



April 23, 2017

Second Sunday of Easter & Reception of New Members

Prayer of Preparation

Seasons of the Spirit

Come to us God. Open our locked doors and hearts. Dust us off, and make us new. Lead us, with all our questions and wonderings, into the exciting mysteries of discipleship. We long to be your Easter people, to live and proclaim new life with all of our being. Amen.

Welcome

We Enter Into God's Presence

**Please stand in body or spirit*

Prelude

Prelude in G Major

Felix Mendelssohn

*Call to Worship

based on Psalm 16

Liturgist: My heart is glad!

Community: My soul rejoices, and my body rests secure!

Liturgist: For you do not abandon me.

Community: You give me counsel.

Liturgist: You are at my right hand.

Community: You show me the path of life.

Liturgist: Your presence is sheer joy.

Community: You are my God; apart from you, I have no good. Blessed is your name!

*Hymn 286

Breathe On Me, Breath of God

Confessing Our Separation from God (read in unison)

Even though we have come through the joy of Easter and the triumphant Easter songs, yet we doubt, Lord. Like Thomas who walked the Judean countryside with Jesus, we still have trouble believing in the resurrection of Jesus. We easily slip back into the darkness of doubts. We move the joy of Easter into the past and continue in a downward path to confusion. Shine your bright light of joy upon us. Lighten our dark path. Help us to believe, even though we have not seen you, touched your hands and side. Help us to proclaim Jesus as our Lord and Savior. Amen.

A Time of Silent, Personal Prayer for Peace

*Song of Assurance

More Than Before

Kelly S. Moor

**When I need forgiveness Lord,
when my heart is cold,
when I am feeling overwhelmed,
but no-one seems to know;
You are my source of life,
my shining light, my calm in every storm.
You hold my shaking hand
then I understand that in You
I am more than I was before.**

+++*Latecomers may be seated at this time.*

We Hear God's Word

Mindfulness Prayer

Not for Children Only

Joshua Archey

Prayer concern cards collected in the side aisles at this time

*The Passing of the Peace of Christ

Turn to your neighbor and pass the Peace of Christ

Anthem

Now the Green Blade Riseth
Chancel Choir

French carol, arr. Carter

Gospel Reading

John 20: 19 - 31

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Sermon

Locked-In

Rev. Eddie Jusino

We Respond To God's Word

Reception of New Members

Sharon Cressman, Clerk of Session

New members gather in the front as their names are called

Litany

1. Who is your Lord and Savior?

New members: Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.

2. Do you trust him?

New members: I do.

3. Do you intend to be Christ's disciple, to obey his Word, and to show his love?

New members: I do.

4. Will you be a faithful member of this congregation, giving of yourself in every way, and will you seek the fellowship of the church wherever you may be?

New members: I will.

5. Do the members of this congregation welcome these new members into the covenant of faith at First Presbyterian Church of Farmington?

Congregation: We welcome and embrace them. We promise to love and nurture them, to help them grow in spirit and in truth, to care for them in times of trial, to celebrate with them in times of joy.

Signing of the Covenant

*Affirmation of Faith (read in unison)

Your light is the only light we need as we travel through life's mystery. Your word the only voice we hear; that still small voice that leads us to the place where we should be. Your presence is the only company we need as we walk this narrow road. Your fellowship the warmth we crave to help us on our way. May the truth of Easter, the joy of Easter and the blessings of Easter be with us this day and all days. Amen.

(John Birch)

Joys and Hopes of the People of God & Lord's Prayer

Minute for Mission – Rebuilding Together

Offering of the Gifts of the People

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

William M. Runyan

Signing of the Friendship Registers

*Doxology 609

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

*Prayer of Thanksgiving (read in unison)

God of great mercy, accept our offerings, given out of what is more precious than gold – our faith in you, giver of hope and life. And through these gifts, reveal the risen Christ in acts of mercy, love, and joy. Amen.

We Follow God's Word Into the World

*Hymn 451

Open My Eyes, That I May See

* Blessing

*Postlude

Allegro Maestoso from Water Music Suite

G.F. Handel

The worship flowers are given by: The Malisow family in celebration of Nathan's 14th birthday.

