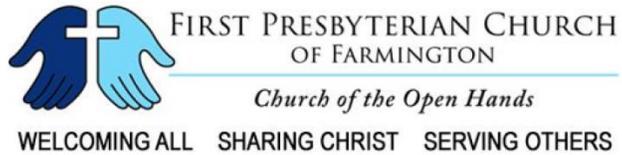


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In preparing our hearts for worship, we will be dimming the lights in the narthex, indicating a time to prepare ourselves for worship. Please enter the sanctuary quietly and in time to hear the welcome and announcements.



January 11, 2026

First Sunday after the Epiphany

Prayer of Preparation

"Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel. For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O LORD, from my youth."

We Enter into God's Presence

**Please stand in body or spirit*

Prelude

Coventry Carol

arr. Brent Edstrom

Welcome / Greetings

Liturgist

Signing of the Friendship Pad & Prayer Cards

*Call to Worship

(Isaiah 40:28-31)

One: Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.

All: The LORD does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable.

One: The LORD gives power to the faint, and to those who have no might, the LORD increases strength.

All: But they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

One: With thanksgiving and praise, let us worship God.

*Opening Hymn #488

I Was There To Hear Your Borne Cry

*Prayer of Confession (standing)

Rev. Steven Nuss

Our prayer of confession is followed by a time for silent confession.

Almighty and merciful God, like your people of old, we too have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We confess that we have longed too much for the comforts of this world. We have loved the gifts more than the giver, and have lived for our glory instead of yours. In your mercy, open our eyes to the true hope that you have given us, help us to see that all the things we think will satisfy us in this world are only shadows, but you are substance; that they are shifting, but you are an anchor. Through our faith in Jesus Christ, we ask for your forgiveness. Accept his worthiness for our unworthiness, his sinlessness for our transgressions, his fullness for our emptiness, his glory for our shame, his righteousness for our dead works, his death for our life. Through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray.

(Silent confession)

*Words of Assurance (standing)

Rev. Steven Nuss

One: Hear the Good News! "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him would be saved."

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*Passing of the Peace (standing)

Rev. Steven Nuss

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

We Hear God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Liturgist

All: Almighty and Everlasting God, you have made us for yourself, so that our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you. Through your Holy Spirit, open our minds that as the Scriptures are read and Your Word is proclaimed, we may be lead into your presence, your truth and taught your will for our lives. Through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Proverbs 4:20-27 (NIV)

Rev. Steven Nuss

Listen now to the Word of the Lord

My child, pay attention to what I say; turn your ear to my words. Do not let them out of your sight, keep them within your heart; for they are life to those who find them and health to one's whole body. Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it. Keep your mouth free of perversity; keep corrupt talk far from your lips. Let your eyes look straight ahead; fix your gaze directly before you. Give careful thought for the paths for your feet and be steadfast in your ways. Do not turn to the right or the left; keep your foot from evil.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Nativity Carol

Christmas Quintet

Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; but they were kept from recognizing him. He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?" They stood still, their faces downcast. One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, "Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" "What things?" he asked. "About Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus." He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself. As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. But they urged him strongly, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?" They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together and saying, "It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon." Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.

We Respond to God's Word

Offertory & Collection of Prayer Cards

*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.**

Prayers of the People, Thanksgiving, & The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Steven Nuss

Father, as we remember how our Lord Jesus was identified by baptism with John's message of repentance and renewal, we pray for the renewal of humanity today and for the church as a means of renewal.

Lord Jesus Christ, hear our prayers.

We pray for the welfare of nations and the wisdom of governments, for justice and for racial harmony. May laws and policies dignify, not degrade, and may the arrival of your kingdom in Jesus be attested by the witness of Christians in every walk of life.

Lord Jesus Christ, hear our prayers.

We pray for all who suffer loss and who are diminished by illness, by disappointment, or by the attitude of others. Support and strengthen these and all who are in the wilderness facing the testing of what they believe in.

Lord Jesus Christ, hear our prayers.

We pray also for all who must die soon— both those who know it and those who do not. Confirm in every one of us that it is not for this life only that we have hope in Christ, and in the communion of all your baptized people may we find bonds forged between us that endure to all eternity.

Lord Jesus Christ, hear our prayers.

