

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Gracious and loving God we confess that we can be easily swayed by a crowd, waving our banners one moment, turning our backs the next. Our enthusiasm gradually wanes after a momentary rush. We spend less and less time in prayer, in reading Scripture. Forgive us God for the inconsistency of our lives, for we ask this in the name of the one who came to save us, your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen

(A time of silent, personal prayer).

Assurance of Forgiveness Titus 3:4–7

Rev. John Pavelko

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

We Hear God’s Word

Prayer of Illumination

MJ Floreno

Open our ears to hear your word with clarity. Open our hearts with a willingness to obey your word with consistency. Amen

First Scripture Reading

Zechariah 9:9 (Old Testament pg.884)

MJ Floreno

Anthem

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
Chancel Choir

arr. Gilbert Martin

Second Scripture Reading

Matthew 21:1-17 (New Testament pg. 23)

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Sermon

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We Respond to God’s Word

Offertory & Collection of Prayer Cards

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***Doxology #606**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

All: We give thanks to you God for the many blessings we enjoy. We are humbled by your generosity. May we live in heartfelt gratitude each and every moment of our lives, rejoicing in your love and grace. Amen.

Give us wisdom to discern evil, and in the face of all that is deceptively attractive help us to choose your will and your cross as we pray:

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 Follow God's Word into the World

*Hymn of Sending # 291

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

*Benediction

Rev. John Pavelko

Postlude

Antiphon

Dale Wood

Please Welcome Back, Rev. John Pavelko, Today's Guest Preacher.

The Rev Dr John H Pavelko will celebrate 48 years in ministry having served church in Northfield OH, West Olive MI, Wenatchee WA, and Commerce MI. He has miraculously survived two bone marrow transplants and has been cancer free for almost 10 years. He enjoys hiking, and backpacking. He spends a great deal of time planting bulbs, tubers, and shrubs for his wife's beautiful flower beds and sowing and weeding in their garden. Occasionally he attempts to play a round of golf.

Lenten Study: "Unanswered Prayer" (Monday, March 30 at 10:00 a.m.)

Join us for the last session of the second Prayer Course called "Unanswered Prayer", tomorrow from 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., in Room 208/210 (with the new A/V equipment!) The course consists of a video, discussion questions, and practical prayer activities.

Sign up on the sheet on the "Sign-up Kiosk or online: <https://tinyurl.com/FPCF-Lenten2026>

Questions? Ask Sharon Cressman or Colleen Tavor.

"My eyes pour out tears to God." (Job 16:20)



**ONE GREAT
HOUR OF SHARING**

Lenten Offering

Around the world, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. The work done in support of the causes supported by One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHOS)—disaster, hunger, poverty, climate change, and immigration/migration and refugees—serves individuals and communities in need. This work provides people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

Received during the season of Lent (Feb. 18th–April 5), each gift to OGHOS helps to improve the lives of people in these challenging situations. The Offering provides us a way to share God’s love with our neighbors in need. In fact, OGHOS is the single, largest way Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world.

Let us pray *“God, help us remember your call to do justice when we see injustice around us. Open our eyes to how we might do our part to ensure that your love is made known around the world. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.”*

Marion Medical Mission – Wells in Africa First Pres Men’s Group is promoting Marion Medical Mission again this year in their great program to provide simple, but safe water wells in Africa. Since 2020 the combination of “First Pres Men’s Group”, Mission, and Private Donors have funded 19 wells in an area of Africa unfortunately renown for water borne diseases and child mortality. We are surrounded by the wonderful Great Lakes, which we take for granted, and that’s what motivated us to help this worthy organization.

Marion Medical Mission coordinates as many as 3,000 wells a year, but the need is still great. New well sites are coordinated with local Christian Churches, and “His message” is inscribed in the concrete cap on each well – “Glory to God” (in English and local dialect). The total cost is only \$500.00 for a well. The villagers make the bricks, provide the sand, stone, and unskilled labor. MMM provides only what the village cannot.

