

**WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WARREN  
MAY 4, 2025 10:00 AM REV. RENEE ROEDERER**

**Welcome back Rev. Renee Roederer** to the pulpit. She is a Presbyterian (PCUSA) minister who lives in Ann Arbor, Michigan. She is the Community Care Director at the Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan where she connects with individuals and families and provides educational information, resources, referrals, companionship, and support. Renee enjoys choral singing, hiking, photography, and traveling, and she's an avid writer.

**This morning's Communion** will be served by passing the elements. A usher will pass the bread at the beginning of the row, take the bread and pass the plate to the person next to you, a usher will be at the end of the row and then will pass the bread to the next row. When all have received the bread, we will feast together. Ushers will pass the juice in the same manner. Please wait until all have received the juice, we will drink together."

**All are welcome to participate in Communion.**



**Sunday May 18th**  
Is going to be a great day at First Church, join us for worship at 10:00 am for a beautiful day in the neighborhood as we celebrate **143 Day** and share a little love Mr. Rogers style.

**Living Water Ministries Summer Camp – Camperships Available!**

Living Water Ministries Summer Camp is the church camp our kids will be attending this summer! The Deacons would love to support any families who may need financial assistance through a "campership" opportunity.

*The cost to attend is based on need:*

*Full cost: \$490*

*Partial fee: \$245*

*Free: Available for those with greater need*

To learn more about the camp programs, please visit: <https://www.elcalivingwater.com/campprograms/>  
If your child is interested in attending and could benefit from a campership, please speak with June Zydek or Marie Ciarkowski by May 18.

Let's help make sure as many of our young people as possible can enjoy this meaningful summer experience!

**THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH**

**TODAY SUNDAY, May 4**

8:30 am Bible Study  
10:00 am Worship /Communion  
1:00 pm RTC

**MONDAY, May 5**

**TUESDAY, May 6**

6:30 pm ZuCru

**WEDNESDAY, May 7**

6:30 pm Bells  
7:15 pm Choir

**THURSDAY, May 8**

8:00 am Day Center  
6:30 pm ZuCru

**FRIDAY, May 9**

7:30 am SHHS

**SATURDAY, May 10**

11:30 am ZuCru

**NEXT SUNDAY, May 11**

8:30 am Bible Study  
10:00 am Worship  
1:00 pm RTC

**Rev Ruthanne will be on a Study Leave through May 5, please call the office if you have any pastoral emergencies**



**Week of May 4**

Jim Kosaski May 6  
Teri Ross May 6  
Sarah Bousquette May 7  
Waunita Flint May 7  
Kaley Brown May 8  
Devon Hagerman May 10

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



**GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

† (please rise in body or in Spirit)

**Prelude**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Introit**

"Blessed Jesus At Your Word"

Choir

† **Call To Worship** (based on Isaiah 55:10,11)

One: The Lord God says:

For as the rain and snow come down from heaven and do not return there, but water the earth. Making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,

**All: so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.**

†**Prayer of the Day**

**God of power, may the boldness of your Spirit transform us, may the gentleness of your Spirit lead us, may the gifts of your Spirit be our goal and our strength, this day and always. Amen.**

†**Hymn of Praise #231**

"Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers"

Choir/Congregation

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession**

**God of Easter, in the risen Christ you broke the power of sin and evil. And yet we still live in the tombs of forgetfulness, anxiety, and fear. We have failed to love You as we should. We have neglected to love our neighbor. Indeed, we have even failed to love ourselves. Release us from the tombs that terrify us, so that we can see your image in one another and in your good creation. Indeed, free us from the graves of self-hatred, so that we can see ourselves as your children. Amen.**

**Words of Assurance**

†**Congregational Response #591**

"Halle Halle Hallelujah" refrain only

Choir/Congregation

†**Passing of the Peace**

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

**All: And also with you.**

**Time for Growth - a time for those young and young at heart**

Renee Lawrence

**Anthem**

Sing We With a Merry Heart: Robert Wetzler

Choir

**READING AND PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD**

**Prayer for Illumination**

One: Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit so that we can hear your Word in the words of Scripture.

