

**WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WARREN
MARCH 31, 2024 10:00 AM**



Welcome Rev Matt Nickel and his message "The Story We Tell". Rev. Matthew Nickel is a PCUSA pastor who has been a pastor for churches in Ann Arbor, Royal Oak, Louisville, and Detroit. Matt holds a master degree in Clinical Psychology and works as a licensed psychotherapist at Birmingham Maple Clinic in Troy. Matt's wife Emma is Pastor at First Presbyterian Church of Royal Oak. Together, with their two elementary school age daughters, they enjoy reading, playing at the park, riding bicycles, making art, and cooking delicious food.

Children of all ages are welcome in worship!! Sunday School is available non-communion Sundays. **Worship Bags** are located inside the Sanctuary. Children of all ages may take a bag, a children's bulletin, and any other items from the table to use in worship. Please return after the service. **Don't forget to wear your nametags!** If you need a nametag, contact the church office!
Hearing assistance, If you are in need of hearing assistance (even if you have hearing aids), devices are available.
Please make sure your cell phone is in airplane mode or turned off.



We are happy you have joined us for worship this morning! If this is your first time with us, please complete the yellow card in the pew and place in the offering plate.

THE DAY CENTER
Thursdays 8:00 am to 2:00 pm
Showers 10:00 am to 11:30 am
Breakfast 8:00 am to 10:30 a m
Lunch 12:00 pm to 1:30 pm
For volunteer opportunities please see Jane or Rick Motta

Intergenerational Confirmation

The Intergenerational Confirmation class will be meeting April 7, after worship. All are welcome.



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Use the QR code to go to our online giving portal.



- Set up a one time or recurring gift.
- By cash or check in the offering plate.
- Download the "Vanco Mobile" app on your phone. Use invitation code YQB9Q8, you can set up a one time or recurring gift.



Easter Flowers that are gracing our sanctuary today are

In Memory of	From
Philip Ross	Teri Ross
Glenn & Natalie McIntyre	McIntyre Family
Daniel Webb & Carol Lavender	Judy Webb
Yvonne Flynn & Patricia LaBrecque	Marie Ciarowski
Ken Meuchel	Lynn Muechel
Family & Church Family that have passed	Ann Lawrence
Robert, Mary & Lori Schultz	June & Stan Zydek
Robert Smith	Mary Graebert-Smith
Melanie Franks	Betty Challenger
My brother Ralph	Miriam Napolitano
In Honor of	
Family & present Church Family	Ann Lawrence
Hope for the good things to come	Nina Cilia

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

Lift High the Cross: J. Raney

Offered by My-Hoa Steger

Welcome

Introit

"Thine Is The Glory"

Choir

† Call to Worship

One: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

One: This is the day the Lord has made,

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

One: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

† Hymn of Praise #232

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

Choir/Congregation

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of grace and mercy,

We do not always recognize that the resurrection is a present encounter.

We neglect to see the ways your new life is here right now.

Forgive us when we look at resurrection as a historic event,

When we are blind to your presence and your call,

When we fail to see your new life shaping our lives,

When we stand on sidelines, rather than practicing resurrection ourselves.

Lord, have mercy on us and open us more and more to be your people.

Give us courage to tell stories of resurrection in our lives of faith. Amen.

Words of Assurance

† Gloria #240

"Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks"

† Passing the Peace

One: May the peace of the Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Time With Children

Anthem

Easter Hymn of Praise: John Carter

Offered by the Choir

READING AND PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD

Prayer for Illumination

One: God who dwells among us, as we open your scriptures would you open us.

All: Open our ears to listen and hear.

One: Open our hearts to embrace and receive.

All: Open our hands to share and to give.

One: Open our lives to welcome you and welcome one another.

All: Open us to be united as the body of Christ.

One: Open us to be hearers and doers of your living word. Amen.

