



First Presbyterian
Church of Plymouth

ENTER HIS GATES

WITH

Thanksgiving
& praise

HIS
COURTS
WITH

GIVE THANKS TO



Him

and

praise

HIS NAME

Psalm 100:4

November 22, 2020
Thanksgiving Sunday
Consecration Sunday

THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP

AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PLYMOUTH, MI

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		Rev. Emily Riley Campbell
OPENING PRAISE	<i>"Enter His Gates with Songs of Thanksgiving"</i>	Clatterbuck
	Chancel Choir	
OPENING PRAYER OF PRAISE		Rev. Campbell
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE		Rev. Campbell
SCRIPTURE LESSON	Psalms 100	Rev. Mark Hovermale
SERMON	Talking Points: Talking with Gratitude	Rev. Emily Riley Campbell
SONG OF PRAISE	<i>"For the Beauty of the Earth"</i>	Rutter
	Chancel Choir	

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

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.

BENEDICTION & BLESSING

Rev. Campbell

A special request from Rev Emily.....

In our ever-changing world that we never realized would change our every day, we continue to learn new ways to move forward. We want to propose a new idea for us to stay connected as a church family in the coming months. As part of Member Connect, we would like to create a subgroup called "Church Friends". For this to be impactful, we will need volunteers and the more volunteers, the better! In that spirit, I am requesting that you consider being a "Church Friend".

What is a Church Friend? To be a Church Friend we are asking the following:

- That you are a member of First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth.
- That you are willing to reach out to (up to five) members of our church so that we all feel cared for.

What is a Church Friend responsible for?

- Calling up to five people (the same five people) once a month or as appropriate. (we would provide you with up to five names and contact information)
- Asking how they are and to see if they need anything
- Offering to say a prayer with them that I (Rev Emily) would provide
- Share information about the church if they are interested in being more connected (i.e. bible studies)

Report back to Julie Thompson (juliethompson@fpcp.net) or Emily Campbell (emilycampbell@fpcp.net) via email any changes or pastoral issues needing follow up.

How long are we asking you to do this:

- Ongoing until we are fully able to gather in person OR until you need to take a break which is understandable. At that point, we can reassign your five people to another volunteer.

How do you sign up?

Please sign up by clicking on the link below: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfaj8vPQPf48A3RQ9umfiGc5RWw9GUsiZfFWLYMZsnDizHKww/viewform?usp=sf_link)

[e/1FAIpQLSfaj8vPQPf48A3RQ9umfiGc5RWw9GUsiZfFWLYMZsnDizHKww/viewform?usp=sf_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfaj8vPQPf48A3RQ9umfiGc5RWw9GUsiZfFWLYMZsnDizHKww/viewform?usp=sf_link)

Please prayerfully consider if this might be something you would like to volunteer for and we will provide more details in the coming weeks.

MISSION OPPORTUNITY HIGHLIGHTS

Additional Information about mission projects can be found on pages 6-7 in this bulletin or on the church's website. DTP = Downtown Plymouth.

November opportunities:

Sunday. Nov 22nd (from 10 -noon) Drop Off Your FPCP Pledge Card for 2021 at the church. We are also collecting canned goods to help restock the pantry in time for Thanksgiving for Hope Clinic in Ypsilanti.

Fri and Sat. Nov 27 and 28 Salvation Army Bell Ringing. DTP.

December opportunities:

Fri Dec 4th (10 am – 2 pm) and Sat. Dec 5th (10 am-noon) at church. Drop off \$15 gift cards from Walmart, Target, Meijer for Salvation Army Angel Tree.

Fri and Sat. Dec. 4 and 5 Salvation Army Bell Ringing. DTP.

Fri and Sat. Dec 11 and 12. Salvation Army Bell Ringing DTP.

Racism...Injustice...Repentance...Reconciliation... What's a Christian to Do?

Learning and Discussion: Thursday, Dec. 3, 7:00pm-8:30pm

We are having our second session on December 3rd at 7:00pm - please join with members of the congregation for a time of learning, of discussing, of praying to help us better understand the issues in our society / country related to racism and injustice, and to help inform each of us as we seek reconciliation and healing.

In October at our first session, we viewed together a sermon from Rev. John Ortberg, based on Micah 6:8, and we then discussed the sin of racism, what the Bible says about justice, and how might we as Christians help to achieve it? How might we be a positive force for reconciliation in our country today? What can I, as an individual, do?

