

NAMED AND FED

REMEMBERING
WHO WE ARE



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Gathering Music	“Place For You” (Elevation Rhythm)	House Band
Call to Worship		Julie McKeeman
Opening Song	“Love God Love People” (Danny Gokey)	
Invitation to Community		Jeff Nelson
Time of Prayer		
Making Christ’s Love Real		
Invitation to Offering		
Musical Offering	“Shine Your Light” (Jason W. Krug)	Handbell Quartet
Doxology	“Give Thanks”	
Scripture Reading*	Matthew 3:13-17	
Message	“Named and Fed”	Nicole Wilson
Baptism Renewal		
Baptism Renewal Song	“Holy Water”	
Closing Song	“Yes and Amen” (Housefires)	
Benediction		
Departing Music		

**Common English Bible*

OUR WAY

About This Sermon Series

Why do you come to church? Most of us answer that question differently, although there are usually some common threads. At Royal Oak First, one thread is often about experiencing the grace and love of God before anything else. In this series, we want to explore “Our Way,” we want to give vocabulary and history to why we teach that grace goes first. We want to explore what it means to be loved before anything is expected of us, and to see how Jesus is the divine example of love and grace. We want to remember that communion and baptism are means of experiencing grace so that we can be God’s love made public. And we want to learn together what it means to stay, even when staying is hard.

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HALLOWEEN CANDY NEEDED FOR ROYAL OAK SPOOKTACULAR!

Royal Oak Spooktacular is on Sunday, October 18 from 2:00-5:00 p.m. and we will be hosting a trick or treating stop on our corner! We need donations of Halloween candy to pass out to all the kids! **Donations can be brought to church through Thursday, October 15th.**



BIG BOY NIGHT

Tuesday, October 13 | 4:00-8:00 p.m.

Troy Big Boy (200 W. Maple, Troy)

The Music Guild invites you to Big Boy Night on Tuesday, October 13 from 4:00-8:00 p.m. at the Troy Big Boy (200 W. Maple). Present a card at checkout and 15% of your purchase will support our Youth Summer Camp! Cards are available at the Connections Table. Enjoy dinner, fellowship, and door prizes while supporting our youth!

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ARE YOU EXCITED ABOUT MISSIONS?

We are in need of a Missions Coordinator!

Do you enjoy organizing people and donations to make a difference in the community? We are in need of a part-time Missions Coordinator to work with our Missions Team and our partner organizations to create opportunities for our congregation to be in service. Contact Pastor Bridget Nelson at bnelson@rofum.org for a full job description.

WELCOME INN COMMUNITY WORK DAY

Hosted by the South Oakland Faith Alliance in partnership with the Welcome Inn

Saturday, October 17 | 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Welcome Inn, 1717 W. 13 Mile, Royal Oak

Join us as we prepare the Welcome Inn for the important work ahead! Help organize, clean, sort supplies, and prepare guest spaces. You can also help by donating needed supplies, including paper products, cleaning supplies, bottled water, and individually packaged snacks. Bring donations on Saturday, October 17 or order directly from the Amazon Wish List. Scan the QR codes to sign up or shop the Wish List.



CHOIR REUNION WEEKEND

October 16-18, 2026 SIGN UP NOW!

This is the last weekend to register for the choir reunion! If you have participated in a choir or attended camp, we invite you to join us for a fun willed weekend. We are planning a welcome reception on Friday, a rehearsal and dinner on Saturday, and an 11:00 a.m. service performance on Sunday. We hope to see you there!

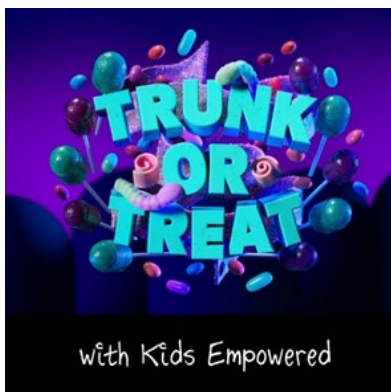


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OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH FROM THE PERSONNEL TEAM:

This month, we pause with grateful hearts to honor our pastors. Thank you for faithfully answering God's call, leading us with wisdom and compassion, and serving with love and faith. Through your prayers, teaching, encouragement, and example, you help us grow closer to Christ and stronger together as a church family. You touch our lives in ways both seen and unseen, and we are deeply grateful for all that you do. May the Lord continue to renew your strength, guide your steps, and bless you always. We love and appreciate you! Please take a moment to write a note, make a call, send an email or give a hug to all our pastors. We are so blessed to have them in our lives and church.



