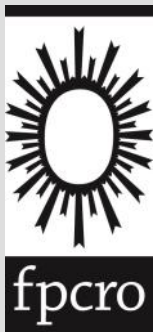


FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ROYAL OAK

JUNE 23, 2024 | 10:30AM

Fifth 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

“Folk Tune”

Percy Whitlock

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Welcome & Announcements

◊ Call to Worship

One: We are often anxious and worried, but as people of faith,

All: even in sorrow, we believe there can be rejoicing.

One: Even when we feel poor,

All: we find that there are riches in Christ.

One: Even in death, we see the possibility for new life.

All: Our hearts are wide open to God, as we join together in worship.

◊ Hymn #573

“How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord”

Text: Fred Pratt Green ©1982 Hope Publishing Co.

Call to Confession and Kyrie Eleison

One: We seek not to accept the grace of God in vain, but rather to let the grace of God transform our hearts and lives. In confession, we ask for God’s grace to touch our lives. Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: Christ, have mercy upon us.

All: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Prayer of Confession¹

All: Saving God, we confess that we are happy to receive your grace, but we sometimes act as if we have *not* been touched by it. When we are overwhelmed, we think you do not care enough for us. When life is uncertain and risky, we are not sure we can trust you with our whole hearts. Even when you move among us in powerful ways, we question who you are. Forgive us and mend us, we pray. Teach us to trust in your power to save and guide us in all things.

[silence for individual prayer]

One: In Christ’s name, we pray,

All: Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

One: Hear the good news: God’s steadfast love endures forever, and God’s faithfulness is promised to all generations.

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

Prayer for Illumination

All: God of eternity, by the power of your Spirit, speak your word to us this day, that hearing, we may know your truth and live ever more faithfully for you. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Psalm

"Psalm 107"

Sung to the Hymn-tune *O Quanta Qualia*, #528 "Here from All Nations"

***"Give thanks to God, who all goodness has brought us;
God, whose great love shall redeem us forever;
From earth's wide corners, God's mercy has sought us;
May God's redemption depart from us never ."***

Paraphrase of Psalm 107 ©1999 Michael Morgan, The Psalter for Christian Worship, Witherspoon Press

Scripture Reading

2 Corinthians 6:1-13

Pew Bible, NT pg. 191

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Not In Vain"

Rev. Emma Nickel



THANKSGIVING

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

"Onward, Ye Peoples!"

Jean Sibelius

~Kaori Hagopian, bells

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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

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

◊Hymn (*next page over*)

“Fight the Good Fight”

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◊Benediction

Postlude

“Prelude on *Darwall's 148th*”

Percy Whitlock

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Fight the Good Fight



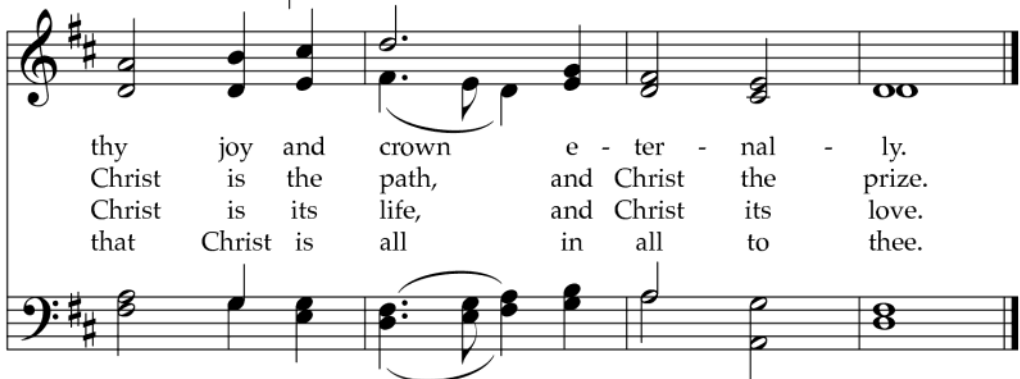
1 Fight the good fight with all thy might.
2 Run the straight race through God's good grace;
3 Cast care a - side; lean on thy guide.
4 Faint not nor fear: God's arms are near.



Christ is thy strength and Christ thy right.
lift up thine eyes, and seek Christ's face.
God's bound-less mer - cy will pro - vide.
God chang - eth not, and thou art dear.



Lay hold on life, and it shall be
Life with its way be - fore us lies;
Trust, and thy trust - ing soul shall prove
On - ly be - lieve, and thou shalt see



thy joy and crown e - ter - nal - ly.
Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.
Christ is its life, and Christ its love.
that Christ is all in all to thee.

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).

LITURGIST

Kevin Ball

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Audrey Frieberg, *soprano*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chancel Flowers

Today's flowers are given by Scott and Megan Kortlandt in celebration of their 15th wedding anniversary.

SnackPax Hands-On Mission Event Today

After worship 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.

Cereal for Summer ends 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. Please bring your cereal box donations to the church through **June 30**.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, CONTINUED

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, 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.

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.