



Encounters of Grace: In Light and in Darkness

November 26, 2023

THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PLYMOUTH, MI

SANCTUARY SERVICE 9:30 AM

PRELUDE "We Are Called to be God's People" arr. J. Raney

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Emily Riley Campbell
(Members and Visitors, please sign and pass our friendship pads which are located in the book rack of your pew.)

OPENING PRAYER

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 14 "Now Thank We All Our God"
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ANTHEM "O For A Thousand Tongues" V. D. Thompson
The Chancel Choir

CALL TO CONFESSION Rev. Ashley S. Ashley

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Gracious God, you promise that your light dispels the darkness, yet too often we feel that the darkness remains. We cannot see in front of us, so we turn to our own knowledge and resources. Forgive us for always turning inward, to self-reliance, rather than turning to you. Help us to trust you and live believing that you are the Light of the World, greater than any darkness. With this confidence, may we share hope with the world.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Rev. Ashley

HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 472 "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"
Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in His wonderful face; and the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of His glory and grace.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Mark 10: 46-52 Mira Renaldi

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison) Rev. Ashley
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.

CALL TO OFFERING Rev. Ashley

OFFERTORY "A Midwinter Noel." Arr. Rouse
The Chancel Choir

*DOXOLOGY NO. 34
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION Rev. Ashley

*HYMN OF PREPARATION NO. 78 "God of the Ages, History's Maker"

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SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 8: 22-26

Stewart Dodge

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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(in unison) The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father (and the Son), who with the Father and Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN NO. 93 "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"

*BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

Rev. Campbell

POSTLUDE

"Gigue"

D. Wagner

All who are able are invited to stand

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Sanctuary Ushers today are: Carol Dobos, Otto Dobos, Lisa Benages, & Frank Benages

Upper Room Usher today is: Tom MacDonald & Wensday MacDonald

Counting Team Members today are: Stu Dodge, Barry Simescu, & Mike Bode

Deacons of the Day today are: Jeff Koup & Glenn Anderson

Thank you to the Sanctuary & Upper Room Tech Team members!

This Week's Flower Arrangements are Given to the Glory of God and...

- In loving memory of Carol Dodge's birthday from the Simescu and Dodge families.
- In loving memory of Heather Shephard from Sterling and family.
- The rose on the Communion table is in gratitude and celebration for
Desa Maxson - Farrow born October 24, 2023 to Tim Farrow and Janelle Maxson of
Denver, Colorado. Blessed grandparents are Jack & Kiki Farrow

If you still wish to make a toy donation to Youth Haven, you may drop off your toys at Salon Unity, 16999 Haggerty Rd. (corner of Haggerty & Six Mile Rds.) in Northville throughout the month of November.

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THE UPPER ROOM SERVICE

11:15 A.M.

Call to Worship

PRELUDE	<i>"Be Thou My Vision"</i>	Chris DuPont & Kylee Phillips
WORSHIP SONG	<i>"Open The Eyes of My Heart"</i>	Chris & Kylee

Welcome and Opening

PASSING OF THE PEACE		Chris DuPont
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS		Rev. Emily Riley Campbell
OPENING PRAYER OF PRAISE		Rev. Campbell
FIRST SCRIPTURE READING	Mark 10: 46-52	Mira Renaldi
INTRODUCTION TO VIDEO		Rev. Campbell
VIDEO		

Offertory

CALL TO OFFERING		Chris Dupont
OFFERING SONG	<i>"When I See You"</i>	Chris & Kylee
PRAYER OF DEDICATION		Chris DuPont

Word & Teaching

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Our Response

SONG OF RESPONSE	<i>"Be Okay"</i>	Chris & Kylee
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER		Rev. Ashley S. Ashley
CLOSING SONG	<i>"Beautiful Things"</i>	Chris & Kylee
BENEDICTION & BLESSING		Rev. Campbell

Prayer Concerns

Questions or concerns about the prayer list should be directed to prayerlist@fpcp.net. Or you can fill out a google form at <https://forms.gle/XFBE7jivuP7qWCdG7>

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. Names are only left in the bulletin for one month unless you call again or the office is aware of the circumstances.