We hold in our prayers: names available in print version

Assisting in Worship

	April 23	April 30
Lector	Alvine Cooper	
Ushers	Ed Haas	Joanne Boyd Sue & Dave Carlson
Greeters	Betty and Bob Tell	
Welcome Center	Sally Kirsten	
Sunday Sextons	Rick Fuller Mark Plamondon	Dwight Kish Irwin Moyna
Coffee Hour	Pat & Mark Plamondon	Fellowship Ministry

Installation Service for Pastor Eddie is April 30th: Join our church family as well as friends from the Presbytery of Detroit and our community for an Installation Worship Service on April 30, beginning at 3:30 pm. Immediately following the service, we will celebrate with a reception in Knox Fellowship Hall.

This service is organized by our metro area Presbytery and led by a Presbytery Installation Commission comprised of Teaching Elders (Pastors) and Ruling Elders. It completes the call process and formally marks the establishment of the pastoral relationship with our congregation and within the Presbytery (PC-USA Book of Order, G-2.0805). It also marks the dissolution of our Pastoral Nominating Committee.

We encourage you to attend this infrequent event in the life of the church – the sixth Installation of a senior pastor in the 62-year life of our congregation – and look forward to a wonderful afternoon!

Congregational meeting on Sunday, May 7th: The purpose of the meeting is to elect Elders and Deacons and elect congregational representatives to the Nominating and Financial Review Committees. The meeting is open to everyone and all church members can vote. Nominee biographies will be available on the welcome center.

Music Fund Raiser: We had a very successful Music Fund Raiser last year, and we will be having another this fall. Everyone is welcome to be part of the Planning Committee or to provide crafts or goodies to sell. For more information please contact Deborah Draper.

Rebuilding Together Oakland County – Saturday, April 29, 2017

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- a One-Day Project on Saturday April 29, 2017

Work on a FPC Farmington sponsored house! Register today online at <http://rebuildingtogetheroaklandcounty.force.com>

- Complete “Volunteer Jobs”
- “City of Farmington Hills Rebuild Day 2017”

Questions? Contact House Captains:

- Tom Neal
- Dan Cressman

CROP Walk is May 7: The CROP Hunger walk brings our community together to assist hungry people at home and around the world. The money raised supports Church World Service work around the world in emergency response situations, as well as long term solutions, such as sustainable safe water supplies and food safety. Additionally, 25% of the money raised will go to local organizations; Neighborhood House, Baldwin Center, Salvation Army, Alexander’s Food Pantry and Yad Extra.

Help by walking or supporting walkers! Checks can be made to CWS CROP and will be collected at church on Sunday, April 23rd and 30th. New this year: you can go online at www.crophungerwalk.org/famingtonmi to make a donation anytime (click on Register, Donate, and donate to a team – Farmington 1st). Walking and sharing together with our community, we can help eradicate hunger and poverty in Oakland County and worldwide. Please join us by walking or donating!

Notice! There will be no Shepherding calls made this spring because the Caregiving Ministry Team is reorganizing this ministry. More information will be forthcoming.

Please join us on May 7th to celebrate Pam William’s dedicated service to FPC: After 11 years as our church’s Administrative Assistant, Pam has decided to retire. Her last work day will be May 5th. Pam and Scott, her husband, will be joining us in Worship on Sunday, May 7th. After the service, we will gather in Knox Hall, sharing some dessert and beverages while we thank Pam for her numerous contributions to our church family. Please join us on May 7th to celebrate Pam William’s dedicated service to FPC.

The Personnel Committee

This Week At First Presbyterian

Sunday, April 23 Reception of new members

- 9:00 a.m. Adult Christian Education
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 10:20 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:15 a.m. Coffee Hour
- 11:30 a.m. PWCT
- 6:00 p.m. Little Flock Bible Study

Monday, April 24

- 6:00 p.m. Piano lessons in sanctuary
- 6:30 p.m. Communications Team
- 7:00 p.m. Endowment Task Force
- 7:00 p.m. Soul Stretch Yoga

Tuesday, April 25

- 8:30 a.m. Men's breakfast at Leo's Coney Island
- 7:00 p.m. Stephen Ministers
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

Wednesday, April 26

- 6:30 p.m. JOY Study Group

Thursday, April 27

- 10:00 a.m. ESL
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Friday, April 28

No events scheduled

Saturday, April 29

- 9:00 a.m. Rebuilding Together

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First Presbyterian Staff

Senior Pastor	Rev. Eddie Jusino
Ministers	Members of the congregation
Christian Education Director	Joshua Archey
Music Director	Dr. Gerald Custer
Organist	Shari Fiore
Administrative Assistant	Pam Williams
Sexton	Vanya Georgieva
Sunday Nursery Attendants	Dawn Johnson & Sandra Lieberman