Hear these prayers, O God and those we store in our hearts knowing that your Spirit prays for us. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord who teaches us to 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 #475

Come, Thou Fount Of Every Blessing

Benediction

Rev. Steven Nuss

Postlude

Postlude on "Coronation"

arr. Jason Payne

Please give a warm welcome to our guest Pastor Rev. Steven Nuss!

Rev. Steven Nuss, an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church USA, and a member of the Presbytery of Detroit. He has served churches in Ohio and Michigan, and recently retired as a chaplain at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit. Currently he serves as a volunteer in the No Member Dies Alone ministry at the Michigan Veteran Home in Chesterfield Township. He is married to his wife Kathy, who recently retired from the Clinton-Macomb Library for the Blind. They are the proud parents of two wonderful young adults, Emily and Joshua.

Let's Celebrate Sue Cooper!

Please join us as we extend our thanks to Sue Cooper at the coffee hour following today's church service. We will enjoy cake and other refreshments while we express our gratitude to Sue for her service as the congregation treasurer. Sue and Ken will be moving to upstate New York soon.

USHERS NEEDED. We are looking for ushers to serve once a month, even or odd. If you are interested, please see Deborah Draper.



Welcome New Administrative Assistant Jennifer Taub!



We are delighted to announce the appointment of Jennifer Taub as our new Office Administrative Assistant, effective January 6. Jennifer has for than 20 years of experience working in a variety of administrative positions with faith-based and nonprofit organizations including with several local Presbyterian churches – First Pres of Dearborn, Orchard Lake Community Church and Starr Presbyterian. She will be working Mondays-Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Here email is Jennifer.Taub@farmington-pres.org. Please extend a warm First Pres Farmington welcome to our newest employee who reports to Pastor Craig Aue, our Temporary Acting Head of Staff.

New Office Hours and Upcoming Office Closure

Effective immediately, the new church office hours are Mondays-Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The office remains closed on Fridays.

The office will be closed on Monday, January 19th in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. A reminder that the church office is closed for adverse weather when the Farmington Public Schools System closes its schools.

The Annual Congregational Meeting of the First Presbyterian Church of Farmington will be held on Sunday, February 8, 2026

This meeting will be held in Knox Fellowship Hall on Sunday, February 8, at 11:15 a.m. following the worship service. The purpose of this meeting is to review the 2025 annual reports of the boards, ministries, committees and staff of the church, financial reports and the 2026 budget. Reports to be included in the 2025 Annual Report should be emailed to the church office by no later than Friday, January 16, 2025. The 2025 Annual Report will be emailed to members who have signed up through the church website to receive the Communications Connections/FYI newsletter, the annual report and other important church information via email (to sign up for the newsletter and electronic communications, please go to www.farmington-pres.org). There will be a limited supply of printed copies available at the Welcome Center by Sunday, February 1, 2026, or you may contact the church office to arrange for a copy to be provided to you.

Phishing Scam Alert

We received a report on a scammer sending emails impersonating our own Rev. Craig Aue. Instead of Pastor Aue's email address of Craig.Aue@Farmington-Pres.org, this scammer is using a Gmail account beginning with "OfficeMailPastor..." Please remember that requests for gift cards are a common scam. First Pres will never ask you to purchase gift cards for us (especially secretly). FPCF staff emails should come from the Farmington-pres.org domain.

EUCHRE! The New Season Began January 2!

Join us! We are playing euchre on the first Friday of each month from 2-4pm in the church library. Add these dates on your calendar: Feb. 6, March 6, April 10, May 1, and June 5. All are welcome - and bring a friend! Sign up on the Kiosk or see Nancy Prieskorn if you have any questions. We will teach you!

Individual Offering Envelopes Will No Longer Be Supplied

As the demand for individual offering envelopes no longer meets the minimum order requirement, envelopes will not be ordered for 2026-saving \$250. Leftover boxes of envelopes from previous years are available, please contact the office if interested. The use of monthly electronic withdrawals (ACH) is also encouraged, which is easy to use.

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's the upcoming schedule:

January 11: Last names beginning L-R

January 18: Last names beginning S-Z

January 25: Last names beginning A-D

February 1: Last names beginning E-K