

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.

Lenten Life: Prayers for Dark Days

March 26, 2023

THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE "Meditation" D. Eliot

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Emily Riley Campbell

(Members and Visitors, please sign and pass our friendship pads)

OPENING PRAYER OF PRAISE

Rev. Campbell

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*HYMN OF PRAISE No. 1

"God is Here!"

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BELL ANTHEM "Allegro"

C. Dobrinski

The Joyful Ringers

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Ashley S. Ashley

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Merciful and Holy God, We bow before You in heartfelt confession, acknowledging that we are a broken people, living in a broken world. This world is dark with the stain of sin. Your design for creation has been corrupted by the abuse of power, the appetite for lust, and the enslavement of our wills. We allow evil to go unchallenged and become passive and indifferent to Your call to engage the world with the Gospel. Forgive our sinfulness. Our sins of commission and omission have separated us from You, from others, and from the world You seek to redeem. Please hear our prayers offered in the name of your son, Jesus Christ. (silence for personal confession)

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

John 16:33

Rev. Ashley

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 Rev. Ashley

OFFERTORY "A Day to Rejoice" M. Mazzatenta

The Joyful Ringers

*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. 438

"On Eagle's Wings"

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SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Job 1:21-22

Rev. Campbell

SERMON

This Lenten Life: Prayers for Dark Days

Rev. Campbell

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (in unison) Selections from A Brief Statement of Faith Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world.

God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

*CLOSING HYMN No. **405** "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"

*BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

Rev. Campbell

POSTLUDE "Beautiful Savior"

D. Paxton

+++Please be seated

Sanctuary Ushers today are: Otto Dobos, Frank Benages, Lori Kuhn and Jim Sockolosky.

Upper Room Ushers today are: Tom MacDonald and Wensday MacDonald

Sanctuary Tech Team members today are: Ethan Blacklock and Robert Sherby

Upper Room Tech Team members today are: Ethan Blacklock and Robert Sherby

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

Deacons of the Day today are: Nancy Downs and Betty Curran

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

- In memory of our mothers, Emily A. Bullotta and Harriett Tillock, who both had March birthdays from Ron and Barbara Bullotta.
- In loving honor of our parents by Rich and Dawn Rej.

^{*} All who are able are invited to stand

THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PLYMOUTH, MI THE UPPER ROOM SERVICE

Call To Worship		
PRELUDE SONG	"Beautiful Things"	Chris DuPont, Kylee Phillips
OPENING PRAYER OF PRAISE AND CONFESSION		& Johannes Stauffer Chris DuPont
WORSHIP SONG	"Open Up"	Chris, Kylee & Johannes
Welcome & Opening		
PASSING OF THE PEACE		Chris DuPont
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		Rev. Emily Riley Campbell
FIRST SCRIPTURE READING	John 16:33	Rev. Campbell
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CALL TO OFFERING		Rev. Campbell
OFFERING SONG	"Does Your Heart Break"	Chris, Kylee & Johannes
PRAYER OF DEDICATION		Chris DuPont
Word & Teaching		
SECOND SCRIPTURE READING	G Job 1:21-22	
SERMON This	s Lenten Life: Prayers for Dark Da	ys Rev. Campbell
VIDEO RESPONSE	"By His Wounds"	Centerline New Media

Our Response

"How Can I Keep From Singing"

Chris, Kylee & Johannes

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER Rev. Ashley S. Ashley

SONG OF RESPONSE

CLOSING SONG "Open Up" Chris, Kylee & Johannes

BENEDICTION AND 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/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

Tom Schlaff. friend of Sue and Tom Kage
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 Dale Leanhardt Russ Hazen Dana Leader **Pat Wright Betty Hees** Meerá Martin Vic Rizzo Neil & Ingrid Sendelbach Ray & Kathy Stella Sharon Kaufman Karen Chapin Sue Grant **Don Harris Shirley Cashero** Mandy Hillard Anna Richardson Jessica Bernard **Denise Stewart Keith Postell & Martha Schryer**

Sympathies

Our Sympathy for the family of **Jack Kindree** who passed away on February 23, 2023. Our Sympathy for the family of **James Penn** who passed away on March 15, 2023. Our Sympathy to the Marantette family at the passing of **Jerry Marentette's** mother, Melba Marentette, on March 2, 2023.



tent Service Schedule At FPCP!