Family & Friends of Members

Tom Dueweke, friend of **Sandy and Steve Marulis**
Karen Barlow, wife of **Dennis Barlow**
Sally and Rachel Kollar, friends of **Becky DeLoy**
Jack and Gayle DeYoung, uncle and aunt of **Ginny Weaver**
Jennifer Carpenter, daughter of **Sterling Shephard**
Lewandowski family, friends of **Sue Maynard**
John Mcagrath, friend of **Brenda and Dean Aulinskis**
Ed Daniel, friend of **Stu and Sandy Dodge**
Dennis Dodge, brother of **Stu Dodge and Dorothy Simescu**
Betty Socia, former Office Administrator at FPCP
David Krajovic, friend of **Kurt Wilder**
Vala Evans, niece and granddaughter of **Sally and Sue Evans**
Jean, Jay, and Sam, friends of **Susan Johnson**
Magda, Compassion International child sponsored by PW

Members In Assisted Living Victoria Whipple

Members
Sheila Place
Doris Rorabacher
Dana Leader
Pat Wright
Neil & Ingrid Sendelbach
Ray & Kathy Stella
Karen Chapin
Sue Grant
Mandy Hillard
Kim Zuhlke
Katherine Ray
Dale Leanhardt
Lynn Walgenbach
Don & Carol Loesch
Donald Bruner
Lisa Mullen
John & Cynthia Hartsig
Hannah Campbell
Ervin Miller
Dorothy Simescu

Our Sympathy

- Our sympathy goes out to **Milanne Richards** and family at the loss of her daughter, *Cindy Richards* on October 29, 2023.
- Our sympathy goes out to **Dwight and Carole Matthews** and family at the loss of their son, *Eric Matthews* on October 29, 2023.
- Our sympathy goes out to **Lou Truesdell** and family at the loss of his wife, **Barbara Sulkowski** on October 29, 2023.
- Our sympathy goes out to *Ethan Blacklock (a valued member of our live- streaming team)*, at the loss of his grandma, *Sandra Fisher* on October 7, 2023.

Sidewalk closed in the columbarium from November 27– December 1st.

2024 Stewardship Drive Update

Our annual giving is a spiritual way of saying “thank you” to God while supporting the many ministries of the church.

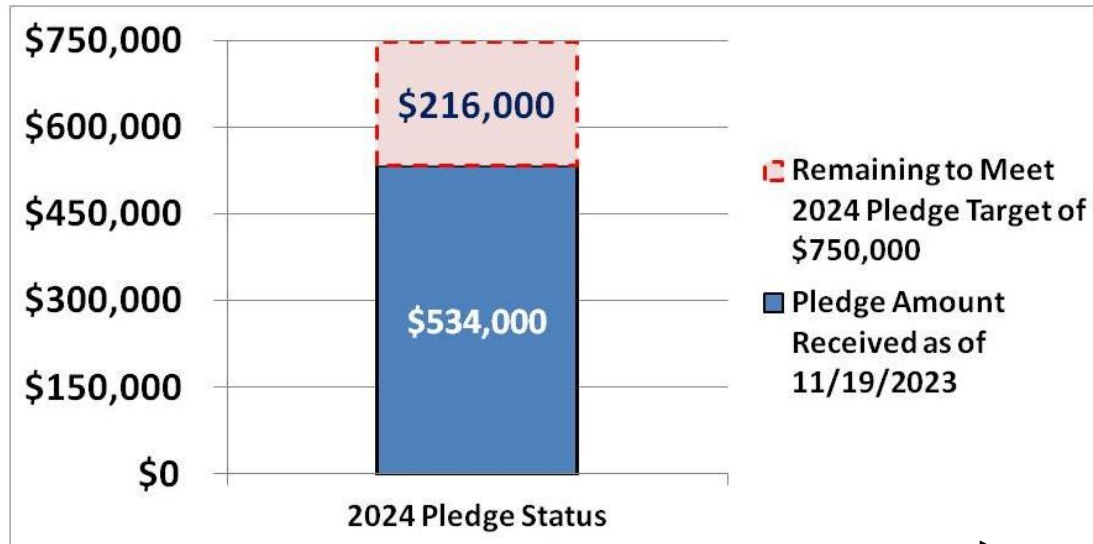
The pledge target for 2024 is \$750,000. To date, we have received **152** pledges for a total of **\$534,000**.

We are pleased to report that to date, **13** new people/families have pledged, and **57** currently pledging households have increased their planned giving for 2024.

Thank you to those who have already made their intentions known!!!

Our challenge for the remainder of this year is to come up with an additional **\$216,000** in pledges. By letting us know your plan for financial giving (which can always be adjusted at any time if needed) we are better able to plan ministry positions, church programs and mission opportunities for the future.

Please know that every gift of time, talent, or treasure is a blessing.



If you haven't submitted your 2024 pledge please mail the completed form in the envelope provided, or bring to church on Sunday and place in the offering plate. Additional forms and envelopes are available in the narthex next to the pledge collection box. You can also submit an Online Estimate of Giving form by going to our website: <http://fpcp.net/serve/stewardship> or, pledge by using this QR code here to link to our Online Estimate Giving form:



2023 Per Capita

Please help save our operating budget.

