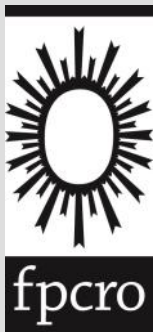


# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ROYAL OAK

**JULY 14, 2024 | 10:30AM**

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Eighth 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

“Be Thou My Vision”

*Eric Thiman*

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### Welcome & Announcements

#### ◊Call to Worship

One: God has brought us here to strengthen us with good news!

**All: God has set the path of faith before us.**

One: God is among us.

**All: God is calling us to listen for the divine presence all around us.**

One: God is calling us to speak the truth in love.

**All: We join together in worship and praise!**

#### ◊Hymn #502

“Be Thou My Vision”

Music: Irish Melody arr. Jack Schrader ©1989 Hope Publishing Co.

#### Call to Confession and *Kyrie Eleison*

One: Jesus loves us with steadfast tenderness; therefore, let us confess our sins to God.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

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

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

#### Prayer of Confession<sup>1</sup>

**All: We know that you call your people to lives of service and works of justice.**

**Forgive us, Lord, when we keep our lives just loud enough to drown out your**

**call. Forgive us, Lord, when we keep our days just busy enough to convince**

**ourselves that we have a valid excuse. We know that you work for the healing**

**of all that is broken in the world. Heal us of our blindness to your grace.**

**Forgive us and free us to try again.**

*[silence for individual prayer]*

One: In Christ's name, we pray,

**All: Amen.**

#### Assurance of Pardon

One: Do not be afraid. Christ's love is reaching out to us. Receive God's blessing of forgiveness and wholeness, and be assured of God's eternal love.

**All: 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 Baptism, kids may go to Sunday school classes with their teachers and will return at the conclusion of the service.*

## **Sacrament of Baptism**

### **Words of Scripture and Presentation**

### **Questions to the Baptizands, Parents, and Congregation**

### ◇Profession of Faith

### **Thanksgiving Over the Water**

### **Baptisms**

### **Prayer of Blessing**

### **Welcome**

One: Aiden, Layla, and Stella have been received into the universal church and into God's family through baptism. By the power of the Holy Spirit, they have become members of the household of faith, to share with us in the priesthood of Christ. Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**All: With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into the body of Christ!**

### **Baptismal Response #677 (verses 1 & 4)**

“Child of Blessing,  
Child of Promise”

*During the song, the elder will light the baptismal candles on the table signifying the light of Christ in each young person's life. The family will take the candles home and light them each year on their baptismal anniversary.*



## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

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### Prayer for Illumination<sup>2</sup>

**All: Eternal God, from the foundation of the world you have set a plumb line to measure our lives so that we may live in truth. By the power of your Holy Spirit and in the hearing of your message, strengthen our hands for building justice and making peace in the world around us. Amen.**

### Psalm

“Psalm 85”

Sung to the Hymn-tune *Ellacombe*, #31 “I Sing the Almighty Power of God”

***“Thy steadfast love and faithfulness will meet us face to face;  
The arm of justice, mercy sways; the righteous, truth embrace.  
May wisdom dwell in human law, and justice, courts display;  
Let righteousness precede Thy steps, and guide us on our way.”***

Paraphrase of Psalm 85 ©1999 Michael Morgan, The Psalter for Christian Worship, Witherspoon Press

### Scripture Reading

Amos 7:7-15

*Pew Bible, OT pg. 953*

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### Sermon

“A plumb line and a mirror”

*Rev. Emma Nickel*

### Sermon Response

“The Lord Now Sends Us Forth”

*The soloist will sing this hymn one time through, please join in on the second time.*

Text: Jose Agular; Music: Pedro Infante; English Trans. ©1998 & Music arr. ©2003 Augsburg Fortress



## THANKSGIVING

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### Invitation to the Offering

### Offertory

“The Call”

*K. Lee Scott*

~*Kent Wattleworth*

*“Come, my way, my truth, my life: such a way as gives us breath; such a truth as ends all strife;  
such a life as killeth death. Come, my light, my feast, my strength: such a light as shows a feast;  
such a feast as mends in length; such a strength as makes his guest. Come, my joy, my love, my  
heart: such a joy as none can move; such a love as none can part; such a heart as joys in love.”*

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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

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### ◇ Hymn #429

“If You Will Trust in God to Guide You”

Text & Music: Georg Neumark, text vs. 2 ©1978 Lutheran Book of Worship (admin. Augsburg Fortress)

### ◇ Benediction

### Postlude

“If You Will Trust in God to Guide You”

*J.S. Bach*  
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1 Prayer of Confession from Call to Worship, July 14, 2024 / Eighth Sunday after Pentecost / Proper 10, <https://calltoworshipjournal.org/july-14-2024-eighth-sunday-after-pentecost-proper-10/>

2 From *Feasting on the Word: Liturgies for Year B, Vol 2*, Ed. Kimberly Bracken Long (Louisville: Westminster John Knox, 2015).