**All: Let us hear what the Spirit is saying to the church. Amen.**

**First Scripture Reading** Revelation 5:11-14 Pew Bible NT p. 220

One: This is the Word of the Lord,  
**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Second Scripture Reading** John 21:1-19, 24-25 Pew Bible NT p 101

**Sermon** Rev. Renee Roederer

**RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

† **Hymn of Response #253** "Alleluia! Christ Is Risen" Choir/Congregation

† **Affirmation of Faith** The Apostles' Creed

**The Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

Invitation

Offertory

**Doxology #606** "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow" Choir/Congregation

† **Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving**

One: We give you thanks for every gift of our lives – time, resources, talents, and friendship.

**All: We offer these gifts as a blessing in your name. Amen.**

**THE LORD'S SUPPER**

**Invitation to the Lord's Table**

**Great Thanksgiving**

**Sanctus #562 (on screen)**

**Words of Institution**

**Memorial Acclamation #563 (on screen)**

**Communion of the People**

**Prayer after Communion**

**CARRYING CHRIST'S LIGHT INTO THE WORLD**

† **Sending Hymn # 817** "We Walk By Faith and Not By Sight" Choir/Congregation

† **Charge and Benediction**

† **Benediction Response #600** "Amen" Choir/Congregation

**Postlude** Paul Herrington



**Children of all ages are welcome in worship!!**

Sunday School is available for those up to 8th grade after the Time With Children, every Sunday except for Communion Sunday. If you have a little one and would like them to be in the nursery please see Amy Nault or Kathy Nault.

If you need a **nametag**, new or updated contact the church office! **Hearing devices** are available.

**Please sign in on the attendance pads, let us know you are here!** If you are new or a visitor leave contact information so we can say hello & welcome!



First Church has formed a **Self Study committee** which is the first step in transitioning from an interim pastor to a called pastor. The goal of the Self Study is

discern Who is God calling First Church to be? How do we prepare for that?

- ◆ Add a pin to the map at the back of the sanctuary to let us know where you live
- ◆ Answer our first survey questions
- ◆ Add details to our history pages also in the back of the sanctuary

**Mark your calendar and Save the Date!**

Deacon Fellowship Hours!!

May 18: Tea and Cookies

June 22: Ice Cream Social

**Please join us and feel free to invite friends.**

Also stay after Tea & Cookies and help with our *annual spring outside clean-up*

**PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER...**

**~ Immediate Prayers for:**

- Alice Steff, aunt of Paul Herrington in rehab
- Judy Webb's niece, Cathie, recovering from spinal surgery
- Barbie and her family on the passing of her husband, Danny
- Amy Nault recovering from hip replacement
- A daughter in hospital

**~Joys**

- Celtic Cross celebrating 100 years of Worship
- Rev Ruthanne and Paul on the birth of their great niece, Madeline

**~ Continued prayers for:**

- Madison
- Ron Kosaski
- Debbie & Victor
- Linda White
- Bob Nowaczewski's mother

**~ Our homebound:**

- Gloria Stanley
- Joyce Martin
- Priscilla Smith

**~ Our Mission Partners:**

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

**~ Prayers for those serving our Nation ~**

- Daniel Hudgins, currently stationed stateside at Fort Stewart located in Hinesville, Georgia and Bryan Nahas currently serving in the ANG in Harrison Twp.

**Acknowledgements**

- Ministers: All the people of First Church
- Interim Pastor: Rev Ruthanne Herrington
- Sunday School Teacher: Lauren Nowacki
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- Music Director: June Zydek
- Organist: Paul Herrington
- Liturgist: Renee Lawrence
- Communion Servers: Renee Lawrence, Ryan & Jonessa Dobbs, June Zydek, Barb McIntyre
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**You can help by donating Target Gift Card** The Work-Based Learning students from Sterling Heights High School are wrapping up another successful school year. Every Friday, they've come to First Church to help clean, complete small projects, and lend a helping hand wherever needed. As a way to thank these 12 hardworking students for their dedication, we would love to gift each of them a \$25 Target gift card. If you're able to donate a gift card, please see Jane Motta. Thank you for supporting these students and investing in their bright futures!

