



Sunday, December 29, 2024, 10AM

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude	“God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen” arr. Noel Rawsthorne	Michael Rosas
Call to Worship		Sue Buxton
Opening Carol #220**	“Angels from the Realms of Glory”	
Affirmation of Faith		
Response #238**	“Angels We Have Heard on High” (verse 3)	
Welcome & Invitation to Mission		Jeff Nelson
Time of Prayer		
Invitation to Offering		Griffin Anspach
Musical Offering	“Love and Light” Kathie Hill	Sanctus Choir
Doxology #221**	“In the Bleak Midwinter” (verse 4)	
Scripture Reading*	Luke 2:41-52	
Message	“Raising Jesus”	Jeff Nelson
Closing Carol #251**	“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”	
Benediction		
Postlude	“Toccata on AULD LANG SYNE” Martha Sobaje	

**New Revised Standard Version
**United Methodist Hymnal*

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Sunday, January 5

Only one service at 10:00 a.m.



ONLY ONE SERVICE ON JANUARY 5TH

We will have only one service at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, January 5. There will also be no Sunday School that day, but the nursery will be open that day. We will return to two services (9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.) on Sunday, January 12.



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.



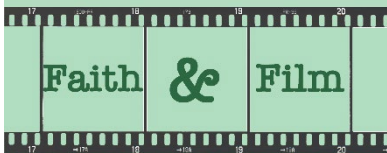
**Church Office
Holiday Hours**

CHURCH OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS

The church office will have **reduced hours** from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 31. The church office **will be closed** on: Wednesday, January 1, and Thursday, January 2. Our normal office hours (Monday-Thursday from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.) will resume on January 6.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 13, 20 and 27
7:00 p.m.



MJR Troy Movie Theater

FAITH & FILM IS COMING IN JANUARY

Royal Oak First is going to the movies in January! For **three Monday nights in January, (13, 20 and 27), we will head over to the MJR Troy Movie Theater at Maple and Livernois Roads at 7:00 p.m.** to see a current movie together. If you have any questions, contact the church office at 248.541.4100 or office@rofum.org. Stay tuned to this space for details about what movies we will be seeing.

TRANSFORMATIVE RETREATS WITH PASTOR JEFF

Feeling the weight of everyday demands? Craving a moment to pause, reflect, and reconnect with God? We invite you to immerse yourself in our **2025 Retreats, held every third Saturday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.** Our retreats are intentional spaces designed to cultivate a deeper relationship with the divine, offering you the opportunity to recharge your spirit and discover the profound peace that comes from being in God's presence. Scan the QR code to sign up! Here's a glimpse of what we have planned for you:



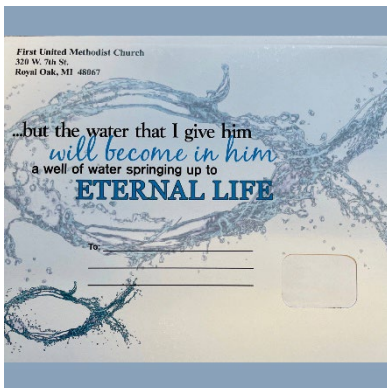
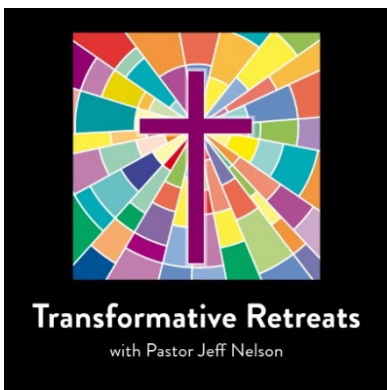
****January 18th: Silence, Stillness, and Solitude****

****February 15th: Faith and Fatherhood****

****March 15th: When I Survey the Wondrous Cross****

****April 19th: Listening for God's Resurrecting Voice****

****May 17th: A Morning with the Mystics****



OFFERING ENVELOPES ARE HERE!

2025 Royal Oak First offering envelopes are now available for you to pick up after service at the Welcome Desk! If you are unable to pick up your envelopes, we'll begin mailing them out after January 9. Contact Karen Calhoun at kcalhoun@rofum.org or 248.541.4100 if you have any questions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



SAVE THE DATE! SPAGHETTI DINNER VARIETY SHOW

On **Sunday, February 2** the Music Guild will be putting on a Spaghetti Dinner Variety Show! Proceeds will help our youth go to camp this summer. The opportunity to showcase your talents will be open to all, so stay tuned for details. Plan to come join the fun on Sunday, February 2!



HAPPY NEW YEAR

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PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS

Prayers for Our Church Family:

Lee Hoffmann • Landon & Sawyer Cattran • Robin Burkett • Lily Faunt •
Lisa Rye • Pam Shewchuck • Ginny Panone • Michelle Wirsu • Diana Shornak •
Melissa Couture • David Salvette • Charlene Orletski • Diane Sexton •
Theresa Skelton • Joe Nowaczok • Carrie Morse • Marlene Yago •
Noel Peterson • Sue and Dave Minch •

Prayers for Our Extended Family:

Val Globish • Missy Winter • Renee Rahim • Jim Castellani •
Barbara Witherspoon • Meghin Russell • Camryn Cogburn • John Morris •
Bernie Stubitsch • Mike Elliott • Deana Sawicki • Effie Lambros •
Marykay McCaskey • Dan Cowles • Charlie Maher • Robin Mayers • Mary B. •
Dorothy Follette • James • Joyce Micheaux • Jessica Boyer •
Michael Retaskie • Bret Thatcher • Fred Jackson, Jr. • Susie Inch •
Margie Reese • Diane Miller • Ellen Delangy •

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

LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Friends,

Merry Christmas!

While the commercial world may have moved on, our celebration of Christmas is just getting started! In the liturgical calendar, Christmas lasts for 12 days, so there's no need to rush. Keep your tree up a little longer, let the angelic songs fill your home, and yes, even let Mariah Carey's "All I Want for Christmas Is You" play on repeat for another week! Embrace the joy of this season!

Over the next two Sundays, we'll have a single worship service at 10:00 a.m. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to come together and savor the final days of Christmas. This Sunday, we'll journey with Mary, Joseph, and their teenage Jesus to Jerusalem. As a parent of teenagers myself, I deeply resonate with Mary and Joseph's desire to hold on to their son while also letting him grow. What insights can a teenage Jesus offer us about Christmas? Join us in person or online to discover the answer!

Looking ahead to the new year, we'll be launching our annual Faith & Film movie series. Join us as we head to the movies on Mondays and discuss the themes of faith in those films the following Sunday. Mark your calendars for January 13th, 20th, and 27th at 7:00 p.m. at MJR Theater in Troy, located at Maple and Main. Movie titles will be announced soon!

Merry Christmas! Enjoy this time of reflection on God's love.

We're so glad you're here!

Grace and Peace,



Pastor Jeff Nelson

