



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE

April 14, 2024

Whether you are a member or a visitor, whether you are in person or online*, we hope you will sense God's presence and be open to God's blessing through the service we share this morning.

Children's bulletins and large-print Orders of Worship are available from our ushers.

The asterisk (*) is an invitation for the congregation to stand, in body or spirit, as you are able. **Bold type indicates a congregational response in unison.**

As you enter the Sanctuary or look at the links beneath the YouTube window, you will find opportunities to submit a prayer request to be shared by the pastor during the "Prayers of the Community of Faith." Alternatively, you may personally voice your prayer request at that time or type it into the chat window on YouTube.

**During the livestream service, our cameras can capture almost every person in the sanctuary. If you would prefer to stay out of the camera's eye, you're encouraged to sit in the back pews on the pulpit side of the sanctuary.*

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WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PREPARATION

Lord Jesus Christ, alive and at large in the world: help me to find you here today, and follow you. In the places where I work, the people I meet, the money I spend, and the plans I make, take me as a disciple. Help me to see through your eyes, to hear the questions you are asking, to welcome all people with your trust and your truth, and to change the things that contradict God's love.

-- John Taylor, Bishop of Winchester, 2001

GATHERING MUSIC

Joanne Maher, Organist

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Rob Carlson

PRELUDE

"He Is Risen!"

Lani Smith

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Deb Bachman, Liturgist

One: We have heard about You, Jesus Christ:

All: the carpenter who left his tools and trade;

One: the poor man who made others rich;

All: the healer who let himself be wounded;

One: the good shepherd who searches for and saves the lost;

All: the savior who died and rose again.

One: Lord, grant us eyes to see your presence among us;

All: And we will spend this day offering our thanks and praise.

*HYMN #254

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Generous God, Your loving-kindness has brought us the gift of a new morning. Help us to leave yesterday, and not to covet tomorrow, but to accept the uniqueness of today. In You, the widowed find caring, the orphaned find a parent, the fearful find a friend. In You, the wounded find healing, the penitent find forgiveness, the burdened find a counselor. In You, the miserly find a beggar, the despairing find joy, the legalists find a rule-breaker. In Jesus Christ—God Incarnate—we meet our Maker. Together, we pray for mercy and ask that our individual prayers be heard in this moment of silence.

(silence for personal confession)

*KYRIE #577

Lord, Have Mercy

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*RESPONSE #244, v. 1

This Joyful Eastertide

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you,
and also with you.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

A TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

*RESPONSE #486, v. 4

“Child of Blessing, Child of Promise”

Following the Children's Sermon, children pre-K through 8th grade are invited to make their way to their respective Christian Education opportunities on the lower level. Infant and toddler care is available in the nursery near the Aurelius Road entrance.

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 24:13-35 (selected verses)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“On the Road to Emmaus”

Rev. Dr. Rob Carlson

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

ANTHEM

“Jesus is Risen”

Joseph Martin

Chancel Choir

Ben Kambs, Director

Mira Choi, Collaborative Pianist

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *1 Corinthians 15*

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, then to James and to the Apostles, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; He is our Lord and our God. Amen.

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

Please use this QR code or visit www.fpc-bolt.org/stewardship for safe, convenient online giving.



OFFERTORY

“That Which God Does Is Done Well”

J.S. Bach

*RESPONSE #711, v. 1

Lord of All Good

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: We pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

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.

WE TAKE GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN #239, vs. 1-3

Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!

*CHARGE & BLESSING

*RESPONSE #239, v. 4

Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!

*POSTLUDE

Chorale Prelude on “Last uns erfreuen”

arr. Harvey B. Gaul



We give thanks to God for our ushers (Judy Gubry, Ron Hope, Andy Corner, Nancy Corner), livestream production crew (Ken Caron, A. J. Hill, John Sklar), and for our pastor, Rev. Dr. Rob Carlson.



