



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.

1st Thessalonians ONE

April 16, 2023

THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PLYMOUTH, MI

SANCTUARY SERVICE 9:30 AM

PRELUDE

"O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing"
"The Triumph of Our King"

R. Huges
L. Smith

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Ashley S. Ashley

(Members and Visitors, please sign and pass our friendship pads which are located in the book rack of your pew.)

OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Ashley

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*HYMN OF PRAISE No. 136
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“Holy, Holy, Holy”

ANTHEM

"A Jubilant Song!"
Chancel Choir

A. Pote

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Laura Craig

(Following the message, the children are invited to Sunday School)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Emily Riley Campbell

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak, and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. (Silence for personal confession.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Campbell

HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 492 *“Spirit of the Living God”*

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me; Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

1 Thessalonians 1: 1-5a

Rev. Campbell

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

Rev. Campbell

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. Campbell

OFFERTORY

"Christ Lives On"
Chancel Choir

P. Choplin

*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. Campbell

*HYMN OF PREPARATION NO. 447 *"Because He Lives"*

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SECOND SCRIPTURE READING 1 Thessalonians 1: 5b-10

Rev. Ashley

SERMON

First Things First: First Thessalonians ONE

Rev. Ashley

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (in unison) The Apostles Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.

*CLOSING HYMN No. 595 *"They'll Know We Are Christians"*

*BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

Rev. Ashley

POSTLUDE

"Victory"

D Eliot

*All who are able are invited to stand

+++Please be seated

Sanctuary Ushers today are: Lynn Walgenbach, Denise Stewart, Chuck Hodge, & Orlean Heidel
Upper Room Ushers today are: Katherine Gotshall, & Janet Sibbold
Sanctuary Tech Team members today are: Ethan Blacklock & Robert Sherby.
Upper Room Tech Team members today are: Ethan Blacklock & Robert Sherby.
Counting Team Members today are: Chuck Hodge & Stu Dodge
Deacons of the Day today are: Dale Frank & Betty Curran

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

- In memory of Charlie's parents, David and Elizabeth Mather, by Charles Mather & family.

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PLYMOUTH, MI

THE UPPER ROOM SERVICE

11:15 A.M.

Call To Worship

PRELUDE SONG	<i>"All Creatures of Our God and King"</i>	Chris DuPont & Kylee Phillips
OPENING PRAYER OF PRAISE		Chris DuPont
WORSHIP SONG	<i>"Holy Spirit"</i>	Chris & Kylee

Welcome & Opening

PASSING OF THE PEACE		Chris DuPont
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		Rev. Ashley S. Ashley
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE		Laura Craig
FIRST SCRIPTURE READING	1 Thessalonians 1:1-5a	Rev. Emily Riley Campbell

Offertory

CALL TO OFFERING		Rev. Campbell
OFFERING SONG	<i>"New Wine"</i>	Chris & Kylee
PRAYER OF DEDICATION		Chris DuPont

Word & Teaching

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING	1 Thessalonians 1: 5b-10	Rev. Ashley
SERMON	First Things First: First Thessalonians ONE	Rev. Ashley
REFLECTION SONG	<i>"Build My Life"</i>	Chris & Kylee

Our Response

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER		Rev. Campbell
CLOSING SONG	<i>"What A Beautiful Name"</i>	Chris & Kylee
BENEDICTION AND BLESSING		Rev. Ashley

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/XFBE7jivuP7gWCdG7>

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

Kate Middlestead, friend of **Gwyn Jones**
Mary Anne Riley, mother of **Emily Campbell**
Diane Lunde, sister of **Nancy Sullivan**
Magda, Compassion International child sponsored by PW
Alicia Carpenter, granddaughter-in-law of **Sterling Shephard**

Members In Assisted Living

Victoria Whipple

Members In Long-term Care

Cynthia Alexander

Members

Dick & Nancy Forsyth
Dana Leader
Pat Wright
Neil & Ingrid Sendelbach
Ray & Kathy Stella
Karen Chapin
Sue Grant
Don Harris
Shirley Cashero
Mandy Hillard
Anna Richardson
Jessica Bernard
Denise Stewart
Keith Postell & Martha Schryer
Kay Bruner
Kim Zuhlke



The April 2023 Newsletter is here!
Go to the link in the QR box to see what we've done with the newsletter and keep up with updates from us.



