

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ROYAL OAK

**MAY 5, 2024 | 9 & 10:30AM**

Sixth Sunday of Easter

SUNDAY  
WORSHIP SERIES  
APR 7-MAY 19

## FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

*How God's Spirit  
guides our lives*



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## 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

9:00

“Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart”

*arr. Michael Cox*

10:30

“The Gift of Love”

*arr. Emma Lou Diemer*

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### Welcome & Announcements

#### ◊ Call to Worship<sup>1</sup>

One: A life without love would be no life at all.

**All: Today, I worship in love!**

One: A church without love would be no church at all.

**All: Today, we worship in love!**

One: A world without love would be no world at all.

**All: Today, we will pray for more love in our world.**

#### ◊ Hymn #397

“The Gift of Love”

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### Call to Confession and Kyrie Eleison

One: Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our failure to love neighbor, self, and the God who loves us into life. Lord, have mercy upon us.

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

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

### Prayer of Confession

**All: Holy God, how amazing is your love. And yet, so often we take it for granted and overlook your gifts. Forgive us when we are so preoccupied with worldly love and loss, that we forget holy love. Forgive us when we ignore the things that are really important: love and faith and hope. Forgive and renew us, we pray, so that we may be part of this glorious creation and grateful recipients of your precious love.**

*[silence for individual prayer]*

One: By the power of the Spirit, we pray,

**All: Amen.**

## Assurance of Pardon

One: Christ loves us so much that he laid down his life for us and calls us his friends.  
Christ's forgiveness is a free and gracious gift to us.

**All: Thanks be to God for the gift of grace!**

## ◇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: As forgiven people, we can share the peace Christ offers. 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

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### Prayer for Illumination

**All: Come, Holy Spirit, that through your word, we may be guided into the love of God for all the world. Amen.**

### Psalm

“Psalm 40”

Sung to the Hymn-tune *St. Christopher*, #255 “Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

***“I celebrate the goodness which God has shown to me;  
The patience to endure my cross, the grace to set me free.  
The gifts I truly prize are such that earth cannot remove:  
God’s favor for my faithfulness, and mercy for my love.”***

Paraphrase of Psalm 40 ©1999 Michael Morgan, The Psalter for Christian Worship, Witherspoon Press

### Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

*Pew Bible, NT pg. 183*

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

(10:30am)

## Anthem

“Love Consecrates the Humblest Act”

arr. Bradley Ellingboe

~Chancel Choir

*“Love consecrates the humblest act and haloes mercy’s deeds; it sheds a benediction sweet and hallows human needs. When in the shadow of the cross Christ knelt and washed the feet of his disciples, he gave us a sign of love complete. Love serves and willing stoops to serve; what Christ in love so true has freely done for one and all, let us now gladly do!”*

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## Sermon

“Loving Spirit”

Rev. Emma Nickel



# THANKSGIVING

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## Invitation to the Offering

### Offertory

“The Greatest of These Is Love”

Daniel Moe

~Olivia Donnel

*“If I speak in the tongue of men and angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong, or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, but have not love, I am nothing. If I have faith to remove the mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. Love is patient and kind; love is not jealous or boastful; it is not arrogant or rude. Love does not insist on its own way, love does not rejoice in the wrong, but rejoices in the right. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things, love never ends. Love is patient and kind and true, lover never ends.”*

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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 Thanksgiving<sup>1</sup>

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

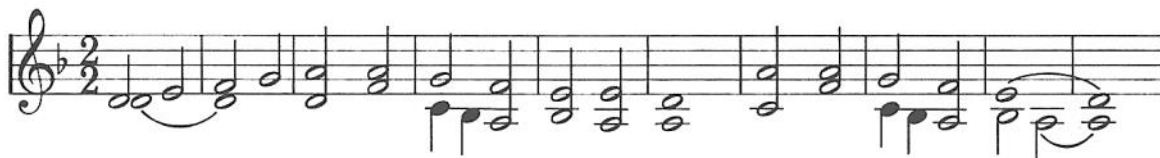
**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

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, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their 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...With gratitude for your love, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

One: God of love...This we pray with hope in our hearts, saying together:

## 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: Faithful and loving God, we rest in the truth that you are always with us. You strengthen our relationship in you as we share in the Bread of Life. You share your love for us as we share the Cup of Salvation. In grateful response, we accept the reasonability of being called by your name as we seek to carry this good news into the world. Amen.**



## SENDING

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### ◇ Hymn #401

“Of All the Spirit’s Gifts to Me”

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### ◇ Benediction

(10:30am)

### Postlude

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

John Behnke

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## **LITURGIST**

Krispen Carroll

## **FPCRO STAFF**

*Pastor:* Rev. Emma Nickel

*Dir. of Christian Education:* Joelle Jarrait

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*Chancel Choir Dir.:* Kent Wattleworth

