



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.

# BenchMARKS in Faith



January 22, 2023

# THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE "Liturgical Improvisation #4" G. Olroyd

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Ashley S. Ashley

OPENING PRAYER Rev. Ashley

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

\*OPENING PRAISE No. 580 "We Are Called To Be God's People"  
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CHORAL ANTHEM "Great and Glorious" arr. C. Manney  
The Chancel Choir

CHILDRENS 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)

**Gracious and loving God, you share with us stories about your kingdom, but we are often too busy to listen. We want quick answers instead of opportunities to sit with you and contemplate the mysteries of faith. Help us to cherish each step of this Christian journey and see every day as a chance to grow more deeply in faith. Bless and renew us, so that we remain connected with you in every season of life. (Silence for personal confession.)**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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 Mark 4:1-9 Rev. Campbell

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.**

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Everlasting God" Bible & Fettke  
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. Campbell

\*HYMN NO. 443

*"Trust and Obey"*

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SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 4:33-34

Rev. Ashley

SERMON

"BenchMARKS in Faith"

Rev. Ashley

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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. Amen.**

\*CLOSING HYMN NO. 344

*"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"*

\*BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

Rev. Ashley

POSTLUDE

*"Rondeau"*

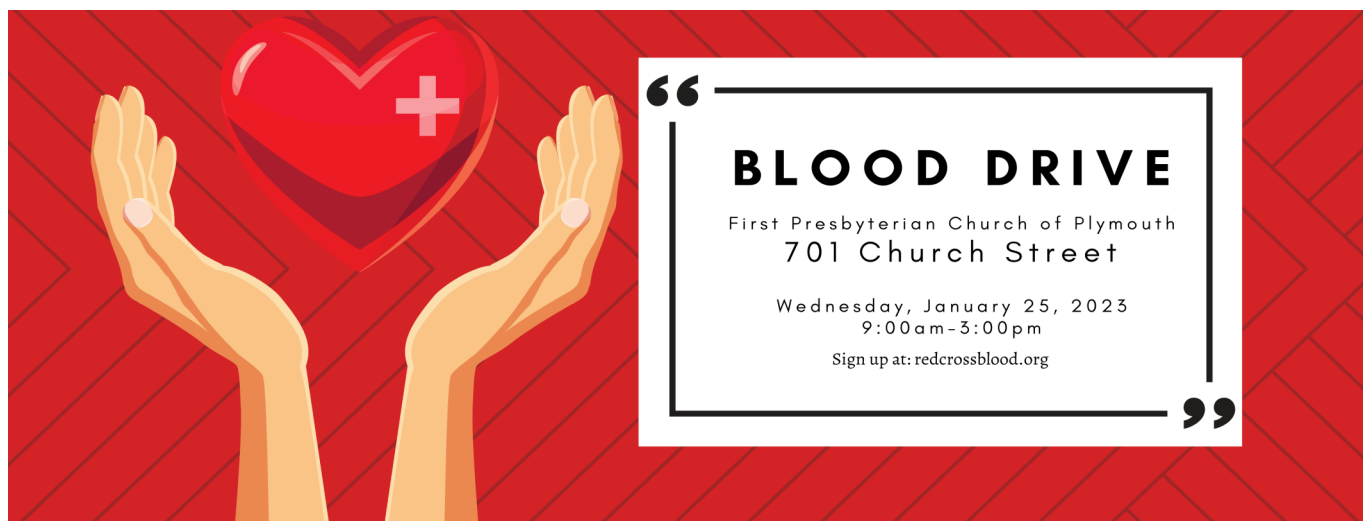
J-J Mouret

\*All who are able are invited to stand    +++Please be seated

**Sanctuary Ushers** today: Carol Dobos, Otto Dobos, Lisa Benages, & Frank Benages  
**Upper Room Worship Volunteers** today are: Tom MacDonald & Wednesday MacDonald  
**Sanctuary Tech Team members** today are: Ethan Blacklock & Robert Sherby  
**Upper Room Tech Team members** today are: Ethan Blacklock & Robert Sherby  
**Counting Team** today are: Stu Dodge, Barry Simescu, & Mike Bode  
**Deacons of the Day** today are: Dale Frank & Becky DeLoy

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

- In loving memory of our fathers, Fred Anthony and Robert Harris by Don and Margie Harris.



# THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PLYMOUTH, MI  
THE UPPER ROOM SERVICE  
11:15 A.M.

## Call To Worship

MUSICAL CALL TO WORSHIP	<i>"I Will Follow"</i>	Nate Veldhoff
OPENING PRAYER		Nate Veldhoff
SONG OF PRAISE	<i>"In Christ Alone"</i>	Nate Veldhoff

## Welcome & Opening

PASSING OF THE PEACE		
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS		Rev. Ashley S. Ashley
CHILDREN'S SERMON		Laura Craig
FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON	Mark 4:1-9	Rev. Emily Riley Campbell

## Offertory

CALL FOR THE OFFERING		Rev. Campbell
OFFERING SONG	<i>"Reckless Love"</i>	Nate Veldoff

## Word & Teaching

PRAYER OF DEDICATION		Rev. Ashley
SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON	Mark 4:33-34	Rev. Ashley

## Our Response

SERMON	<i>"BenchMARKS in Faith"</i>	Rev. Ashley
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, & THE LORD'S PRAYER		Rev. Campbell
CLOSING PRAISE	<i>"Build My Life"</i>	Nate Veldoff
BENEDICTION & BLESSING		Rev. Ashley

### Prayer Concerns

Questions or concerns about the prayer list should be directed to [prayerlist@fpcp.net](mailto: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

*Ellie Potas*, friend of **Steve and Sandy Marulis**  
*Brantley Ouillette*, 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  
*Patty Schaffer*, sister-in-law to **Nancy Sullivan**  
*Midge Clarke*, friend of **Connie Adams**  
*Andrew Wolf*, family of **Jennifer Wolf**  
*Rosemary Maionbe*, sister of **Steve Marulis**  
*Jan Jones*, friend of **Jan Sockolosky**

#### Members In Assisted Living

Victoria Whipple

#### Members In Long-term Care

Cynthia Alexander

### Members

**Russ Hazen**  
**Dana Leader**  
**Pat Wright**  
**Betty Hees**  
**Meera Martin**  
**Vic Rizzo**  
**Neil & Ingrid Sendelbach**  
**Ray & Kathy Stella**  
**Jessica Bernard**  
**Sharon Kaufman**  
**Jim Penn**  
**Karen Chapin**  
**Sally Evans**  
**Sue Grant**  
**Don Harris**  
**Shirley Cashero**

### Sympathies

Our Sympathy for the family and friends of **Joyce Holmes**, who passed away on January 11.

# eat for gut health

**TUESDAY, JAN 24 @ 7PM**

**Upper Room**



**Join us for a seminar by  
Registered Dietician, Denise Stewart**

#### **Highlights include:**

- why gut health is important
- how the gut affects the whole body
- what foods are harmful to your gut
- tips for improving and maintaining a healthy gut

**To register for this event, sign up here:**

**<https://forms.gle/DyBJNsNC5xwRJR8s7>**

**There is no charge to attend this presentation.**

**A free-will offering will be taken for  
Colina de Luz Christian Home for Children.**



## Announcement for Congregational Meeting

Our Annual Congregational Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 29, 2023 at 10:30 am in the sanctuary.

Business to be conducted includes approving the Terms of Call for Revs. Campbell and Ashley and electing the Nominating Committee.

