

*Makin'
it Real*



Sunday,
October 26,
2025

11AM
service

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude		Dr. Marina Stojanovska
Call to Worship		Amy Rhoades
Opening Hymn	“Far From Home We Run Rebellious”	
Affirmation of Faith		
Song of Praise #2033*	“Glory to God” (verse 1)	
Welcome & Invitation to Mission		Jennifer Tripoli & Nicole Wilson
Mission Moment	“Noisy Bucket”	
Time of Prayer		
Consecration Sunday Announcement		
Scripture Reading**	John 1:29-32, 35-50	
Invitation to Offering		
Musical Offering	“Come Home” (Craig Courtney)	Liz Wright, soprano
Doxology	“Gratefully Offer Talents and Service” (verse 1)	
Scripture Reading**	Luke 15:11-32	
Message	“Change of Heart”	Jennifer Tripoli
Closing Hymn #2170*	“God Made from One Blood”	
Benediction		
Postlude		

**The Faith We Sing*

***Common English Bible*

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OCTOBER IS
PASTOR
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MONTH

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Throughout this month, our team will be celebrating our amazing pastors with some special gifts and treats to show how much we value them. We also invite *you* to join in! Take a moment to express your gratitude, whether it's with a card, a small gift, a sweet treat, or even a simple email of thanks. We are truly blessed by their leadership, care, and presence in our lives!

ENDOWMENT LEGACY WALL UNVEILING ON NOVEMBER 23rd

On Sunday, November 23rd, the Endowment Team will be unveiling the Legacy Wall to honor endowment fund donors, located near the sanctuary by the water fountain. If you have made a contribution to or are including the Endowment Fund in your will and trust, we would like to recognize your generosity with a plaque. To have your name or family recognized in a future update please inform us through one of the following options:

1. Fill out an Endowment Legacy Wall Form, located near the doors of the Sanctuary and return to Pastor Jennifer.
2. Email Pastor Jennifer at jtripoli@rofum.org



ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT

Monday, December 1 from 7:00-9:00 p.m.

All women of the church are invited to join us Monday, December 1st, for an evening of speakers and music to get us ready for the season ahead. We will have a program in the sanctuary followed by dessert at tables in the Parlor and Gathering Space. You are invited to host a table of friends and family, or host a table we can fill for you, or simply attend. Let us know you will be joining us by scanning the QR code.



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IT'S CHRISTMAS GREENS SALE TIME!

We have wreaths, crosses, canes, balls, centerpieces, and garlands! Royal Oak First Music Guild's Christmas Greens Sale benefits our Summer Choir Camp Program to help offset costs so that camp is affordable for every child.



You must place and pay for your order by November 4. Scan the QR code or stop by the Connections Table to order yours today!



ALL SAINTS DAY

On **Sunday, November 23**, at both the **9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services**, we will remember the many beloved church members, family members, and friends who we have lost since November 1, 2024. The names of these loved ones will be included in the All Saints pages in the Bulletin.



MEN'S WINTER GEAR COLLECTION

To support the Outreach on 7th Lunch Guests as the weather turns chilly, we will be collecting much needed winter items throughout October.

Much appreciated items include: Men's gloves, hats, long/thermal underwear in larger sizes (L, XL, 2XL), hand/foot warmers, boots, and sleeping bags, along with used men's winter clothing. You may drop off items in either round white bin located by the Welcome Desk, or you can **shop from our Amazon Wish List and have items delivered** to church by scanning the QR code.



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3RD ANNUAL WOMEN'S RETREAT

Save the date! March 20-22, 2026! Join women from Royal Oak First for a weekend of fun, fellowship and faith! Stay tuned for all the exciting details! Plan to take some time to get away, enjoy a beautiful place and meet some new friends from church.



TRANSFORMATIVE RETREATS WITH PASTOR JEFF: "ENCOUNTERING CHRIST"

Join us for a series of **monthly Saturday morning retreats from 9:30-11:30 a.m.**, led by Pastor Jeff, designed to help you pause, reflect, and open your heart to encountering Christ in new ways. Each retreat offers a sacred space for prayer, conversation, and spiritual renewal.

The next retreat is on **November 15 "If You Are Willing – The Healing Ministry of Jesus."** To get more details about each retreat and to sign up, scan the QR code.



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FOOD BOX ASSEMBLY & COLLECTION WITH KIDS EMPOWERED

The Missions Team is joining up with Kids Empowered to fill an important need in our community. Kids Empowered receives many calls each week from individuals and families in Oakland County unexpectedly without shelter and food. **On Saturday, November 15th, 1:00-4:00 p.m., we will meet in the Fellowship Hall to help assemble emergency food boxes** that will be used to meet these urgent food requests. Please scan the QR code to sign up to volunteer or to donate needed supplies to fill the food boxes.



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BLESSINGS



PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS

Prayers for Our Church Family:

John Marsh • Al Pollard • Patti Peterson • Keith Messing • Joyce Negrich •
Mark Thatcher • Janice Marsh • Rita Nicholas • Maggie Blum •
LeeAnn Witherspoon • Karen Porter • Megan Mckenzie-Grimm •
Heather Diemond • Leonard Benyas • Mary Lou Graeber • Joel Palmer •
Phyllis Hassberger • Kathy MacFarlane • Ann Anderson • Don Matson •
Dennis Allen • Janie Castle • Bill Courtney •

Prayers for Our Extended Family:

Bernice Graham • Elma Holloway • Amanda Lewandowski • Kimberly •
Bruce Snyder • Ron & Denise Bell Haines • Bob Payne • Penny Carolin •
Dorothy Follette • Karen Cunningham •

*If you would like to add someone to the Prayer List,
please contact Danielle Moody at prayers@rofum.org.*



TIME OF PRAYER

All are welcome to the Time of Prayer on Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m. at church. We review the church prayer list, spend time in silence and pray together in the Sanctuary. This is wonderful opportunity to uplift your personal prayer requests.

LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR

Friends,

As the seasons change and the air grows cooler, I'm reminded how God's Spirit also brings change within us. Sometimes that change is slow and gentle, like leaves turning color one by one. Other times it's sudden like a moment when we realize our hearts are being called in a new direction.

Change can be uncomfortable. It asks us to release old fears, habits, or ways of thinking. But every change of heart is an opportunity for God's grace to take root and grow. God is always shaping us and inviting us to become more loving, more open and more aware of His presence in our everyday lives.

Wherever you find yourself this week, I hope you will take a moment to notice how God might be working in your heart. Maybe through a conversation, an act of kindness, or simply a moment of stillness.

I'm looking forward to seeing you on Sunday.

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in purple ink, consisting of a large, stylized loop followed by a horizontal line extending to the right.

Pastor Jennifer Tripoli