*Sunburst Singers Dir.:* Audrey Frieberg

*Church Admin.:* Kari Peruski

*Facility Manager:* Alan Glasel

*Admin. Assistant:* Sally Gilreath

*Sunday/Evening Reception:* Todd Crawford

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

*Nursery Care Worker:* Julia Carroll

## **SOLOISTS**

Bryan Clinthome, *baritone*

Brady DeVecchio, *tenor*

Olivia Donnel, *soprano*

Audrey Frieberg, *soprano*

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*Worship services in FPCRO's sanctuary are now broadcast live and are recorded and posted on our website and social media platforms.*

*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.*



*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

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## Chancel Flowers

Today's flowers are given by Nancy Denne in memory of her parents and brother.

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**There will be a Congregation al Meeting on Sunday, May 19, immediately following the 10:30am service, to elect nominees for office.**

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We welcome members of Drayton Presbyterian Church to our worship services today.

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Join us for Coffee Hour in Kirkman Fellowship Hall following the 10:30am service today. The Bible Study Class is hosting today.

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## Nametag Boards

As we welcome Drayton Presbyterian Church to Evans Chapel, we have given some attention to the FPCRO nametag storage boards. Nametags of those who regularly attend the 9am service remain in the Chapel Narthex. Nametags of those who regularly attend the 10:30am service are being stored on the board in the Sanctuary narthex. Take a look on the Sanctuary board if you're having trouble finding your tag! If you need a (new) nametag, please add your name to the list on the table outside the Sanctuary doors, then look for your tag waiting for you there the next Sunday.

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## 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](mailto:stageyouth@gmail.com). Scan the QR code for more information.



**May 5: Regular Meeting** at FPCRO

**May 18: Flower Sale** at Greenfield Presbyterian Church

**June 9: End of Year Party** at FPCRO

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## Women's Fellowship Group

The Women's Group will meet from **9:30-10:30am** on **Friday, May 10 and Friday, June 7** at Coffee and Bark in Berkley. Questions? Contact Amanda Curry.

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## Men's Fellowship Group

The Men's Group will gather on **Monday, May 13 at 7:30pm** at Bagger Dave's in Berkley. Please join us for a return visit, or your first time, for some free-flowing conversation on a wide range of subjects. Questions? Contact Derek Helenberger or Matthew Nickel.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS, CONTINUED

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### **Volunteer at the Buy Nothing 'Free Sale' Event in Our Parking Lots**

On **Saturday, May 18 from 9am-12pm** (rain date, June 15), FPCRO will host a group for a Buy Nothing Free Sale in our parking lot. Many RO residents are members of 'Buy Nothing' Facebook groups, where they take unwanted/unused items and gift them to others. This year, the group is hosting an in-person event which fosters **community connection and cares for creation** by keeping items out of landfills. To offer this community service, we need volunteers! Could you: Serve as a **parking lot attendant** on this day, directing people where to park and set-up? Serve as a **host at a booth** for our church offering greetings, giving directions to our church's bathrooms, water fountains, and pointing people to the event's coordinators for other assistance? Sign-up here: <https://tinyurl.com/3mpttsn2> or email Pastor Emma to let her know you want to participate.

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### **Sunday Serenade, June 2**

Join us **Sunday, June 2 at 2pm**, in support of our talented section leaders/soloists Bryan Clinthorne, Brady DelVecchio, Olivia Donnel, and Audrey Frieberg, as they share their gifts with us in an afternoon of song. We are fortunate to have such a wonderful quartet of soloists and this concert will feature them in ways that go beyond what we hear on a Sunday morning. The program will include solos, duets, trios, and quartets from classical Art Song, Opera, and Musical Theater. Within this huge variety there will be something for everyone to enjoy! Our own Joseph Jackson will accompany our talented singers for a beautiful concert which will showcase the versatility of their gifts. The concert will be free and open to the public.

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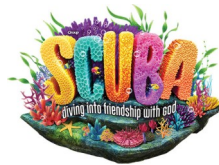
### **Register Today! Scuba VBS is June 24-28, 9am-12pm**

Children receive a free gift with registration!

**Deadline to register is June 1, 2024.**

Children 4 years old through 5th grade welcome.

<http://tinyurl.com/yc42r5m8>



### **Volunteer for SCUBA Vacation Bible School!**

This is a wonderful week of sharing God's word with our church children and the children of our community. We are looking for volunteers for a variety of areas. Not only do we need helpers during the event, but also helpers for planning and designing sets and props. Please visit our sign-up genius at <https://tinyurl.com/mr53bmr> to join in on the fun!

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