Pastor Emma Nickel will be on vacation July 15-21. In the case of pastoral emergencies, please contact the church office for assistance.

### LITURGIST

Karen Kline

### FPCRO STAFF

*Pastor:* Rev. Emma Nickel

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

*Sunburst Singers Dir.:* Audrey Frieberg

*Facility Manager:* Alan Glasel

*Sunday/Evening Reception:* Todd Crawford

*Backyard Playroom Coordinator:* Ashleigh McKnight

*Dir. of Christian Education:* Joelle Jarrait

*Chancel Choir Dir.:* Kent Wattleworth

*Church Admin.:* Kari Peruski

*Admin. Assistant:* Sally Gilreath

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

*Nursery Care Worker:* Julia Carroll

### SOLOISTS

Bryan Clinthorne, *baritone*

Olivia Donnel, *soprano*

Brady DeVecchio, *tenor*

Audrey Frieberg, *soprano*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### Chancel Flowers

Today's flowers are given by Harry Popko in memory of Ilene Popko.

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### July is Our Church's Sabbath Month

During July, our church's programs and ministries are taking a Sabbath. The Session has decided to follow God's invitation to *rest*. Sunday worship and Sunday school will still happen as usual, and staff continue working regular schedules. But, we are taking a rest from committee meetings, board meetings, and we are not adding any new mid-week programs, activities, or ministries to our calendar. All are encouraged to rest in God and find refreshment in the Spirit! Questions? Contact the church office or Pastor Emma Nickel.

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### End of Fiscal Year Gifts & Offering Envelopes

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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### 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.

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### 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](mailto:jjarrait@fpcro.org)**.

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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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## ANNOUNCEMENTS, CONTINUED

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### Save the Date: 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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### Backyard Playroom (BYP) is 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](mailto:byp@fpcro.org) for information and to schedule.

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### Little Free Pantry

FPCRO's Little Free Pantry serves unhoused neighbors as well as those who may be running short on funds. Below is a suggested list of non-perishable items which may be dropped off during church office hours. For cash or check donations, please indicate the "Little Free Pantry" on the check or note. **Pull-Tab Cans:** stew (beef and chicken), fruit (cocktails, peaches, pears, etc.), vegetables (corn, green beans, peas, etc.), baked beans, soup (any variety), beefaroni/ravioli (ready-to-eat), canned tuna, chicken, or turkey. **Non-perishables:** granola bars (soft/chewy, any flavor), cereal (small individual boxes), tuna/chicken (ready-to-eat pouches), Knorr rice/pasta sides, peanut butter, snack crackers/cookies, small bottled waters, juice boxes, Easy Mac and Cheese (pouches/cups).

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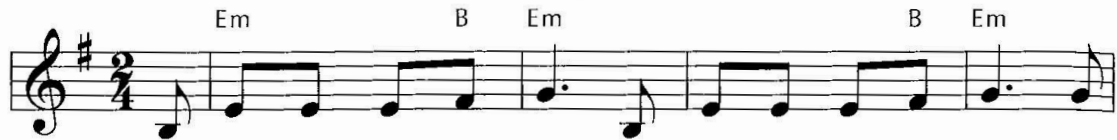
*Our church is a Stephen Ministry church. Stephen Ministers are lay caregivers who are trained to provide high-quality confidential, Christ-centered care to people who are hurting. Contact the pastor if you are in need.*



# The Lord Now Sends Us Forth

## *Enviado soy de Dios*

Em B Em B Em



The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give, to  
*En - via - do soy de Dios, mi ma - no lis - ta es - tá pa -*

Am B7 Em



make of all the earth a bet - ter place to live.  
*ra cons - truir con él un mun - do fra - ter - nal.*

Am D G C



The an - gels are not sent in - to our world of pain to  
*Los án - ge - les no son en - via - dos a cam - biar un*

Am B7 Em



do what we were meant to do in Je - sus' name; that  
*mun - do de do - lor por un mun - do me - jor; me*

Am D G C



falls to you and me and all who are made free. Help  
*ha to - ca - do a mí ha - cer - lo rea - li - dad. A -*

Am B7 Em



us, O Lord, we pray, to do your will to - day.  
*yú - da - me, Se - ñor, a ha - cer tu do - lun - tad.*