On Thursday evening December 3rd at 7:00pm, the Member Connect Committee will hold a "Zoom" gathering to view together a sermon preached by the Rev. Dr. Michael Nabors at Second Baptist Church of Evanston, IL. in June 2020, shortly after the killing of George Floyd. We are hopeful this will provide valuable perspectives and teachings, as we seek to learn where God is leading us, as individuals, and as a congregation. After viewing the sermon together, we will have conversation and reflections about its key messages and teachings.

Zoom link for Dec. 3 meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88147556890>

And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God.
Micah 6:8 (NIV)

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Here are links to the material shared at the October 29th meeting:

Ortberg sermon: (video - starts at 5:00) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CcxgvusK61s&t=2239s>

T.D. Jakes conversation: (audio only – starts at 6:05) <https://soundcloud.com/hillsong-church-london/a-conversation-on-race-carl-lentz-bishop-td-jakes>

APNC Next Steps

FPCP called Associate Pastor Candidate Ashley during the November 8th meeting. The following next steps are anticipated:

The COM will be working with Ashley to prepare her for the upcoming Presbytery of Detroit Online Zoom Meeting to approve AP Candidate call and TOC for our church - 21-Nov-2020.

Assuming a positive vote at the meeting, Ashley will then be official in her new capacity as Associate Pastor at FPCP. If the way is clear, Ashley would begin working at FPCP on December 1, 2020.

The APNC will work with the Associate Pastor Candidate and FPCP session and staff to arrange installation and ordination at a TBD date.

Prayer Request: We ask for your prayers for our congregation and for all participants to successfully navigate the Associate Pastor call process during these challenging times.

Young Instrumentalists

Young people that play a musical instrument are invited to participate in the on-line service on Sunday, December 27th.

I will meet any participants in the sanctuary at your convenience so that we can record safely without exposure to others.

Please let me know what time is good for you to meet me during the week of December 13th.

To schedule, please call or e-mail Sue Scott –734-718-3491 cell - suecscott@comcast.net

Thrift Shop News

For the safety of our volunteers and customers, we have decided to close the Thrift Shop until further notice. Thank you.

November & December Worship Schedule

Online Services only

November 29 - **Hello, My Name is: Wonderful Counselor** - Rev. Hovermale preaching;

First Sunday in Advent

Music by Chancel Choir and Kylee Phillips-Fisher

December 6 - **Hello, My Name is: Mighty God** - Ashley Smith Ashley preaching;

Second Sunday in Advent, Communion

Music by Joyful Ringers

December 13 - **Hello, My Name is: Everlasting Father** - Rev. Campbell preaching;

Third Sunday in Advent, Children's Pageant

Chancel Choir Christmas Concert

December 20 - **Hello, My Name is: Prince of Peace** - Rev. Hovermale preaching

Fourth Sunday in Advent

Music by Brass Ensemble and the Fifth Season

Prayer Concerns

Please pray for the following church members and friends who are in special circumstances. In the listings below members' names will be printed in bold type. The names of family & friends will be printed in italic. Questions or concerns about the prayer list should be directed to prayerlist@fpcp.net. Names are only left in the bulletin for one month unless you call again or the office is aware of the circumstances.

Members

Frank Benages **Lisa Benages**
Sarah Campbell **Joanne Cole**
Zach Danke **Don Dodge**
Sally Evans **Russ Hazen**
Gwyn Jones **Vic Rizzo**
Neil & Ingrid Sendelbach
Sterling Shephard **Jen Van Hala**
Kelly Van Such

Members In Assisted Living

Joyce Holmes **Barbara Mason**
Don Morgan **Lila & Doug Vincent**

Members Receiving

Long-term Care

Cynthia Alexander **Meera Martin**
Nancy Morman

Family & Friends of Members

*Edna Hotz, aunt of **Lynne Porter***
*Jean Stolt, sister of **Susan Underhill***
*Mickey Sullivan, husband of **Nancy Sullivan***
*Mary Ann Riley, mother of **Emily Riley Campbell***
*Erroll Houts, brother-in-law of **Rich Felcher & Jessie Hollingsworth***
*Kevin Wright, son of **Pat Wright***
*Bronn, grandson of **Ruth Azar***
*Ethan Adams, son of **Jim & Connie Adams***
*Nathaniel & Sarah Wilder, parents of **Kurt Wilder***
*Joe Caruana, friend of **Steve & Sandy Marulis***
*Jerry Wang, uncle of **Anita Hazlewood***
*Peter William Makarov, grandson of **Joanne & Bill Cole***
*Donna Corey, sister-in-law of **Kay Bruner***
*Kim Strube Scartelli, daughter of **Jan Strube***
*Dana Alper, niece of **Elizabeth Detter***
*Dennis Dodge, brother of **Dorothy Simescu & Stu Dodge***
*Rev. Fergus Buchanan, friend of **Doug & Emily Campbell***
*Adriana Sandoval Villalobos, friend of **Carol Dobos***

