

# MAYFLOWER

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

FOUNDERS' SUNDAY

November 10, 2024 - 10:30am

THE BULLETIN OF

## MAYFLOWER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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WORSHIP SERVICE  
SUNDAY 11<sup>00</sup> A.M.

NURSERY CARE  
CHURCH SCHOOL 9:30 A.M.  
PILGRIM FELLOWSHIP 5:00-7 P.M.

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BRUCE H. MASSELINK-MINISTER

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**WE BELIEVE:** Faith is a journey, God is good, Jesus saves, and the Spirit leads us to faith, hope, and love as we honor the dignity of all God's people.

# **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

\*Indicates *please stand if you are able*.

Bolded text or music score indicates congregational response.

Please sign the friendship register located in your pew.

Prayer request cards may be placed in the offering and will be added to our prayer list.

***As you enter the sanctuary, we invite you to prepare your hearts for worship.***

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## **PRELUDE**

*Voluntary in C*  
by Maurice Greene

Jonathan Tuuk, Organ

## **WELCOME AND PASSING OF THE PEACE\***

Rachael Cooley

Greeting: The peace of Christ be with you.

**Response: And also with you.**

## **NEWS OF THE CHURCH**

Rachael Cooley

## **OUTREACH ANNOUNCEMENT**

Stacy Jenkins, Mel Trotter Ministries

## **NTROIT**

*Holy, Holy, Holy*  
by Franz Schubert

Chancel Choir

Holy is the Lord; holy evermore adored; Saints in heaven praise him, gathered round the throne;  
saints on earth adore him, God, the Lord alone.

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Ingrid Nelson, Council Member

Leader: Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord, my soul.

**People: I will praise the Lord all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.**

Leader: Do not put your trust in princes, in human beings, who cannot save.

**People: When their spirit departs, they return to the ground; on that very day their plans come to nothing.**

Leader: Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God.

**People: He is the Maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them—he remains faithful forever.**

Leader: He upholds the cause of the oppressed and gives food to the hungry.

**People: The Lord sets prisoners free, the Lord gives sight to the blind,**

Leader: the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down, the Lord loves the righteous.

**People: The Lord watches over the foreigner and sustains the fatherless and the widow, but he frustrates the ways of the wicked.**

**All: The Lord reigns forever for all generations. Praise the Lord!**

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN 19\*** *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* NETTLETON

**OPENING PRAYER\*** Ingrid Nelson

Leader: Holy Lord, we are here to rest in your presence as a community. We know these are strange days and we trust that you hold us in the palm of your hand. May we never forget this. Order our steps and keep us faithful to your Word and your ways.

**People: We trust in You, Lord, the maker of heaven and earth. Amen.**

## GLORIA PATRI\*

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** Rachael Cooley

**SCRIPTURE READING** John 13:31-35; 15:12-17 Ingrid Nelson  
PEW BIBLE, PAGE 763

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

<b>SERMON</b>	<i>Getting Back to Basics</i>	Rev. Dr. Livingston
<b>HYMN 389</b>	<i>Be Still, My Soul</i>	FINLANDIA
<b>CALL TO OFFERING</b>		Ingrid Nelson
<b>OFFERTORY</b>	<i>A Gaelic Blessing</i> by John Rutter	Chancel Choir
<p>Deep peace to you, deep peace of the earth to you, deep peace of the stars to you, deep peace of night to you. Moon and stars pour light on you. Deep peace of Christ the light of the world to you.</p>		
<b>PRAYER OF DEDICATION*</b>		Rev. Dr. Livingston
<b>CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER</b>		Rev. Dr. Livingston
<b>LORD'S PRAYER</b>		
<p><b>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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.</b></p>		
<b>HYMN 34*</b>	<i>Let All Things Now Living</i>	ASH GROVE
<b>BENEDICTION*</b>		Rev. Dr. Livingston
<b>DISMISSAL*</b>		Rev. Dr. Livingston
<p>Leader: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. People: <b>We go into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Thanks be to God.</b></p>		
<b>POSTLUDE</b>	<i>Rejoice</i> by Noel Goemanne	Mr. Tuuk

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We welcome guest organist, Jonathan Tuuk this morning.

