



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF FARMINGTON

Church of the Open Hands

WELCOMING ALL; SHARING CHRIST; SERVING OTHERS

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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 19, 2025

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Prayer of Preparation

Perfect Light of revelation, as you shone in the life of Jesus, whose Epiphany we celebrate, so shine in us and through us, that we may become beacons of truth and compassion, enlightening all creation with deeds of justice and mercy. **Amen**

We Enter into God's Presence

*Please stand in body or spirit

Prelude Amazing Grace/ How Firm a Foundation arr. Jason Tonioli

Welcome / Greetings Pastor Bruce Mulder
Signing of the Friendship Pad & Prayer Cards

Minute for Mission

*Call to Worship—from Psalm 72

Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to a king's son. May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice.

May the mountains yield prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness.

May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor.

May he live while the sun endures, and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.

Lord Jesus Christ, King of all rulers, bring us your light and life.

Let us worship Christ our Lord. Amen.

What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary!

Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear, shall pierce him through; the cross be borne for me, for you.
Hail, hail, the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mary!

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, one and all, to won him.
The King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him.
Raise, raise the song on high. The virgin sings her lullaby.
Joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary!

Prayer of Confession

Eternal Light,
shine in our hearts;
SILENCE

Eternal Goodness,
deliver us from evil;
SILENCE

Eternal Power,
be our support;
SILENCE

Eternal Wisdom,
scatter the shadows of our ignorance;
SILENCE

Eternal Compassion,
give us hope and joy from your abundance;
SILENCE

Eternal Lord of all, have mercy on us, so that with heart, mind, soul, and strength we may seek your face and be brought by your infinite mercy to your Holy Presence.

Lord have mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Words of Assurance—from 1 John 1

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, *that God is light and in God there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with God while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true;*

but if we walk in the light as God himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

Thanks be to God, who forgives us our sin. Amen.

We Hear God's Word

Reading

Isaiah 62.1-5; John 2.1-11

NRSV

Isaiah 62.1-5

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication and all the kings your glory, and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. You shall be a beautiful crown in the hand of the LORD and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate, but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her and your land Married, for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

John 2.1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to me and to you?^[a] My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the person in charge of the banquet." So, they took it. When the person in charge tasted the water that had become wine and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), that person called the bride groom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee and revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him.

Anthem

Come Labor On

arr. Gerald Custer

Sermon

"Extravagant Abundance"

We Respond to God's Word

Offertory & Collection of Prayer Cards
Doxology #606

Pastor Bruce Mulder

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

Prayers of the People

Ellen Ely

Prayer of Thanksgiving & The Lord's Prayer

Ellen Ely

O Jesus, light of the world, come into the dark places of this earth. Bring a light from God that only you can shed. Light eternal, shine in the darkness, and drive away the darkness.

We bring to you the darkness of our world in war, starvation, cruelty, and exploitation.

**God of grace, shine your light;
Hear our prayer.**

We bring to you the darkness of our earth, damaged and defaced by pollution.

**O God, shine your light;
As we pray, let our cry come to you.**

We bring to you the darkness of the nations, beset with conflict of race and class, struggle, rivalries, religion, militarism, greed, and politics.

**Holy Spirit, our Comforter shine your light;
Receive our prayer.**

We bring to you the darkness of our relationships, people not looking, not speaking, not listening, not forgiving.

**Healing Spirit, shine your light:
Listen to our cries.**

We bring to you the darkness of our own souls, hidden closets we have not visited or cleaned out for years.

**Lord Jesus, shine your light;
hear us we pray.**

O Jesus, Light of the world, be a morning star above for us, a radiance within, the shining all around that lets us live in love. Only then shall we be reflectors of your brightness and give glory to God in heaven, 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 #744

Arise , Your Light Has Come

**Arise, your light is come! The Spirit’s call obey;
Show forth the glory of your God, which shines on you today.**

**Arise, your light is come! Fling wide the prison door;
Proclaim the captives’ liberty, good tidings to the poor.**

**Arise, your light is come! All you in sorrow born,
Bind up the broken hearted ones and comfort those who mourn.**

**Arise, your light is come! The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing; God’s power will make us strong**

Benediction

Pastor Bruce Mulder

Postlude

Postlude on “Hymn To Joy”

arr. Jason Payne

Today’s flowers are presented by Amy Patrick in honor of her mother Helen Thomas’ 89th Birthday on January 21st – There will be a celebration cake in Knox Hall after the service

Worship Liturgist

We welcome Ellen Ely as today’s liturgist. For information on serving as a liturgist to assist the pastor during worship, please contact Kari Gorman.

Cub Scouts Breakfast

Due to the Lions likely schedule, the Cub Scout Pancake breakfast will not take place on Jan 26 as planned. A new date will be announced soon.

LA Fire Assistance

Mission Ministry will be sending a donation to World Central Kitchen to help in their LA Fire Assistance. The congregation can contribute to this donation if interested if "LA Fires" is noted on a check or other form of payment.

2025 Offering Envelopes

If you requested a box, please pick it up from the Welcome Center in the Narthex. If you would like to order a box or are unable to pick yours up, please contact the church office.

First Notice of the Annual Congregational Meeting of the First Presbyterian Church of Farmington (FPCF) - Sunday, February 2, 2025.

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation/Corporation of FPCF, *The Church of the Open Hands*, will be held in person in Knox Hall and virtually via Zoom on Sunday, February 4, at 11:15 a.m. following worship. The purpose of this meeting is to review the 2024 annual reports of the boards, ministries, committees and staff of the church, review the 2024 financial reports and the 2025 budget and elect the Pastor Nominating Committee Members.

Mission Project Blessing Bags

Look over the lists posted on the Kiosk in the Foyer and consider what you may like to provide for the Blessing Bags. Sign up for you want to donate, drop off your items in the plastic bin in Mission Cove by Thursday Feb 6. Join us on Sunday Feb 9, to assemble the bags.

Recycle Your Old Toothbrushes, etc.

Please start saving your old toothbrushes, empty toothpaste tubes and caps, toothbrush outer packaging and empty floss containers, any brand. Place them in the marked bin in the foyer. Colgate has started a program to recycle these hard-to-recycle items. Let's keep more items out of the landfill! Thanks for your care for planet Earth. Questions? See Sharon Cressman.

Custodian Needed!

Your First Presbyterian Church of Farmington is actively seeking a part time custodian. The candidate should have a good background in building maintenance. The job is 20 hours per week. The pay for it position is \$20 per hour. Please refer any candidates to Bob Van Hamme @mvanhamme@twmi.rr.com

Hospitality Training by Pastor Bruce

Today and January 26, Pastor Bruce will hold Hospitality Training in Knox Hall during coffee hour. Many consider us to be a very friendly and welcoming congregation. If you are interested in being a part of a Hospitality Team, please contact Tom Neal or Colleen Tavor.

Adult Bible Discussion – The Wired Word

Join our Bible discussion **Sundays at 9:00 a.m. in 208/210**. Advance copies are available the Saturday before by email. To get on the email list, please contact Tom Neal at ttneal@sbcglobal.net.

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 19: Last names beginning S-Z

January 26: Last names beginning A-D

February 2: Last names beginning E-K

February 9: Last names beginning L-R



QR Code for Donations!

If you ever forget to go to the ATM, or simply don't carry cash on you, we've decided to include the church QR code for a more streamlined donation process. To donate, just scan the QR code and follow the prompts!

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