VBS REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Vacation Bible School- Food Truck Party 2023

Come register now!

Just scan the QR code to fill out the form!

VBS sign-ups for children and volunteers will be out in the Narthex after the first service.





Women of the Word Sermon Discussions 1 THESSALONIANS

APRIL 19 - MAY 17

10-11:30AM

UPPER ROOM OR ZOOM

Paul's letter to the church in Thessalonica is thought to be Paul's first to a church and provides one of the earliest histories of the

Christian movement. Paul writes to strengthen their faith and affirm the instruction he

passed on to this fledgling church entrenched in a society of pagan worship. Paul helps them to learn the very different way of life that flows from leaving idols to serve the living and true God (1:10) where holiness is not withdrawal from the world but involvement in it in a new way marked by

faith, love, and hope.

Scan QR Code to Sign Up



This Week at First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth

Sunday, April 16

- 9:00am Chancel Choir Rehearsal (231 Knox Hall)
- 9:30am Sanctuary Service (Sanctuary)
- 11:15am Upper Room Service (231 Knox Hall)
- 12:15pm Confirmation Class (215 MS Classroom)
- 12:15pm HS Youth Group (018 HS Room)
- 5:30pm Continuing The Word Bible Study (Chapel & Zoom)
- 7:00pm Listening to Jesus: Responding in Faith Bible Study (Zoom Only)

Monday, April 17

- 9:30am Park Bench AA Meeting (134 Classroom)

Tuesday, April 18

- 9:30am Park Bench AA Meeting (134 Classroom)
- 1:00pm Staff Meeting (124 Hearth Room)
- 4:00pm Bulletin Submission Deadline
- 6:00pm Local Mission Meeting (Zoom Only)
- 7:00pm Finance Committee (Zoom Only)
- 7:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting (124 Hearth Room & Zoom)

Wednesday, April 19

- 7:45pm Early Word Bible Study (Zoom Only)
- 9:30am Park Bench AA Meeting (134 Classroom)
- 10:00am Women of the Word Bible Study (Upper Room & Zoom)
- 3:00pm Website Meeting (124 Hearth Room)
- 6:00pm Middle School Youth Group (018 HS Room)
- 7:00pm Joyful Ringers Rehearsal (137 Bell Room)

Thursday, April 20

- 9:30am Park Bench AA Meeting (134 Classroom)
- 11:30am Tentative Small Group Bible Study (Chapel)
- 6:30pm NIMC Committee (Zoom Only)
- 7:30pm Thursday Night AA Meeting (028 Dining Room)
- 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (231 Knox Hall)

Friday, April 21

- 9:30am Park Bench AA Meeting (134 Classroom)

Saturday, April 22

- 7:45am Saturday Morning Men's Bible Study (124 Hearth Room & Zoom)

Sunday, April 23

- 9:00am Chancel Choir Rehearsal (231 Knox Hall)
- 9:30am Sanctuary Service (Sanctuary)
- 10:30am Family Group Study (Sunday School Room & Club 45)
- 11:15am Upper Room Service (231 Knox Hall)
- 12:15pm Confirmation Class (215 MS Classroom)
- 12:15pm HS Youth Group (018 HS Room)
- 2:00pm Colina Youth Trip Meeting (Upper Room)
- 5:30pm Continuing The Word Bible Study (Chapel & Zoom)
- 7:00pm Listening to Jesus: Responding in Faith Bible Study (Zoom Only)

COMMUNITY MINISTRIES & MISSION OUTREACH

First Presbyterian Church, Plymouth

Our Community

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

Our Surrounding Area

Crossroads
 Faith Communities Coalition
 Foster Children
 First Step - Domestic Violence Shelter

ence 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

Malawi Matters, Malawi, Africa
 Marion Medical Mission, Malawi, Africa
 Mtenthera CCAP, Malawi Africa
 (Our Sister Church in Malawi)
 Girl's Dormitory
 PC(USA) Hunger Ministries
 One Great Hour of Sharing
 Presbyterian Disaster Assistance
 Samaritans Purse
 Operation Christmas Child
 Veritas College, Malawi, Africa

Presbyterian Thrift Shop

331 North Main Street
 734-459-1250

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

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