Flowers are given today by Barbara Gordon in loving memory of George, their parents, siblings, and sisters-in-law.

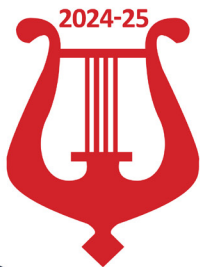
## WELCOME! We are so glad you joined us today!

**WELCOME!** If this is your first time worshipping with us, please stop by the Welcome Center in the narthex outside the sanctuary if you have questions about our church. You are invited to join us after the service for refreshments and fellowship in the atrium.

**HEARING ASSISTANCE** is available on the main floor by using the T-switch on your hearing aid. Handheld receivers with earphones are also available from the ushers.

**NURSERY** is available for children birth through 3 years. Please sign your child(ren) in prior to the service and receive a pager if needed.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** for children age 4 through 5th grade meet during the service following the Children's Message in the lower-level Youth Rooms. Children are asked to bring their Bibles. We will share "highs and lows" from the week, play Bible trivia, sing, have a Bible story lesson, and engage in a related activity. Middle Schoolers are encouraged to join us in Sunday school as small group helpers - they earn "CIT Bucks"!



MONDAYS  
AT  
MAYFLOWER

[mayflowerchurch.org/concerts](http://mayflowerchurch.org/concerts)

**NOVEMBER 18 | 7PM | TO BE DVOŘÁK!**

(Join us at 6:15pm for a pre-concert conversation)

*Clara Lyon, violin; Hannah Collins, cello; Sookkyung Cho, piano*



# Looking Ahead

*\*Words in italics denote partnering organizations that meet at Mayflower*

## Today, November 10 - Founders' Sunday

**10:30am** | Rev. Dr. Bob Livingston, preaching

## NOVEMBER

- 11** Men's Bible Study | 7:30am  
Women's Bible Study | 9:30am  
Women's Bible Study | 5pm  
Men's Bible Study | 5pm
- 12** Breakfast Club | 6:30am  
Needlepoint | 10am  
Worship & Music Mtg | 4pm  
Outreach Mtg | 5pm  
*CCGR (Chamber Choir)\** | 5pm  
*Mahj in the Mitten\** | 6:30pm
- 13** Midweek | 4pm  
Mayflower Bells | 6pm  
House & Grounds Mtg | 7pm  
*Al-Anon\** | 7pm
- 14** *Women's City Club\** | 9:30am  
Women's Bible Study | 10am  
*Boy Scouts\** | 6:30pm  
*Mahj in the Mitten\** | 6:30pm
- 15** Men's Bible Study | 7am  
*Joyful Sounds\** | 9:30am
- 16** *Writing Camp\** | 9am-12pm
- 17** Morning Worship | 10:30am  
Rev. Dr. Bob Livingston, *preaching*  
Priscilla Circle Bake Sale | 11:30am  
MS/HS Bells | 11:45am  
*Mel Trotter Event\** | 12pm  
Elevate | MS/HS Friendsgiving | 5-6:30pm



- 18** Men's Bible Study | 7:30am  
Women's Bible Study | 9:30am  
Women's Bible Study | 5pm  
Men's Bible Study | 5pm  
Mondays at Mayflower | 7pm
- 19** Breakfast Club | 6:30am  
Needlepoint | 10am  
Ladies' Luncheon | 11:30  
Council Mtg | 6:30pm
- 20** Deacons Mtg | 9:30am  
Midweek | 4pm  
Mayflower Bells | 6pm  
*Al-Anon\** | 7pm
- 21** *Women's City Club\** | 9:30am  
Women's Bible Study | 10am  
*Boy Scouts\** | 6:30pm
- 22** Men's Bible Study | 7am  
*Girls Choral Academy Concert\** | 5:30pm
- 24** Gratitude Sunday | 10:30am  
MS/HS Bells | 11:45am  
Elevate | MS/HS Main Event | 5-7pm

## The Next Step Breakfast



The Next Step group shared their stories and a time of fellowship on All Saints Sunday. We thank all those who helped organize this breakfast.



## 69 UP Event at Lovell Hand



The 69 UP social group spent an evening of fun at the Lovell Hand and Orthopedic Center. We look forward to the Christmas gathering at Elaine Matthews' on Tuesday, December 10.

