us,
 va Dios mis-mo en nues-tro mis-mo ca-mi-nar,

D7 Gm A7 Dm Dm Dm

then we know that God still goes that road with us.
 va Dios mis-mo en nues-tro mis-mo ca-mi-nar.

3 When our joy fills up
 our cup to overflowing,
 when our lips can speak
 no words other than true,
 when we know that love
 for simple things is better,
Refrain

4 When our homes are filled
 with goodness in abundance,
 when we learn how to make
 peace instead of war,
 when each stranger that we meet
 is called a neighbor,
Refrain

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chancel Flowers

Today's flowers are given by Ron & Shirley Gillham in honor and thanks for 66 wonderful years of marriage.

Cereal for Summer ends Today, June 30

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.

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.

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.

Save the Date: Recommendation Station with Dessert Potluck, 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.

Backyard Playroom (BYP) is Now Open!

The BYP is a free program offered to the community by FPCRO and offers a safe, indoor environment for children ages five (5) and below to play under parental or guardian supervision. The BYP is open 9am-12pm, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. For updates, follow us on social media: <https://www.facebook.com/backyardplayroom> On Saturday's the BYP is available for rental to host birthday party's or other celebrations. Email us at byp@fpcro.org for information and to schedule.



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.