TRUNK-OR-TREAT WITH KIDS EMPOWERED

Join the Missions Team at a Trunk-or-Treat event hosted by Kids Empowered

Saturday, October 24, 4:30-6:30 p.m.

The event takes place in the parking lot of an Auburn Hills hotel. These families do not have a neighborhood to attend traditional trick-or-treating, so this event is especially meaningful. We would love your help to make this event special! Please scan the QR code to sign up.



BINGO AND POTLUCK NIGHT

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 6:00–8:00 p.m.

ALL are invited to join us as we conclude the Our Way series for a traditional Methodist Potluck & Bingo Night. Dinner at 6:00 p.m., Bingo at 7:00 p.m. Please scan the QR code to sign up to bring a dish to share



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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO LEAD CHRISTMAS MEAL

Hello Royal Oak First family! I go out of town for one holiday every year to visit my in-laws. This year I am going during Christmas, so I am looking for a couple of people to help lead the Christmas meal. The job involves directing volunteers in the preparation of the meal, decorating Fellowship Hall, and distributing presents. If this is something you/your family would be interested in doing, please email Robert Bryson at rbryson@rofum.org. As always I appreciate you all immensely.



IT'S CHRISTMAS GREENS SALE TIME!

It's hard to believe, but Christmas is right around the corner and it's time to order the greens to deck the halls! We again have wreaths, crosses, canes, balls, centerpieces, and garlands! Royal Oak First Music Guild's Christmas Greens Sale benefits our Summer Camp Program Scan the QR Code, call the church office at 248.541.4100 or stop by the Connections Table to order yours today! **You must place and pay for your order by November 8 at 1:00 p.m.**



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OUTREACH ON 7TH (007) CLOTHING CLOSET WISH LIST

Our Outreach on 7th Clothing Closet is currently looking for:

- **Sleeping Bags**
- **Sweatshirt Hoodies**
- **Blankets**
- **Winter Hats (skull caps)**
- **Winter Gloves**

These winter essentials help us provide practical support and a warm welcome to our Outreach on 7th guests. Donations may be dropped off at the church during regular office hours or on Sunday mornings. Thank you for helping us keep the Clothing Closet stocked and ready to serve our community.



ESSENTIALS PANTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The first Saturday of the month, from 8:30-10:30 a.m. the Essentials Pantry is open. We need volunteers to gather from our supply inventory and hand out these supplies to those in need. If you are able to volunteer, please scan the QR code to sign up.



RBI PRODUCE COLLECTION

Thank you for your continued support in providing fresh produce monthly to the families served through Redford Brightmoor Initiative's Free Store! **We are in need of shopping volunteers for the upcoming months.** Scan the QR code to sign up.





Consecration Sunday is Coming

Over the next few weeks, you'll be hearing more about **Consecration Sunday, November 8**. We're sharing this with you now because we want everyone to have time to think and pray about what God may be calling you to give in support of the life and ministry of Royal Oak First in the coming year.

At its heart, Consecration Sunday is about more than creating a church budget or paying the bills. It's an invitation to think about generosity as part of our faith—a spiritual practice and a response to all that God has given us.

This year, our Compass Team has chosen the *Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program* to help guide us through that conversation. The program encourages each of us to prayerfully consider our giving and to ask a simple question: **"What percentage of my income is God nudging me to give?"**

There is no one right answer to that question. Giving is personal, and each of us comes to it from a different place. What matters is taking time to consider it intentionally and prayerfully, and to see our generosity as one of the ways we live out our faith and participate in the work God is doing through our church.

On **Consecration Sunday, November 8**, we will have an opportunity during both worship services to make our financial commitments to Royal Oak First for the coming year. Our guest leader, **Pastor Brad Bartelmay**, will share a brief message of inspiration and guidance before we make our commitments privately as an act of worship.

You'll hear more from the Compass and Consecration Sunday teams in the weeks ahead as we prepare for this special Sunday together. If you have questions, please contact **Rick Buxton, Consecration Sunday Chair**.

We hope you'll join us on November 8 and be part of this important moment in the life of Royal Oak First.

Grace and Peace,

Chris Mikell, Compass Team Chair



Royal Oak First is always grateful when people give of their TIME, TALENT and/or TREASURE.

Did you know that there are several different ways to give financially?

Text to Give: Text the amount you wish to give to 855.566.0093.

In Person: You can place a check or cash in an offering envelope and drop it in the offering plate when it goes by or in one of the offering collection boxes just outside the Sanctuary.

Giving App: Download the Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement app to set up one-time or recurring donations.

Online: Visit rofum.org/giving to set up and manage your one-time and recurring gifts.