THE CHANIER



Ongoing Prayer Concerns

- Bev Stewart
- Nevin Johnson, Betts' grandson with chronic kidney disease
- Priscilla Krohnke & BK Gopal
- Wilma & Jayna Akright
- Tanya Olson
- Bill Brock
- Anita Betts' daughter and son-in-law (Robin & Kevin) - Kevin's lymphoma is in remission; continued prayers
- Pam Swiler in rehab in Charlotte
- Phil Bennett, with kidney and liver issues
- Marcia Howe's niece, Heather, whose test results show she needs a heart transplant

Prayers from the Pew and the Chat Panel on April 7

- A brother who wants to move back for discernment
- Marcia's niece, Heather, who is healing; thanksgiving for prayers
- Ann Tucker, hospitalized with heart issues
- Leona Gee in the hospital
- Cherry Hill, struggling with health issues

- Julia, who lost her mother
- Paul Schmidt, who is hospitalized
- Julie and her boyfriend, recovering from an accident
- Thanksgiving for the church family from Lazara
- Cere and Christin with health challenges
- Mary Lee's nephew, who attempted suicide
- Terry & Cindy, battling cancer
- Traveling mercies for Vern Sible and all those on the road
- Thanksgiving for Simon Junghahn's friend's successful amputation
- All who are ill
- Thanksgiving for Barb's successful surgery

Concerning Dust and Ashes—continued!

Back by popular demand, Dr. Brandon Grafius will lead two additional extended classes today & April 28 from 11:30 AM—1:00 PM (Join us for one or both!). Primarily focusing on the book of Job, Brandon asks why the Bible tries to scare its readers - and suggests that these emotions can help us learn things about the universe and about God that we can't grasp with our rational mind. We'll head to the Fellowship Hall following worship, pick up some appetizers, and then gather in the Hospitality Room for our continuing discussion of this fascinating topic. Previous attendance not required.

Plan now to attend these classes today & April 28!



FELLOWSHIP HOUR

WELCOME OUR NEW EXPLORATORY GATHERING FRIENDS!
(AND ENJOY SOME GREAT APPETIZERS)

AFTER THE WORSHIP SERVICE... → WALK TO FELLOWSHIP HALL → GRAB A CUP OF COFFEE & AN APPETIZER → SAY "HI" TO EVERYONE YOU SEE → GO ABOUT YOUR DAY RENEWED!



EXPLORATORY GATHERINGS
New Comers Class
April 14, 21 & 28 from 11:30 AM-1:30 PM

Scan the QR Code to register!



Exploratory Gatherings Continue This Morning - and there's always room for more!

If you'd like to explore what it means to be part of the Reformed Tradition, Presbyterian denomination, and the body of Christ here at FPC-Holt, or would like to consider membership, plan to attend these classes in April from 11:30am-1:30pm. Lunch is served and children are welcome! Class dates are today, and April 21 & 28, with prospective members joining the church during worship on May 19. Please call the church office or scan the QR code above for details.



Hospitality is a Team Sport!

Be sure to make your way down to the Fellowship Hall after worship in April for some tasty appetizers and the opportunity to spend a couple minutes with the entire church family, but especially our prospective new members. Our welcome isn't complete without you!

Three ways you can lend a hand as we host our Exploratory Gatherings:

1. We need more people to join the dish crews for each Sunday (training and lunch beforehand if desired).
2. More sign-ups for setting up tables and chairs from 10:30-11:00 am each Saturday are always welcome!
3. Providing a finger-food appetizer for the congregation-wide Fellowship Time after service and before class begins (charcuterie board, deviled eggs, sausage balls, pastries, fruit, etc.)

Scan the QR code to sign up for any of these!