Proposed members for the Nominating Committee are: Kris Black, Barb Bullotta, Dave Hansen, Julie Heasley, Steve Marulis, Cathy McKinstry and Sandy Dodge

## January 15th started a new sermon series on the Gospel of Mark

### January 22nd

Sermon Title: "BenchMARKS in Faith"

Preacher: Rev. Ashley S. Ashley

Sermon Text: Mark chapter 4

### January 29th

Sermon Title: "ReMARKable Changes"

Preacher: Rev. Emily Riley Campbell

Sermon Text: Mark chapters 5-7

### February 5th COMMUNION SUNDAY

Sermon Title: "BirthMARKS"

Preacher: Rev. Emily Riley Campbell

Sermon Text: Mark chapters 8-9

### February 12th

Sermon Title: "MARKS of Confusion and Frustration"

Preacher: Rev. Emily Riley Campbell

Sermon Text: Mark chapters 10-11

### February 19th

Sermon Title: "MARKet Ready"

Preacher: Rev. Ashley S. Ashley

Sermon Text: Mark chapters 12-15

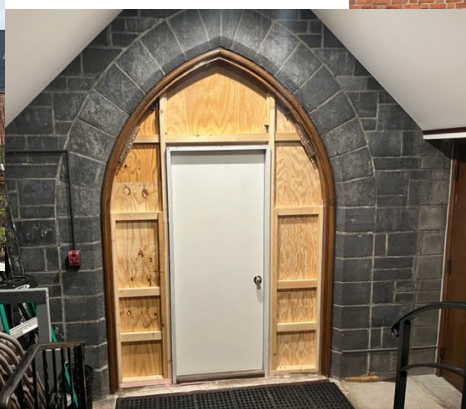
### February 22nd ASH WEDNESDAY

Sermon Title: "Resurrection ReMARKS"

Preacher: Rev. Emily Riley Campbell

## The Building and Grounds Committee Strikes Again!

The Building and Grounds Committee are working their magic once more. They have removed the front doors of the church located on Church St. to be refinished and rebuilt. The doors will be returned in much better condition by May 2023. We are exceedingly grateful to our Building and Grounds team for their hard work!



## **This Week at First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth**

### **Sunday, January 22**

- 9:00 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal (231 Knox Hall)
- 9:30am Sanctuary Service (Sanctuary)
- 10:30am Family Group Study (018 HS Room)
- 11:15am Upper Room Service (231 Knox Hall)
- 12:15pm Confirmation Class (215 MS Room)
- 12:15pm High School Youth Group (018 HS Room)
- 1:00pm Optional Spring Hill Parent meeting (Sunday School Room & Club 45)
- 5:30pm Continuing the Word Bible Study (Chapel & Zoom)
- 7:00pm Listening to Jesus Responding in Faith Bible Study (Zoom Only)

### **Monday, January 23**

- 9:30 am Park Bench AA Meeting (134 Classroom)
- 12:30pm Threads to Heal The Heart(134 Classroom)
- 7:00pm PW Book Discussion (Chapel)
- 7:00pm Session Meeting (231 Knox Hall)

### **Tuesday, January 24**

- 9:30am Park Bench AA Meeting (134 Classroom)
- 12:00pm Bulletin Submission Deadline
- 1:00pm Staff Meeting (124 Hearth Room)
- 6:00pm Local Mission Meeting (Zoom Only)
- 7:00pm Earth Care (120 Chapel)
- 7:00pm Fitness in Christ "Eat for Gut Health" (Knox Hall—Upper Room)
- 7:00pm Member Connect (124 Hearth Room)
- 7:00pm Tuesday Evening Bible Study (134 Classroom & Zoom)

### **Wednesday, January 25**

- 7:45pm Early Word Bible Study (Zoom Only)
- 9:30am Park Bench AA Meeting (134 Classroom)
- 9:00am Deacon's Blood Drive (Dining Room & Fellowship Hall)
- 9:45am Women's Bible Study (Upper Room, Hearth Room, Narthex & Zoom)
- 3:00pm Website Meeting (124 Hearth Room)
- 7:00pm Joyful Ringers (137 Bell Room)

### **Thursday, January 26**

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

### **Friday, January 27**

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

### **Saturday, January 28**

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



The January 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.

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

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