## Trunk or Treat



## Senior Pastor Search Committee Update

The Mayflower Pastoral Search Committee was elected by the congregation at our July Annual Meeting, and since August has been working together to lay the foundation for a successful search process on behalf of the people of Mayflower. They will be providing general progress updates to the congregation during Sunday service every 6 weeks, and special updates as needed.



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**Matthew Dhasleer**



**Barbara Gordon**



**Dave Hathaway**



**Barbara Hohman**



**Patrick Miller**



**Courtney Weiler**

MIDDLE SCHOOL/HIGH SCHOOL ELEVATE

# FRIENDSGIVING

YOU'RE INVITED TO COME AND GOBBLE YUMMYFOOD  
WHILE WADDLING AROUND WITH FRIENDS! BRING  
YOUR FAVORITE THANKSGIVING DISH TO SHARE.

NOVEMBER 17  
5-6:30PM

CONTACT [RACHAEL@MAYFLOWERCHURCH.ORG](mailto:rachael@mayflowerchurch.org) FOR DETAILS





JOIN US AT MAYFLOWER

# Gratitude Sunday

A service to celebrate Thanksgiving  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24 | 10:30am



## Joyful Sounds Winter Session

FRIDAYS | 9:30AM or 10:30AM | JAN. 6 - MAR. 10

REGISTER NOW!



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MUSIC STUDIO

Music Together  
Licensed Center

Join Joyful Sounds Music Studio this Winter for some musical fun! Using the acclaimed Music Together curriculum, we'll explore, sing, clap, and wiggle along to the Drum Collection, which contains twenty-five beloved songs. These 45-minute classes geared for 0-5 year olds are jam-packed with musical experiences, bonding activities, and a whole lot of fun! Sign up today!

TO REGISTER VISIT: [KidsMusicGrandRapids.com](http://KidsMusicGrandRapids.com)

# Announcements for November

Mayflower news and details on upcoming events. Visit [MayflowerChurch.org/events](http://MayflowerChurch.org/events) for more information.

## JOIN CHANCEL CHOIR & CHAMBER ORCHESTRA & SING ON CANTATA SUNDAY

Wednesdays now through Dec. 4, we dedicate the first half hour of each rehearsal to the two major works we're singing on Sunday, Dec. 8.

Join us as we learn Vaughan Williams' *Fantasy on Christmas Carols* and J. S. Bach's *For Us a Child is Born*.

Commitment is Wednesdays, 7:30-8pm, Saturday morning dress rehearsal, Dec 7 and Sunday morning performance, Dec 8.

Questions? Talk to Julia or Scott

## MEL TROTTER EVENT | NOV. 17 | 12PM

Mayflower Outreach invites everyone on Sunday, Nov. 17th from 12-1:30pm to gather at **Mel Trotter's Hope Village** (100 Garden Street SE). Plan on joining us after the Sunday service for Q'doba lunch, tours of the space, and a special message from the new CEO of Mel Trotter Ministries, Chris Palusky.

Mayflower is one of the initial funders of the Hope Village Tiny Homes Community project. While at the lunch, everyone will get to vote on an item for outreach to donate for the new Community Center that will be complete in spring of 2025. Come be a part of this exciting day! [meltrotter.org/get-involved/donate-now/immeasurablymore/](http://meltrotter.org/get-involved/donate-now/immeasurablymore/)



## PRISCILLA CIRCLE BAKE SALE | NOV. 17

EVERYONE is invited to donate baked goods for the sale. On 11/17, bring your baked goods to the tables in the Atrium before the service.

## COFFEE HOUR | SUNDAY, NOV. 10

You are invited to join us in celebrating our MCC community! During the service, we welcome Rev. Livingston, preaching and Jonathan Tuuk playing the organ.

## LADIES LUNCHEON | NOV. 19 | 11:30AM

Join the ladies of Mayflower at Walker Roadhouse (3272 Remembrance Rd NW). We suggest carpooling due to limited parking. Please RSVP Maris by Monday, Nov 18. at 616-821-0413.

## 69 UP | TUESDAY, DEC. 10 | 5-7PM

Elaine Matthews will host this festive event in her home with its unique Christmas decorations on display. Everyone aged 69 and above is invited to share in the joyful occasion. Please RSVP to [murry@mayflowerchurch.org](mailto:murry@mayflowerchurch.org) and indicate if you will bring an appetizer or a bottle of white wine to share.