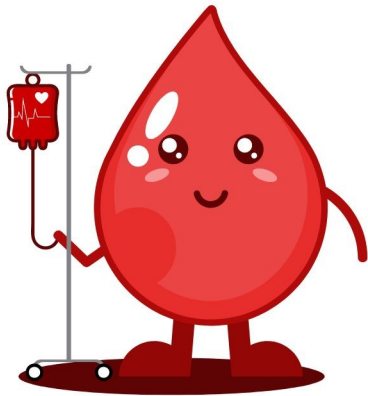




It's time to reconnect!
Join us at Delhi Café on
Tuesday, April 16
at 12 noon

to share a meal and talk about ideas
 and suggestions for upcoming VIPS
 (Very Important Presbyterian Seniors)
 outings or meetings!
We'd love to see everyone!

TRANSFORMING LIVES



+ **RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE**

Wednesday, April 24 | 1-6:45 PM

FPC-Holt in the Fellowship Hall

2021 N. Aurelius Road | Holt, Michigan

We're hosting the Presbytery of Lake Michigan
 on June 11 and we'll need your help
 extending a warm FPC-Holt

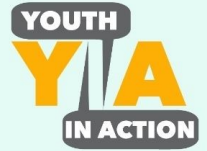
WELCOME! to the attendees!

Watch for details about signing up
 for landscaping, set up, food prep,
 clean up and more!

FPC-HOLT & LANSING YOUTH EVENTS



SUNDAY, APRIL 14

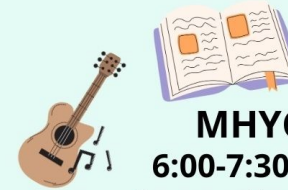


MHYC
NO Evening Activities
 Due to limited sign-ups
 for Defy, there will be no
 MHYC this week.



YIA - Chit Chat
6:00-7:30 PM

Mental Health with Lauren
 Enty-Rumbaugh
 We know it's tough out there -
 let's talk about it.
*"Everything mentionable is
 manageable." - Mr. Rogers*



SUNDAY, APRIL 21

MHYC
6:00-7:30 PM
 Express Yourself!
 Bring your favorite free time
 thing to do (soccer ball, sketch
 pad, musical instrument...)



YIA - Mulch & Puppies!
6:00-7:30 PM

Moving mulch &
 puppy playdate. Bring
 gardening gloves,
 and be dressed for
 puppy love!



Our Children/Youth Choir (ages
 preschool-grade 8) will practice
 at the end of WaterWorks! today,
 as well as April 21 & 28, and
 May 12. They'll be singing during
 the worship service on May 19.



SAVE THE DATE FOR THIS FOYOS ACTIVITY!

SUNDAY, APRIL 28
2:00-5:30PM

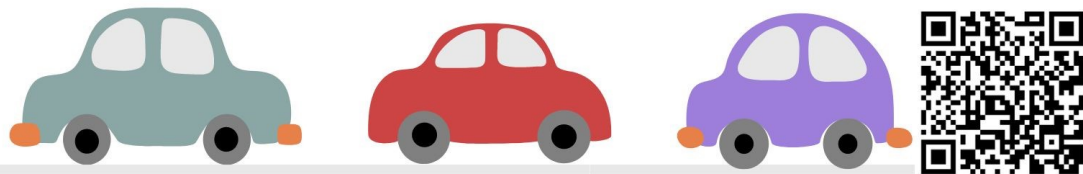


MCLAREN HOSPITAL TOUR & RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE SERVICE PROJECT

Meet at FPC-Holt at 2:00pm, then our group will head to McLaren for a tour (hospitals are less scary for kids when they're familiar with them). Afterward, we'll caravan over to Ronald McDonald House for a kid-friendly service project, returning around 5:30pm.

We need a headcount for both activities; please RSVP by April 21 (follow the QR code)!

Questions? Contact Allison Turner, 517-525-7075.



FPC-Holt
*Prayer Shawl &
Newborn Nurture*
ministry

FPC-Holt's Prayer Shawl and Newborn Nurture Group members love to share warm hugs by creating lasting items of encouragement and celebration!

But, we are in need of people to participate in this ministry! We currently meet on the last Monday of the month at **6:30pm (April 29)** in the hospitality room.