First Reading

Isaiah 25:6-9

Pew Bible OT p. 612

One: This is the Word of the Lord,

All: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Mark 16:1-8

Pew Bible NT p. 47

Sermon

"The Story We Tell"

Rev. Matt Nickel

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

† Hymn of Response #246

"Christ Is Alive"

Choir/Congregation

† Affirmation of Faith (on screen)

Apostles' Creed

The Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Invitation

Offertory

Doxology #717

For the Life That You Have Given

† Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving

God you are generous to us and we seek to respond with acts of faith and love. Prepare us to tell the story of your new life with every gift you have given us to share, so that all people may know your grace through the Jesus Christ the living Lord. Amen.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: Holy God, Creator of heaven and earth, with joy we praise you and give thanks to your name...who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Sanctus (on screen)

Memorial Acclamation (on screen)

The Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

Thank you, gracious God, for giving us bread for the journey of faith. Thank you for the cup we share to remember the gift of salvation. As we tell the living story of Easter, draw us ever closer to you and to one another. Help us to reflect your grace with others in our story and our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CARRYING CHRIST'S LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

† Sending Hymn #245

"Christ The Lord Is Risen Today"

Choir/Congregation

† Charge and Benediction

† Benediction Response #587

"Alleluia"

Choir

Postlude

Christ The Lord Is Risen Today arr. M McDonald

Offered by My-Hoa Steger

THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

TODAY SUNDAY, March 31

Easter Sunday

8:30 am Bible Study
10:00 am Worship/Communion w/ Rev Matt Nickel

MONDAY, April 1

TUESDAY, April 2

WEDNESDAY, April 3

6:00 pm Bells
7:15 pm Choir

THURSDAY, April 4

8:00 am Day Center
1:00 pm Bible Study @ VWG
2:30 pm Faith Movie @VWG

FRIDAY, April 5

7:30 am SHHS

SATURDAY, April 6

NEXT SUNDAY, April 7

Easter Sunday

8:30 am Bible Study
10:00 am Worship w/ Kevin Piecuch
11:00 am Easter Fellowship Hour
11:00 am Intergenerational Confirmation/Prophets
1:00 pm RVT



Living Water Ministries is offering a summer camping program again for students in grades 2-12. Some from First Church will be attending the first week of camp (which begins on June 16). If you want your child to have a great experience in a Christian community, sign them up! Days at camp are filled with team-building activities, songs, games, waterfront fun, arts and crafts, Bible study...and more! Cost is flexible based on your family's needs. See Michelle Ketepa for more information. Registration is available at www.elcalivingwater.com



St. Thomas Community Presbyterian Church in Shelby Township will be hosting GriefShare, a

13 week support group that is a safe, welcoming place where people understand the difficult emotions of grief. Trish Pearce will be moderating this session, please join us or if you know someone that would benefit from a grief support group have them register at <https://www.griefshare.org/groups/184785> or email Trish @ trishp52@gmail.com.

PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER...

~ Prayers for:

Kelly Brown's son, Logan, recovering from surgery and daughter Kaley preparing to graduate from college.
George Calcaterra, will be having open heart surgery.
Mac's brother-in-law Michael, who recently passed away.
Michelle Ketepa's dad, facing difficult diagnosis and medical decisions.

For Bob's grandson, and friend, Trisha's husband.
Victor, Debbie

~ Our Mission Partners:

Village of Warren Glenn
WAVE Project
Warren Consolidated School District
Presbytery of Detroit

~ Prayers for those serving our Nation ~

Bryan Nahas & Daniel Hudgins



Happy Birthday Week of March 31

Rachel Fazio April 1

Kate Ketepa April 2

Ronald Kosaski April 6

If we are missing birthdays or anniversaries for your family; or your contact information has changed please email the information to trish@firstofwarren.com or call the office 586 751 1721

Acknowledgements

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Organist: My-Hoa Steger
Liturgist: Renee Lawrence
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If you are in need of **pastoral care** please contact the office or Kelly Brown, thank you.

Village of Warren Glenn Update:

Bible Study Meeting Jesus at the Table: A Lenten Study, Bible Study meets every Thursday @ 1:00 pm in the Community Room @ VWG.

Faith Movies, join us after Bible Study to watch a faith movie.