



Third Sunday after Epiphany January 25, 2026



Prayer of Preparation

God of deep love, you are the One who dwells within us and among us, the One whose mercy stretches farther than we can measure and whose grace calls us deeper than we expect. As we gather, steady our hearts. Open us to the breadth and length and height and depth of your love. Surprise us with your abundance. Call us again into lives shaped by trust, courage, and compassion. We offer ourselves to you in this time of worship, through Jesus Christ, who meets us at the shoreline and invites us to follow. Amen.

We Enter into God's Presence

**Please stand in body or spirit*

Prelude

Nearer, My God, To Thee

arr. Brent Edstrom

*Welcome / Greetings

MJ Floreno

Signing of the Friendship Pad & Prayer Cards

Call to Worship

MJ Floreno

One: Beloved of God, grace is already at work within you.

All: We come trusting the love that dwells among us.

One: God's power is able to do far more than we can ask or imagine.

All: We open our hearts to God's abundance.

One: Jesus calls ordinary lives into deeper waters.

All: We come ready to listen, to trust, and to follow.

One: Let us worship the God whose love has no end.

All: Let us worship God together.

*Opening Hymn # 409

God Is Here!

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Renee Roederer

Holy God, you call us into abundance, yet we often live as though there is not enough—
not enough time, not enough courage, not enough hope.

We confess that we cling to what feels safe, that we hesitate to trust your call, and that
we sometimes shrink our lives rather than risk deeper waters.

Forgive us when fear keeps us from love.

Restore us when discouragement dims our vision.

Renew us by the power of your Spirit, that we may live rooted and grounded in your
love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Silent Confession)

Words of Assurance

Rev. Renee Roederer

Hear the good news: God's love is not limited by our fear or hesitation.

Christ meets us where we are and calls us forward with grace. We are forgiven.

We are restored. We are strengthened by a love deeper and wider than we can comprehend.

Friends, believe and trust the good news: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and made new.

We Hear God's Word

New Testament Reading Ephesians 3:14-21 (page 193) MJ Floreno

Anthem *Kum Ba Yah* arr. John Carter
Chancel Choir

Gospel Lesson Luke 5:1-11 (page 62) Rev. Renee Roederer

Sermon Deep Water Rev. Renee Roederer

We Respond to God's Word

Offertory & Collection of Prayer Cards Rev. Renee Roederer

***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, Prayers of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

MJ Floreno

Gracious and abiding God, you dwell within us, and you surround us with a love deeper than we can comprehend. Root us again in that love as we bring before you the prayers of our hearts, trusting that you hear what is spoken and what we struggle even to name. We pray for your church, here and everywhere — that we may be shaped not by fear or scarcity, but by the expansive love you pour into us through your Spirit. Give us courage to trust your abundance, and humility to follow when you call us beyond what is familiar or safe. We pray for the world you love so deeply. We lift before you all places experiencing fear, pain, and deep uncertainty—including Venezuela, Minnesota, Iran, Greenland, Palestine, Israel, and communities throughout our own country. Hold all who are living amid instability, violence, division, grief, or the ache of not knowing what comes next. Draw near with protection, compassion, justice, and peace. We pray for those who feel overwhelmed by the weight of these realities, for those whose lives feel shaped by long nights and empty nets, and for those standing at the edges of decisions they did not expect to face. Meet them with your steady presence, and remind them that they are not alone. We pray for leaders and decision-makers, that wisdom would guide them, that power would be exercised with humility and care, and that the dignity of all people would be honored. We give thanks for signs of your grace already among us: for love that surprises us, for courage that emerges when we did not think we had it, and for communities that practice care, even in small and imperfect ways. Thank you for the work of your Spirit within us, doing far more than we can ask or imagine.

Receive these prayers, O God — spoken aloud and held in silence — and gather them into your mercy and love, as we join our voices in the prayer Jesus taught us, saying:

“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 # 726** *Will You Come and Follow Me (The Summons)*

***Benediction**

Rev. Renee Roederer

Postlude

Lead On, O King Eternal

arr. Franklin Ritter

Please Welcome Back, Rev. Renee Roederer, Today's Guest Preacher.

Our preacher today is Rev. Renee Roederer. She is a non-profit leader and Presbyterian (PCUSA) minister who lives in Ann Arbor, Michigan. She is the Sr. Director of Programs and Community Care at the Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan where she connects with individuals and families and provides educational information, resources, referrals, companionship, and support. Renee enjoys choral singing, hiking, photography, and traveling, and she's an avid writer. One of her greatest joys in life is the large, chosen family she has built over time, with whom she enjoys keeping in touch, laughing hard, and reflecting on life.