Sunday April 2nd

PALM SUNDAY

9:30 A.M. in the Sanctuary 11:15 A.M. in the Upper Room

Thursday April 6th

MAUNDY THURSDAY

8 P.M. Communion Service in the Upper Room

Friday April 7th

GOOD FRIDAY

8 P.M. Tennebrae Service in the Sanctuary

Saturday April 8th

HOLY SATURDAY

8A.M.- Noon The Sanctuary will be open for Silent Prayer and reflection

Sunday April 9th

EASTER SUNDAY

9 A.M. and 11 A.M. in the Sanctuary 11:15 A.M. in the Upper Room

First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth 701 Church St, Plymouth, MI 48170

This Week at First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth

Sunday, March 19

9:00am Chancel Choir Rehearsal (231 Knox Hall)

9:30am Kid's Hope Mentor Meeting (124 Hearth Room)

9:30am Sanctuary Service (Sanctuary)

11:15am Upper Room Service (231 Knox Hall)

5:30pm Continuing the Word Bible Study (Chapel & Zoom)

7:00pm Listening to Jesus: Responding in Faith Bible Study (Zoom Only)

Monday, March 20

9:30am Park Bench AA Meeting (134 Classroom)
12:30pm Threads to Heal the Heart (134 Classroom)
7:00pm PW Book Discussion Meeting (Chapel)
7:30pm Worship Committee (234 Calvin Room)

Tuesday, March 21

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

10:00am Deacon's College Letters (Library)1:00pm Staff Meeting (124 Hearth Room)4:00pm Bulletin Submission Deadline

7:00pm Earth Care (120 Chapel)

7:00pm Member Connect (124 Hearth Room)

7:00pm Tuesday Evening Bible Study (134 Classroom & Zoom)

Wednesday, March 22

7:45pm Early Word Bible Study (Zoom Only)
9:30am Park Bench AA Meeting (134 Classroom)
9:45am Women's Bible Study (231 Knox Hall & Zoom)

1:00pm Directory Meeting (Dining Room)
3:00pm Website Meeting (124 Hearth Room)

Thursday, March 23

9:30am Park Bench AA Meeting (134 Classroom)
 11:30am Tentative Small Group Bible Study (Chapel)
 7:30pm Thursday Night AA Meeting (028 Dining Room)

7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (231 Knox Hall)

Friday, March 24

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

Saturday, March 25

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



The MARCH 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.

It's time to order Easter Flowers. This year we will have spring flowers and lilies. Please indicate the friend or relative you wish to honor or remember and which type of flower you prefer. Please also indicate whether you wish to take the flower home after the 11:00 Easter service.		
You may alternatively donate money to the Flower Fund in honor or memory of a loved one. All flowers not designated to be picked up will be planted in our church gardens to enhance the beauty of our church.		
Donation by:		
Phone/email:		
In Memory of:		
In Honor of:		
Please indicate how many you would like to order:		
Lilies (\$20 each) Spring Flower (\$20 each)		
☐ I will donate my flowers to the church to be planted on church grounds.		
☐ I will take my flowers home on Easter Sunday following the 11:00 am service.		
☐ I prefer to contribute to the flower fund \$ (and will not select or take a flower).		
Total amount enclosed: \$		
(by April 2, 2023, please mail or turn in to Stu Dodge, or drop in collection plate)		

Church Directory update: We're excited to report we will be updating our church directories, both the printed, and the pictorial directory. Stay tuned as we will be reaching out to our members to update your information and with information regarding when photos will be taken for the pictorial directory!

Please reach out by calling the church 734-453-6464 x115 with directory updates by May 1, 2023

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