



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 THREE

April 30, 2023

THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PLYMOUTH, MI
SANCTUARY SERVICE 9:30 AM

PRELUDE

"Adante"

A. Vivaldi

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. 358

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

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ANTHEM

"Aglow"
Joyful Ringers

J. Krug

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)

Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although your Son is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves. Although your Spirit is among us as our guide, we have rebelled against your word and rejected your call to holy living. Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you and care for one another in joyful obedience.
(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 3: 1-10

Rev. Ashley

INTERVIEW WITH A MISSIONARY

Rev. Ashley & Doug Kee

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

"The Highest Love"
Joyful Ringers

T. Waldrop

*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. 356 *"I Will Sing of My Redeemer"* (vs. 1,4)

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SECOND SCRIPTURE READING 1 Thessalonians 3: 11-13

Rev. Ashley

SERMON

First Things First: First Thessalonians THREE

Rev. Ashley

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (in unison) Selections from the PC(USA) Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

*CLOSING HYMN No. 341

"Jesus Shall Reign"

*BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

Rev. Ashley

POSTLUDE

"Postlude"

G. Sewell

*All who are able are invited to stand

+++Please be seated

Sanctuary Ushers today are: Lynn Walgenbach, Orlean Heidel, Linda Baric, & Brian Puckett

Upper Room Ushers today are: Ailsa Blunk & Craig Blunk

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: Donna Brydan, Ted Porter, & Bev Girard

Deacons of the Day today are: Sandy Marulis & Jeff Koup

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

- In loving memory of our moms, Margaret Marulis and Shirley Rieland by Steve and Sandy Marulis.

THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PLYMOUTH, MI

THE UPPER ROOM SERVICE

11:15 A.M.

Call To Worship

PRELUDE	<i>"Your Love is Strong"</i>	Chris DuPont and Kylee Phillips
OPENING PRAYER OF PRAISE		Chris DuPont
OPENING SONG	<i>"King of My Heart"</i>	Chris & Kylee

Welcome & Opening

PASSING OF THE PEACE		Chris DuPont
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS		Rev. Ashley S. Ashley
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE		Laura Craig
FIRST SCRIPTURE READING	1 Thessalonians 3: 1-10	Rev. Ashley
INTERVIEW WITH A MISSIONARY		Rev. Ashley & Doug Kee

Offertory

CALL TO OFFERING		Rev. Ashley
OFFERING SONG	<i>"The Center of All History"</i>	Chris & Kylee
PRAYER OF DEDICATION		Chris DuPont

Word & Teaching

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING	1 Thessalonians 3: 11-13	Rev. Ashley
SERMON	First Things First: First Thessalonians THREE	Rev. Ashley
REFLECTIVE SONG	"Hosanna"	Chris & Kylee

Our Response

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER		Rev. Campbell
SENDING SONG	<i>"Great Are You Lord"</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

Alice Kersten, sister in law of Barb Bunnell
Andrew Kavalhuna, brother of **Sergio Kavalhuna**
Brantley Ouillette, great grandson of **Sue Scott**
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**

Our Sympathy

Our sympathy goes to the friends and family of **Marion Dunaitis** who passed March 15, 2023

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
Don & Kay Bruner
Kim Zuhlke
Ron Moon



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.

Fifth Sunday is TODAY!

Please help your Deacons continue to serve needs in our country, our community, and the congregation with a donation today, 5th Sunday, 4/30/23. These donations are our only means of support to do the work we do in our church and beyond. Some examples of recent needs we have filled are supporting a church family in great financial need, sending gift cards to our college students during finals, purchasing new picnic tables, and hosting a family fellowship pizza and game night. Envelopes for donations can be found in the pews.

Thank you for your support.

We Have New Employees at FPCP!

Patrick Tyrrell—Director of Youth Ministry
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Crossroads of Michigan

2424 W Grand Blvd, Detroit, MI 48208



Crossroads of Michigan is a social service organization in central Detroit

They provide a free meal to the community each Sunday year-round. FPCP has partnered with Crossroads for many years and our next opportunity to prepare and serve a meal is coming up! Don't miss this opportunity to reach out with your heart and hands to those in need on:

**Sunday, May 7th
9:30 am - 3:30 pm**

To sign up, please contact Chuck Hodge at
chodge@comcast.net



DEACON "KEEP IT CLEAN" TOILETRY DRIVE

SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2023 9AM-12PM

AND

SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2023 9AM-12PM

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF PLYMOUTH

701 CHURCH STREET

DROP OFF: PARKING LOT ENTRANCE



THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE NEEDED

**TOILET PAPER - FEMININE PADS - KLEENEX - SHAVING CREAM - RAZORS -
DEODORANT - LAUNDRY DETERGENT - SHAMPOO - CONDITIONER - DISH SOAP - BODY
WASH - BABY WIPES - TOOTHPASTE - PAPER TOWELS**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!!

This Week at First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth

Sunday, April 30

- 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)
- 1:00pm Hidden in the Shadows Speaker Series (Our Lady of Good Counsel)
- 5:30pm Continuing The Word Bible Study (Chapel & Zoom)
- 7:00pm Listening to Jesus: Responding in Faith Bible Study (Zoom Only)

Monday, May 1

- 9:30am Park Bench AA Meeting (134 Classroom)
- 7:00pm HR Committee Meeting (120 Chapel & Zoom)
- 7:00pm Worship Committee (234 Calvin Room)

Tuesday, May 2

- 9:30am Park Bench AA Meeting (134 Classroom)
- 1:00pm Staff Meeting (124 Hearth Room)
- 3:00pm PW Coordinating Meeting (124 Hearth Room & Zoom)
- 4:00pm Bulletin Submission Deadline
- 7:00pm B&G Committee (Zoom)

Wednesday, May 3

- 7:45pm Early Word Bible Study (Zoom Only)
- 9:30am Park Bench AA Meeting (134 Classroom)
- 12:00pm Lunch & a Book Discussion Group (124 Hearth Room)
- 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, May 4

- 9:30am Park Bench AA Meeting (134 Classroom)
- 10:00am Plymouth/Canton American Sewing Guild (028 Dining Room)
- 10:00am Women of the Word Bible Study (Upper Room & Zoom)
- 11:30am Tentative Small Group Bible Study (Chapel)
- 6:30pm Fitness in Christ Sleep Program (Hearth Room)
- 7:30pm Thursday Night AA Meeting (028 Dining Room)
- 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (231 Knox Hall)

Friday, May 5

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

Saturday, May 6

- 7:45am Saturday Morning Men's Bible Study (124 Hearth Room & Zoom)
- 9:00am Deacon "Keep It Clean" Toiletry Drive
- 1:00pm Mike Bunnell Visitation (Narthex)
- 2:00pm Mike Bunnell Funeral (Sanctuary)
- 3:00pm Mike Bunnell Reception (Dining Room)

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

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