Our Sympathies

- To **Rhonda & Mike Bode**, on the passing of Rhonda's mother, *Mary Kaminski*, on November 14, 2020.
- To the family of **Millie Ferrari**, who passed away on November 6, 2020.
- To the family of *Louise Kmoski*, sister of **Jack & Kiki Farrow**, who passed away on November 9, 2020.
- To Jean Stachura & family, whose sister, *Barbara Walters*, passed away on October 14, 2020.

*The floral arrangements contributed for Sunday November 22,
are dedicated to the glory of God and...*

- In loving memory of Carol Dodge, by the Simescu and Dodge families.



News & Announcements

Things are looking different this year...

and Christmas at FPCP will look different too. Rather than our usual Christmas Poinsettias that are displayed in the Sanctuary and Narthex, we will instead be displaying Luminaries on the grounds of FPCP for three special events that will shine the light of Christmas to the Plymouth Community. If you would like to support this effort, you can make a donation to FPCP, with a note that it is for the luminaries. You are encouraged to list a name(s) of loved ones that you would like to honor or remember this Christmas season, and they will be included in a bulletin closer to Christmas Eve. We thank you for your contributions and hope that you too feel the love and joy of Christmas being celebrated and shared by FPCP with the Plymouth community. Thank you!
Blessings, Sharon Kaufman

Salvation Army Bell Ringers

We are looking for bell ringers for the Salvation Army Kettle. FPCP has committed to ring the bell on the following dates at the Greek Islands Coney Restaurant, 306 S. Main Street in Plymouth (on corner of Penniman & Main St.)

Friday, November 27 & Saturday, November 28
Friday, December 4 & Saturday, December 5
Friday, December 11 & Saturday, December 12

Because of COVID, this year we will be using Sign-Up Genius. Click on the following link to select your day and time. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080C45AFA72EA0F49-salvation>. If you have any questions or wish to sign up you can call Bev Girard at 734-395-5102.

What Can You Do To Help FPCP?

Enroll in Kroger Community Rewards Program

As a Kroger Plus Card shopper, for every dollar you spend at a Kroger store, a percentage of your total bill can be designated for FPCP. To participate in this FREE program, you must be enrolled through your Kroger Plus Shopper's card in the **Kroger Community Rewards** program, designating FPCP as your recipient organization.

If you are already enrolled, you should see 'First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth' at the bottom of your receipt.

Why not ask your relatives, friends and others to link their Kroger Plus Shopper's card with FPCP, too! It's easy and free. If you have any questions, please contact Stu Dodge at 734-453-6464, ext. 116 or Jean Krause at 734-416-1760.

[Kroger Rewards Instructions](#)

The Women of First Presbyterian Church are sponsoring a Christmas tree in Kellogg Park's "Walk of Trees" this holiday season.

All Church members are invited to add an ornament to our tree. Your ornaments can be crosses, stars, bells, or angels.

Ornaments must comply with the Chamber of Commerce's requirements as follows:

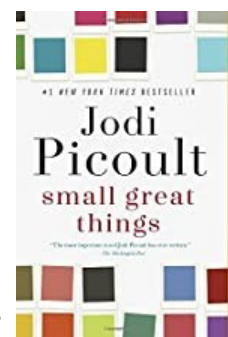
- Ornaments may be purchased or made and be able to stand up to all types of weather.
- Ornaments made of cardboard or paper are discouraged, unless laminated
- Ornaments designed to feed wildlife are not allowed
- Ornaments MUST be tied or wired securely. Pipe cleaners work well. Regular ornament hangers do NOT work
- Business cards and brochures are not allowed in any form

We can begin decorating our tree on November 20, and decorating must be completed by November 27. Ornaments must be retrieved by January 4, 2021 so the City can dispose of the trees environmentally. Please call Carol Duncan at 734-812-6260 with any questions.

News & Announcements

We're reading again! Please join us...