You can always check out our website, www.rofum.org for **Volunteer Opportunities** or subscribe to our weekly email, by going to this link: <http://eepurl.com/c9m7L9> or by stopping by the Connections Table in the Gathering Space.

For more information, contact Pastor Jennifer Tripoli at 248.541.4100 ext. 1225 or email jtripoli@rofum.org.

Thank you!

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PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS

Prayers for Our Church Family:

Kay LaCombe • Mark Thatcher • Pam Payne • Phil Button • Lee Gnegy • Tom Janes •
Tim Murphy • Lori Vickers • Patrick Calhoun • Liz Malama • Noah Ryckman •
Linda Anderson • Mike Dabney • Kathy Border • Margie Carrington • Myra Pollard •
Carrie Morse • Lee Hoffmann • Megan Grimm • Elizabeth Kincannon •
Phyllis Hassberger • Ann Anderson • Michele & Bob Prud'homme • Jerry Elliott •
Kay Nowaczok • Kathy MacFarlane •

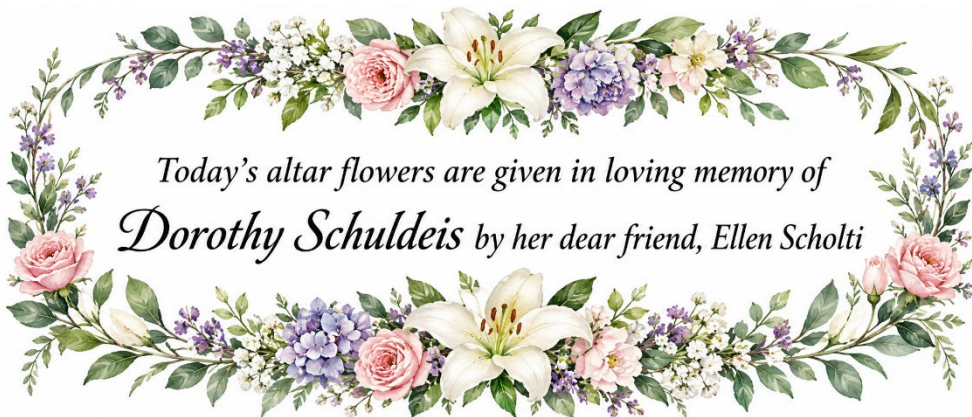
Prayers for Our Extended Family:

The Klipfel Family • Melissa McMahon • Linda Frank • Donna Bartley •
Rachel Hopkins • Dianne Stobbe • Lee Potter • Jean Murphy • James Cudejko •
Noah Armstrong • Russhele Dohnal • Patricia Guarino • Mike Sopheia •
Sue & Harold Williams • Latha Ravi • Angie Grose • Ashley Mink • Allyson Jones •
Kathy Latham • Tom & Ann Thompson • Russ Dore' • John Barber, Jr. • Doug Zorn •
Ron Gilmour • Tracy Zawaski • Kerry Doty •

Sympathies to:

The friends and family of former Royal Oak First Pastor, Rev. Marvin H. McCallum on his death on October 1, 2026

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



LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR

Beloved Community,

Last year when I took my Methodist history class, I was given the opportunity to read 50 of John Wesley's best known sermons. Despite the antiquated language, two things stood out to me. The first was his grace first theology. Wesley always wanted his audience to know that God's love and grace went before anything else, and that it was love and grace that motivated mercy and care for the world. The second thing that stood out to me was what he called "means of grace." These were the practices that he would encourage people to use in order to remember that God's grace goes first. Two of those practices are also called sacraments.

Maybe, like me, you didn't grow up in a church system that emphasized the sacraments, or maybe you grew up in a church system that weaponized them, and Wesley was aware of what he deemed both types of misuse. Instead, Wesley wanted us to look at communion and baptism as places where we could remember that God's grace goes first. He wanted us to remember that God is with us in all of our ordinary, mundane moments, like eating, and he wanted us to reflect on that every time we come to the communion table as a community. And he wanted us to know that we are named and claimed by God every time we see someone new be baptized, and it's why he encouraged us to remember our own baptism.

For me, the beauty of the sacraments is that when we practice them in the service, we are reminded to look for the grace they represent in our daily lives. Here, at Royal Oak First, we can see God's grace at every Outreach on 7th Lunch table or every Holy COW dinner table. This Sunday we're going to take a moment to remember our baptism, to remember that God knows our name and calls us loved. And we will take this moment so when we leave here, and call someone by name, we are also remembering that they are loved and carry the image of God within them.

I look forward to seeing you this Sunday. Come to the water. Remember you are seen, known, and loved.

Grace and Peace,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Nicole Wilson". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid, with a long, sweeping underline.

Pastor Nicole Wilson