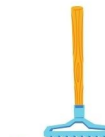
Your enthusiasm is all that matters - we will teach you to do the rest!
Questions? Please contact Heidi Hill, 231-215-6831.

Please consider joining us!



SPRING CLEAN UP TIME!

Let's roll up our sleeves & grab some tools (bring any that you have!). We need teams for projects inside and out!



Come when you can and stay as long as you can!

Contact Ken Hoffman

hoffman-k@att.net
517-290-3225



SATURDAY, MAY 11
START @ 9:00 AM

2021 N. AURELIUS ROAD





Summer 2024 Lineup!

Registration is open and camps are filling up fast!
 Follow the QR code to the Camp Greenwood website
 (<https://www.campgreenwood.org>) for
 camp descriptions and to sign up!



6/16/24–6/21/24

- Imagination Unchained (Ages 9 – 13) \$415.
- Art Unleashed (Ages 14 – 17) \$415.

6/23/24-6/28/24

- Wacky Water Week (Ages 9 – 13) \$415.
- Science Snoops (Ages 9 – 13) \$415.

6/29/24–7/1/24

- Family Camp (All Ages, Parents must accompany Children)
 \$275.00 Adults / \$195.00 Under 18 / Free Under 2.

Need help with
 camp costs?
 Follow the QR
 code for the
 scholarship
 application!



FPC-Holt is a partnering congregation
 with Camp Greenwood. Call the camp
 directly to register and take advantage
 of the partner discount:
 (616) 754-7258.

7/1/24–7/3/24

- Mini Camp (Ages 6 – 8) \$255.

7/7/24–7/12/24

- Adventure Camp (Ages 12 – 17) \$455.

7/14/24–7/19/24

- Wacky Water Week 2 (Ages 9 – 13) \$415.
- Science Snoops 2 (Ages 9 – 13) \$415.

7/21/24–7/28/24

- 8-Day Middle School Explorers (Ages 12 – 14) \$490.
- 8-Day High School Seekers (Ages 15 – 17) \$490.



This Week at FPC-Holt

Sunday	April 14	10:00am 10:20ish 11:15am 11:30am 6:00pm 6:0pm	Worship Service in the Sanctuary and on Livestream WaterWorks! for 8th graders and younger after the Children's Sermon. CYC will practice at the end of WaterWorks! Church Family Fellowship Hour Exploratory Gatherings "Concerning Dust & Ashes" Study, led by Dr. Brandon Grafius NO MHYC Evening Activities (DEFY Trampoline canceled) YIA - Mental Health with Lauren Enty-Rumbaugh AA
Monday	April 15	12noon	Bible Study
Tuesday	April 16	6:00pm 6:00pm 6:30pm 8:00pm	Jazzercise Ringers of the Kirk SA for Men AA
Wednesday	April 17	6:00pm 6:00pm 6:30pm	Session Square Dancing AA
Thursday	April 18	6:00pm 6:30pm 7:00pm 8:00pm	Jazzercise SA Women Chancel Choir AA
Saturday	April 20	9:00am 6:00pm	Jazzercise AA
Sunday	April 21	10:00am 10:20ish 11:15am 11:30am 6:00pm	Worship Service in the Sanctuary and on Livestream WaterWorks! for 8th graders and younger after the Children's Sermon. CYC will practice at the end of WaterWorks! Church Family Fellowship Hour Exploratory Gatherings AA

Rev. Miller will be on
 vacation from April 9-19.
 Please contact Rev. Rob
 Carlson, 517-281-9177,
 with any pastoral care
 concerns during this time.
 Thank you!

Look inside for more information on these upcoming April Events:

- Exploratory Gatherings continue– April 21 & 28
- Blood Drive – April 24
- "Concerning Dust and Ashes" – April 28
- FOYOS Hospital Tour and Ronald McDonald House Service Project – April 28
- Prayer Shawl Ministry – April 29