Our Church is \$22,103 short of paying the Presbytery of Detroit's 2023 Per Capita Assessment. So far members have paid \$5,650 towards our assessment of \$27,753. The Per Capita amount listed on your weekly envelope is \$32.00 per person.

There is still time this year to catch up your share of the per capita assessment which will help the church devote more resources for church programming.

This Week at First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth

Sunday, November 26

- 9:00am Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Knox Hall)
- 9:30am Sanctuary Service (Sanctuary)
- 11:15am Upper Room Service (231 Knox Hall)
- 7:00pm Listening to Jesus: Responding in Faith Bible Study (Zoom)

Monday, November 27

- 9:30am Park Bench AA (134 Classroom)
- 6:00pm Threads to Heal the Heart (134 Classroom)
- 7:00pm PW Evening Book (Zoom Only)

Tuesday, November 28

- 9:00am Pictorial Directory Meeting (124 Hearth Room)
- 9:30am Park Bench AA (134 Classroom)
- 1:00pm Staff Meeting (124 Hearth Room)
- 2:30pm Zoom Chair Yoga with Sharon (Zoom)
- 7:00pm Member Connect Meeting (124 Hearth Room & Zoom)
- 7:00pm Partners in Earth Care Meeting (120 Chapel)
- 7:00pm Tuesday Evening Bible Study (134 Classroom & Zoom)
- 7:00pm Search Committee Meeting (231 Calvin Room)

Wednesday, November 29

- 7:45am Early Word Bible Study (Zoom Only)
- 9:30am Park Bench AA (134 Classroom)
- 1:00pm Pictorial Directory Meeting (124 Hearth Room)
- 7:00pm Joyful Ringers Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 7:00pm Women's Evening Bible Study (124 Hearth Room)

Thursday, November 30

- 9:30am Park Bench AA (134 Classroom)
- 7:30pm Thursday Night AA Meeting (028 Dining Room)
- 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (231 Knox Hall)

Friday, December 1

- 9:30am Park Bench AA (134 Classroom)
- 7:30pm HR Committee Meeting (120 Chapel & Zoom)

Saturday, December 2

- 7:45am SMMBS (124 Hearth Room & Zoom)



The November Newsletter is HERE!
Use the QR code or go to
<http://fpcp.net/wp-content/uploads/November-2023.pdf>

COMMUNITY MINISTRIES & MISSION OUTREACH

First Presbyterian Church, Plymouth

Our Community

Alcoholics Anonymous
 American Red Cross Blood Drive
 FPCP Benevolence Fund
 FPCP Comfort Care Kits
 FPCP College Student Gift Cards
 FPCP Earth Care Ministries
 FPCP Matching Scholarship
 Kids Hope USA
 Plymouth Salvation Army
Adopt-an-Angel/Gift Tree
Bell Ringing
Keep it Clean Drive
 FPCP Matching Scholarship, for
 Mission Trip Attendees
 FPCP Prayer Quilts and Shawls
 Presbyterian Thrift Shop
 Suppers of Support
 Vista Maria
 Second Mile Center—youth program, food, & clothing

Our Surrounding Area

Crossroads
 Faith Communities Coalition
Foster Children
 First Step - Domestic Violence Shelter
 & ARK - Animals Receiving Kindness
 Fort Street Open Door
Soup Kitchen Assistance
Financial Assistance
Clothing Drives
 Hope Clinic
 Northville Civic Concern
 Presbyterian Women Faith Goal

Presbyterian Colleges and Seminaries

Princeton Seminary
Rev. Phil Magee Endowment

Our Nation

Supporting our Presbyterian Church (USA)
 Connectional Ministry through
 our Benevolence Budget to these
 governing bodies:
 Detroit Presbytery
 Synod of the Covenant
 General Assembly Causes
 Presbyterian Disaster Assistance
 Youth Haven, Jackson, MI

Our World

Church World Services
 Colina de Luz Orphanage, Mexico
 Compassion International
Sponsoring Children
 Marion Medical Mission, Malawi,
 Africa
 Hunger Relief
 Girls Hostel
 Girls Scholarship Program
 Mtenthera CCAP, Malawi Africa
(Our Sister Church in Malawi)
Girl's Dormitory
 PC(USA) Hunger Ministries
One Great Hour of Sharing
 Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

Presbyterian Thrift Shop

331 North Main Street
 734-459-1250

**Tuesday 10 AM - 2 PM;
 Wednesday 6 PM - 8 PM
 (March-December);
 Thursday 10 AM - 2 PM;
 Saturday 10 AM - 3 PM**

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