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. 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.

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 more 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. Her 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

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.

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 prompt.



Join us for a Lenten Study via Zoom.

This Lent take a meaningful walk with Jesus that invites reflection, inspires spiritual attentiveness, and opens your heart to the many forms following Jesus can take in daily life. Starting on Tuesday, February 17 at 7:15 pm via zoom, and continuing throughout Lent, JOY Study will study Meeting Jesus on the Road: A Lenten Study by Presbyterians Cynthia Campbell and Christine Coy Fohr. If you would like to order a book, please let Sharon Cressman know by Monday, January 26. The cost will be about \$13.00. If you have any questions and for the zoom link, see Sharon.

Social Justice Book Club Starts New Book on January 26

The Social Justice Book Club will begin our next book on Monday, January 26, at 7:00 p.m. We'll be reading ***There is No Place for Us: Working and Homeless in America*** by **Brian Goldstone**. Through the gut-wrenching stories of five Atlanta families, this landmark work of journalism exposes a new and troubling trend—the dramatic rise of the working homeless in cities across America.

We meet once per month on the last Monday evening via Zoom, and we work toward completing the book by May. If you've thought about joining but have not yet, we encourage you to do so. It's a safe place to talk about the tough issues of our day. Contact Colleen Tavor (cmtcounseling@gmail.com) to get on the email list.

Family Game Night (and Foosball Tournament!)

When: Friday, January 30
Where: Knox Hall, First Presbyterian Church Farmington
5:30 – 6:00 p.m. Pizza, Salad, Dessert
6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Time for Game and Snacks!

Let's play some games together! Card games, board games, bingo, strategy games, active games! We have games at church or bring your own! Please join us and bring your family and friends! Sign up at the kiosk in the foyer or online: <https://tinyurl.com/FPCF-Games>

“Getting to Know You” Class on February 1 (a first step toward membership)

Several of you have expressed an interest in joining First Presbyterian Church of Farmington (FPCF) as a member or maybe you just want to know more about us. This is the class for you! We're pleased that you are here and interested in becoming a part of living our vision: Welcoming All, Sharing Christ, Serving Others!

We are excited to announce that a **“Getting to Know You” class will be held after the service on Sunday, February 1, 11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. in Room 208/210.** You'll have an opportunity to hear the FPCF story and tell us yours. Please contact the church office if you plan to attend (248-474-6170 or info@farmington-pres.org).

Celebrate “SouperBowl Sunday” on February 8

As a prelude to the annual congregational meeting, please plan to join the Nurture Committee on February 8 after worship to celebrate our annual “SouperBowl Sunday” fellowship event. You’re invited to bring a favorite soup or chili to share and enjoy sampling from the many assembled crocks and kettles. We also will be collecting donations to support Neighborhood House’s work in our community.

Church-wide Day of Prayer: Wednesday, February 11, 8:00 am – 5:30 pm

What is a Day of Prayer? Continuous prayer throughout the day offered by members and friends. We would like to cover every half-hour of the day with prayers.

Why have a Day of Prayer? A Day of Prayer brings together those of faith in a communal atmosphere. It is uplifting and empowering to pray in the company of others. As Jesus said, “Where 2 or 3 are gathered in my name, I am with them” (Matthew 18:20). We have many things to pray for in support of FPCF – our next pastor, church growth, church leadership, thanksgiving for prayers already answered. Come lift your voice to God!

How will the Day of Prayer Work? The First Presbyterian Church Sanctuary will be open throughout the day for anyone to come and go and come back as they please. The sanctuary will be candlelit with soft music to encourage a quiet spirit within. You are encouraged to sign up for a half-hour time that fits into your schedule. As in the past, a chime will be sounded on the hour and half-hour so that you don’t need to keep track of time. If you can’t make it to the church, you are encouraged to participate where you are.

If you have any questions, please contact Sharon Cressman or Colleen Tavor. Sign up for a half-hour time slot here: <https://tinyurl.com/FEB11Prayer>

Ushers Needed

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

Individual Offering Envelopes Will No Longer Be Supplied

As the demand for individual offering envelopes no longer meets the minimum order requirement, envelopes were not 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:

February 1: Last names beginning E-K

February 8: Last names beginning L-R

February 15: Last names beginning S-Z

February 22: Last names beginning A-D

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