



First Presbyterian

For
Unto
Us a
Child is

Born, to us a

Son is given, and the

Government will be on his

Shoulders. And he will be called

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,

Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:6

November 29, 2020
First Sunday in Advent

THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP

AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PLYMOUTH, MI

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		Rev. Mark Hovermale
ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING: HOPE		Mark & Lily Hovermale
OPENING PRAYER		Kathy Bernard
OPENING PRAISE	<i>"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"</i> Chancel Choir and Congregation	
SCRIPTURE LESSON	Isaiah 9:1-5 (NIV)	Jim Bernard
DISCUSSION OF THEME		Rev. Hovermale
SCRIPTURE LESSON	Isaiah 9:6-7 (NIV)	Jim Bernard
SERMON	Hello, My Name Is: Wonderful Counselor	Rev. Mark Hovermale
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)		Kathy Bernard
	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.	
CLOSING PRAISE	<i>"Called Me Higher"</i> Kylee Phillips-Fisher & Ben Fisher	
BENEDICTION & BLESSING		Rev. Hovermale

November & December Worship Schedule

Online Services only

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 Fifth Season Ensemble

December 24 - **Hello, My Name is: Jesus** - Rev. Campbell preaching
Christmas Eve

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.

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.

Thursday Evening Prayer and Devotions - December "1-2-3"

Friends, we will meet the first three Thursday evenings in December for a time of prayer and devotions. We will meet December 3, 10 and 17th at 8:30 p.m. To remember, just think of "1-2-3" !! Here's the Zoom link, we hope you can join: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82201558529>

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/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.

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)

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>

FAMILY CHRISTMAS GREETING

In this year of COVID with our church being closed, we would like to offer you a way to wish your FPCP family a Merry Christmas.

We encourage everyone to take a family photo (parents, children, grandparents, etc.) in front of your Christmas tree or next to any other Christmas decoration (a creche scene, a decorated front door or mantle or perhaps decorating Christmas cookies).

Within your photo, please include a large piece of paper or poster board that has your family name on it along with your Christmas greeting. Example: "Merry Christmas from the Smith Family". Please do not include names of children, this will ensure the safety of the child. If the photo doesn't include children you can sign your greeting with your first and last name, Jim and Nancy Smith, or simply Smith Family.

Please email your photo and greeting to Susan Underhill (susanunderhill@fpcp.net) **before** Monday, Dec. 14th to be included in the Dec. 27th on-line service.

Thrift Shop News

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

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

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

Rick Shingledecker, friend of **Ted & Lynne Porter**
Nancy Ver West, sister-in-law of **Ginny Weaver**
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**

Praise & Thanksgiving

11.21.2020 Thank you for all of your prayers, for having me on the prayer list, for your cards, the flowers and the meals. I am recovering well from surgery, feeling stronger every day, and I will not need chemo or radiation. Thanks to God for His mercy, love, and healing. **Jen Van Hala**

11.18.2020 Prayers of thanksgiving for the good response to chemotherapy she received for the past 5 months. Kim will now be on an oral drug to continue fighting her ovarian cancer. Please continue to pray for health and strength to tolerate the drugs. **Jan Strube**.

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.

*The floral arrangements contributed for Sunday November 29,
are dedicated to the glory of God and...*

- In loving memory of Heather Shephard, by Sterling and family.



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**

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

Salvation Army Bell Ringers

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.

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.

~ Make a Difference, One Cup at a Time ~

You usually see us selling Equal Exchange coffee and teas on the first Sunday of each month as part of the Presbyterian Coffee Project. We have been doing this for years but due to the pandemic have been unable to do so. **We are BACK! Just in time for Christmas!** You have the opportunity to purchase Fair Trade coffee and tea by using the simple order link below.

Fair Trade is a way of doing business that ultimately aims to keep small farmers an active part of the world marketplace and aims to empower consumers to make purchases that support their values. This is more crucial now more than ever. Many small farmers have been severely impacted by the pandemic and are in serious financial straits.

Please take a few minutes to watch this short video to see the impact of purchasing Fair Trade items has on farmers around the world.

<https://www.youtube.com/user/equalexchange>

You can order your favorites by completing the Google form below. We will make individual arrangements with each person to arrange the delivery of your order. You will be notified when it comes in. Now, more than ever, it is vital to support these small farmers. We appreciate your support!!!!

DEADLINE FOR ORDERING IS December 6!!

<https://forms.gle/yrYFw1FZSfhX6Vrj6>

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

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](#)

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!!!!

DID YOU KNOW?

The average recycling contamination rate is 25%

That's 1 in every 4 items!

DID YOU KNOW?

Frozen food containers are **NOT** to be placed in your recycling bin! The shiny exterior coating that prevents freezer burn actually prevents the container from being recyclable!

This Week at Our Church

Sunday, November 29 1st SUNDAY IN ADVENT

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

10:30am Confirmation Class

Monday, November 30

7:00pm PW Book Discussion

Tuesday, December 1

9:30am Staff Prayer/Meeting

7:00pm Tuesday Evening Bible Study

Wednesday, December 2

7:30am Early Word Bible Study

9:30am Women of the Word Bible Studies

12:00pm Lunch & A Book Group

6:30pm APNC Meeting

6:30pm Middle School Youth Group

7:00pm Joyful Ringers

Thursday, December 3

7:00pm "Racism, Injustice, Repentance, Reconciliation" Discussion

8:30pm Thursday Evening Prayer and Devotions

Friday, December 4

10:00am Salvation Army Angel Tree Drop Off

Saturday, December 5

8:00am Saturday Morning Men's Bible Study

9:00am Salvation Army Angel Tree Drop Off

2:00pm Kage Wedding

Sunday, December 6 2nd SUNDAY IN ADVENT/COMMUNION

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

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

Hope

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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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