This is election season.

We are, as the Apostle Paul says, citizens of God's Kingdom. For those of us who are both citizens of God's kingdom and of the United States, a direct way in which we live out our Christian faith in our civil life is by being informed, knowledgeable, and engaged voters. We are called not only to vote, but to actively participate in the voting process and, when possible, to be a help so others, our neighbors, are able to do the same.

Being a faithful voter means actively seeking information about the people and topics on which we will vote, taking time in discernment and prayer, and casting our ballot for the people and topics that we have discerned best embody the values that we uphold as followers of Jesus and citizens of God's kingdom.

Your voice matters. Your vote matters.

- If you're on the permanent mail ballot list, or you've already applied for your ballot for this election, your absentee ballot should have been mailed to you. You can track your ballot at MI.gov/vote by clicking on "your voter information." If you have any issues, contact your local clerk or call (866) OUR-VOTE.
- Your ballot can be returned now. Avoid postal delays! Make sure you mail your ballot at least 14 days before Election Day (by October 20). After that, it's better to put it in a secure ballot drop box in your community or deliver it by hand to your clerk's office by 8 p.m. on Election Day.
- Statewide in-person early voting is October 24 through November 1.
- Election day is November 3, from 7am to 8 pm. If you need to register, you can register at your local clerk's office (with proof of residency) until 8 PM.

Learn more details about how, where, and when to vote on mi.gov/vote

If you need help registering to vote, making a voting plan, or need a ride to the polls, contact *[name and contact information for the Pastor or someone else at your church who can help parishioners with these tasks]*