## IHN REFLECTION SERVICE | NOV. 13 | 6PM

IHN will be holding a service of reflection for the Interfaith Hospitality Network ministry and the people who made it so amazing - you all. The service will be held in the sanctuary at Wyoming Park United Methodist Church on (2244 Porter St SW) at 6pm.

All IHN coordinators, volunteers, and pastors associated with this ministry are invited.

If you plan to come, RSVP at the QR code above.



# Praises and Prayers

If you would like to receive prayer, or make note of someone to be added to the weekly Prayer List, please contact the church office to be included on the list (616.459.6255 or office@mayflowerchurch.org.) Prayer Cards are also in the pews and collected during Sunday morning services.

## PRAISE FOR THOSE WHO CELEBRATE

**Cheryl Blair** sends heartfelt thanks for prayers from her Mayflower friends. Her aortic valve replacement surgery was successful. Continued prayers are appreciated as the heart adjusts and heals. (11/4)

Praise God for the recent baptism and new members we welcomed to Mayflower. (10/27)

We give praise and thanks for the many families and individuals who made commitments to Mayflower Church on Vision Sunday. (10/22)

## PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Pray for **Eric Britcher** as he continues with out patient rehabilitation services at Mary Free Bed. (11/4)

Continue to pray for **Gwen Wallin** as she recovers from recent health complications. (10/29)

**Ann Trost** is experiencing declining health. She had a few falls and has been hospitalized since 10/18. We pray for peace and comfort for Ann at this time. (10/29)

**Wendy Jacobs** had knee surgery on Oct. 31. Please pray for her recovery. (11/4)

Pray for **Nancy Martin** who is at home recovering from a fall. (10/10)

**Katie Brenneman** is recouperating from knee surgery. Please pray for a quick recovery. (10/08)

## PRAY FOR THOSE WHO MOURN

**Ron Beuker** passed away on Oct. 26. Pray for his wife **Helen** and daughter **Sarah Von Hof** as they mourn his passing. (10/29)

## PRAY FOR THE WORLD

We pray for peace in the Middle East and a de-escalation of violence.

We pray for those suffering amidst war and turmoil all over the world, especially those impacted by conflict in Ukraine and Sudan.

We pray for those affected by natural disasters and by the devastation of climate change. We pray for God's healing hand on our earth.

## Sunday Morning Greeters and Cookies Providers

We want to thank Mayflower groups and committees for providing cookies and greeting us! November is *Worship & Music* and *Children & Youth* month!



### CHILDREN & YOUTH COMMITTEE

Amy Conway, *Chair & CR*  
Martin Grin  
Allison Houlihan  
Kate Schneider  
Meredith Starnes  
Kyle Morrison

### WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE

Linda Edgar, *Co-chair*  
Cheryl Blair, *Co-chair*  
David Blair, *CR*  
Janice Yates  
Matt Dhaseleer  
Kay Scott  
Michelle Muza-Moons  
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### TEXT TO GIVE

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THIS ADVENT/CHRISTMAS SEASON, WE INVITE YOU TO  
*Come*  
IN THE *Midst of...*

### SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP | 10:30am

**Dec. 1** | In the midst of despair bring HOPE

**Dec. 8** | In the midst of division bring PEACE

**Dec. 15** | In the midst of grief bring JOY

**Dec. 22** | In the midst of apathy bring LOVE

**Dec. 29** | In the midst of change bring SONG

**Jan. 5** | Epiphany

### DECEMBER 8 | CANTATA SUNDAY

Chancel Choir, soloists and GR Symphony musicians perform

V. Williams - *Fantasia on Christmas Carols*  
and

J. S. Bach / Kuhnau - *For Us a Child is Born*  
within the context of worship

## MAYFLOWER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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Scott Bosscher, Chancel Choir Director | Melia Colwell, Children's Choir Accompanist

Rachael Cooley, Interim Executive Administrator | Murry Idema, Director of Congregational Care

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Jana DeShane and David Schellenberg, Facilities Team

THE TRIUNE GOD

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Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