Wells are installed later in the year, but the funding now helps with site identification, preparation, and sourcing of materials. More on MMM can be found on their website: MMMWATER.ORG. They are a 4-star 501(C)3 non-profit.

The Men’s Group is launching the effort again this year and has already made contributions towards that mission. If you feel the same drive to help this cause, please see Rob Kirsten after service on Palm Sunday or call him at (248-890-7472).

QR Code for Donations!

If you ever forget to go to the ATM, or simply do not carry cash on you, we include the church QR code for a more streamlined donation process. To donate, just scan the QR code and follow the prompt.



Hospitality Time Schedule

You are invited to bring ONE food item on ONE Sunday each month. Your Sunday depends on the first letter of your last name. It would be greatly appreciated if you are also able to help with set-up or clean-up. Please note healthy options are welcome as well such as fruit, eggs, cheese & crackers, veggies etc.... Here is the upcoming schedule:

April 5: Last names beginning L-R
April 12: Last names beginning S-Z
April 19: Last names beginning A-D
April 26: Last names beginning E-K



Church Calendar March 29 to April 5, 2026 Holy Week



Sunday, March 29

Palm Sunday

9:00am - 10:00am The Wired Word
10:00am - 11:00am Worship In-Person &
Livestream Service
11:00am – 12:30pm Palm Sunday
Breakfast Potluck

Monday, March 30

Flower Orders Due

10:00am – 11:30am Lenten Study:
Unanswered Prayer
6:00pm - 7:00pm Soul Stretch Yoga

Tuesday, March 31

4:00pm - 6:00pm PNC Meeting -Library
7:00pm - 9:00pm Scouts Troop Meeting
JOY Book Study off for Holy Week

Wednesday, April 1

2:00pm - 3:00pm Future Church
Prayer Group

Thursday, April 2

Maundy Thursday

7:00pm - 8:00pm Maundy Thursday Service

Friday, April 3

Good Friday

6:30pm Pinewood Derby Check-in
Session #1

Saturday, April 4

Great Vigil of Easter

6:30pm Pinewood Derby Check-in
Session #2

Sunday, April 5

Easter Sunday

9:00am - 10:00am The Wired Word
10:00am - 11:00am Worship In-Person &
Livestream Service



2026 Easter Flowers Order Form

**All orders are due by
TOMORROW, March 30!**



Please place your order for Easter lilies or red tulips(all in 6-inch pots with foil cover) by completing this form and returning it along with your payment. Plants may be taken after the 10:00am Easter worship service on April 5 or left for delivery to a homebound member.

I / We wish to donate the following plant(s) for decorating the church on Easter Sunday and/or to support a community member in need. Please use the following recognition in the Easter bulletin:

In honor of _____
name of person(s)

In memory of _____
name of person(s)

Ordered by: _____ Phone: (_____) _____

I / We would like to order the following number of plants:

_____ Red Tulip plant - \$13 each _____ Fresh Produce for CARES - \$15 each

_____ Easter Lily plant - \$16 each

Total due \$ _____ _____ Payment included with order

____ Please deliver my plant(s) to a homebound member.

2026 Holy Week Schedule




MAUNDY THURSDAY

Thu., Apr 2, 2026 at 7 p.m.

FROM TABLE TO TRIAL
SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER



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GOOD FRIDAY

Fri., April 3

GOOD FRIDAY IS GOOD BECAUSE
WE RECOGNIZE JESUS' GREAT LOVE
FOR US.

At Kirk in the Hills
1340 W Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Township, MI 48302
Good Friday Service Times:
9:00am – 12:00pm
Sanctuary open for private prayer and reflection
12:00pm, 3:00pm or 7:30pm
Worship in the Sanctuary In-Person &
Livestreamed Service <https://youtu.be/-4B0QjYFDRo>

At Hope Lutheran
39200 W 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48331
7:00 pm Good Friday Service



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Or you can look online for a Good Friday service that works with your schedule.

EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP

Celebration of the Resurrection

SUN., APRIL 5 AT 10 A.M.

In person or via live stream



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