Presbyterian Women discuss "Small Great Things" by Jodi Picoult 7:00 p.m. on Monday, November 30



Ruth Jefferson is a labor and delivery nurse at a Connecticut hospital with more than twenty years' experience. During her shift, Ruth begins a routine checkup on a newborn, only to be told a few minutes later that she's been reassigned to another patient. The parents are white supremacists and don't want Ruth, who is African American, to touch their child. The hospital complies with their request, but the next day, the baby goes into cardiac distress while Ruth is alone in the nursery. Does she obey orders or does she intervene?

Ruth hesitates before performing CPR and, as a result, is charged with a serious crime. Kennedy McQuarrie, a white public defender, takes her case but gives unexpected advice: Kennedy insists that mentioning race in the courtroom is not a winning strategy. Conflicted by Kennedy's counsel, Ruth tries to keep life as normal as possible for her family—especially her teenage son—as the case becomes a media sensation. As the trial moves forward, Ruth and Kennedy must gain each other's trust, and come to see *that what they've been taught their whole lives about others—and themselves—might be wrong.*

With incredible empathy, intelligence, and candor, Jodi Picoult tackles race, privilege, prejudice, justice, and compassion—and doesn't offer easy answers.

Please join the discussion, beginning at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom on Monday, November 30!

Please contact Nancy White at nancy.white795@gmail.com for Zoom connection link or call or text Nancy at 734-502-2831

2020 Salvation Army Angel Tree

Share the joy of Christ's birth by adopting an Angel of your own!

FPCP is pleased to support the Salvation Army through their **Angel Tree** for children and families in need in our local community. Because of COVID, they are not able to do the regular distribution, but will give gift cards this year. We know this takes some of the fun of shopping for the gift, but please consider still participating.

To participate, please provide \$15 gift cards from Walmart, Target and/or Meijer. We will be available on December 4th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm & Dec. 5th from 10:00 a.m. - noon to collect the gift cards.

If you prefer, gifts can also be delivered or mailed directly to the Plymouth Salvation Army, 9451 S. Main Street to be received by December 11th.

If you have any questions, please contact Jerry Marentette at 313-529-2307.

Simple Tips to Avoid Contamination of Your Curbside Recycle Bin

Contamination occurs in recycling when non-recyclables are placed in recycling bins. Contamination can include anything from food waste to plastic bags. Different recycling systems allow for different materials to be recycled and consider different materials as contaminants. This can make proper recycling difficult. That is why it is so important to know what items **your** community recycles so your bin is not contaminated.

What are the main reasons for contamination?

- Leftover food waste or liquids in containers that spill or leak onto other items. You can reduce recycling contamination **emptying and rinsing your containers of all possible contaminants** – such as scrap pieces of food, oil, grease, or any liquids.
- Hazardous and/or unwanted materials being thrown out such as needles, batteries, diapers, and paint.
- Varied recycling practices among different cities and states. What one city accepts as recyclable can be considered a contaminant in another.
- Items incorrectly tossed into recycling such as grocery store bags, straws, and coffee lids.

IF IN DOUBT, THROW IT OUT!!!!

This Week at Our Church

Sunday, November 22 STEWARDSHIP/CONSECRATION SUNDAY/THANKSGIVING SUNDAY

- 9:30am Online Church Service (www.fpcp.net/resources/sermons)
10:30am Confirmation Class
5:30pm Continuing the Word Bible Study
7:00pm Listening to Jesus: Responding in Faith Bible Study

Tuesday, November 24

- 7:00pm Partners in Earth Care
7:00pm Tuesday Evening Bible Study

Wednesday, November 25

- 7:30am Early Word Bible Study
9:30am Women of the Word Bible Studies
10:00am Women of the Word Bible Studies
12:00pm Church closed
6:30pm APNC Meeting

Thursday, November 26 THANKSGIVING DAY

Church Closed

Friday, November 27 THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

Church Closed

Saturday, November 28

- 8:00am Saturday Morning Men's Bible Study

Sunday, November 29 1st SUNDAY IN ADVENT

- 9:30am Online Church Service (www.fpcp.net/resources/sermons)

Looking ahead... <http://fpcp.net/connect/church-calendar>



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We are a family of faith, called to celebrate God's message of love and forgiveness in Jesus Christ. Guided by the living Word of God, we nurture one another through worship, prayer, teaching and fellowship. Led by the Holy Spirit, we reach out with hearts and hands to those in need, seeking to inspire hope in an ever-changing community and world.

(FPCP Vision Statement)

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