1 Samuel 7:12

Robert Robinson, 1735-1790

Traditional American Melody

John Wyeth's *Repository of Sacred Music, Part II*, 1813

1. Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Tune my heart to  
2. Here I raise mine Eb - en - e - zer; Hith - er by Thy  
3. O to grace how great a debt - or Dai - ly I'm con -

sing Thy grace; Streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, Call for  
help I'm come; And I hope, by Thy good pleas - ure, Safe - ly  
strained to be! Let Thy grace, Lord, like a fet - ter, Bind my

songs of loud - est praise: Teach me some me - lo - dious  
to ar - rive at home: Je - sus sought me when a  
wan - d'ring heart to Thee: Prone to wan - der, Lord, I

son - net, Sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove; Praise the  
stran - ger, Wan - d'ring from the fold of God; He, to  
feel it, Prone to leave the God I love; Here's my

mount! I'm fixed up - on it, Mount of Thy re - deem - ing love.  
res - cue me from dan - ger, In - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.  
heart, Lord, take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts a - bove.

NETTLETON

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1. Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side!  
 2. Be still, my soul: thy God doth un - der - take  
 3. Be still, my soul: the hour is has - t'ning on

Bear pa - tient - ly the cross of grief or pain;  
 To guide the fu - ture as He has the past;  
 When we shall be for - ev - er with the Lord,

Leave to thy God to or - der and pro - vide:  
 Thy hope, thy con - fi - dence let noth - ing shake:  
 When dis - ap - point - ment, grief, and fear are gone,

In ev - 'ry change He faith - ful will re - main.  
 All now mys - te - rious shall be bright at last.  
 Sor - row for - got, love's pur - est joys re - stored.

## GOD'S COVENANT PEOPLE

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'God's Covenant People'. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal line.

Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heav'n - ly Friend  
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know  
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,

Through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.  
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt be - low.  
All safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.

Gracious God, quiet the tremors of my mind and heart so that I might know of Your ever-present and ever-generous power in my life and in all life.

Amid the challenges, insecurities and equivocations of my world, help me to see Your Spirit at work. Open my mind, open my heart, break open my life so that Your free-flowing and ever-loving presence might pour generously into my daily affairs, and into the lives of all who are hurting this day.

For in Your presence, God, our lives encounter the majesties of Your life. Our anxieties are calmed, our hearts are rested, our thoughts are ordered; for the Dayspring of Your eternal life is ours in Christ Jesus, the One who knows our suffering.

Emboldened with the promise of Your presence, I go forth to reflect Your light in all I encounter, confident that You are there, present and able.

Your peace permeates all there is. And all is well.

Amen.

Rev. Samuel Schaal

THE TRIUNE GOD

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Let All Things Now Living

Katherine K. Davis, 1892-1980

Traditional Welsh Melody

1. Let all things now liv - ing A song of thanks - giv - ing To  
2. His law He en - forc - es; The stars in their cours - es And

God the Cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise; Who  
sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine. The

fash - ioned and made us, Pro - tect - ed and stayed us, Who  
hills and the moun - tains, The riv - ers and foun - tains, The

still guides us on to the end of our days. God's  
deeps of the o - cean pro - claim Him di - vine. We,

ban - ners are o'er us; His light goes be - fore us - A  
too, should be voic - ing Our love and re - joic - ing; With

"He," "Him," or "His" may be replaced by "God(s)" or "You(r)."

ASH GROVE

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THE FATHER

*God the Creator*



## THE TRIUNE GOD

pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night— Till  
glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us raise Till

shad - ows have van - ished And dark - ness is ban - ished, As  
all things now liv - ing U - nite in thanks - giv - ing: "To

for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.  
God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"

Almighty God, in your image you have made us, and we join all things now living to thank You. As the sun warms our face, Your radiance illuminates us. As the moon sheds its soft light, the dark nights of our souls are whispered away. As the hills and the mountains tower over us, we are humbled by Your majesty and strengthened by Your power. As the waters of the earth refresh us, Your grace renews us. In the twinkle of the stars, in the songs of the birds, in the warm, nuzzling love of Your friendliest beasts, Your love comforts us, sustains us, and swaddles us. For all these things, we thank You and praise You. Amen.

Rev. Dr. Elizabeth E. Bingham