



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF FARMINGTON

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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.

October 26, 2025

20th Sunday After Pentecost

P.W. Recognition Sunday

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	How Firm A Foundation	arr. Brent Endstrom
Welcome / Greetings		MJ Floreno
<i>Signing of the Friendship Pad & Prayer Cards</i>		
Stewardship	"Serving Others"	Sue Carlson
P.W. Honorary Life Membership Presentation		Mary Carson

*Call to Worship

One: You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you.

All: God's people shall never again be put to shame.

O you who answers prayer! To you all flesh shall come. When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us, you forgive our transgressions.

All: God's people shall never again be put to shame.

You water the furrows of the fields abundantly, the pastures of the wilderness overflow, the hills gird themselves with joy.

All: God's people shall never again be put to shame.

The Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all might hear it.

All: God's people shall never again be put to shame.

All who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.

All: God's people shall never again be put to shame.

Source: calltoworshipjournal.org

*Opening Hymn #401

Here In This Place

1) Here in this place the new light is streaming; now is the darkness vanished away; see in this space our fears and our dreamings brought here to you in the light of this day.

Gather us in, the lost and forsaken; gather us in, the blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall awaken; we shall arise at the sound of our name.

2) We are the young, our lives are a mystery. We are the old who yearn for your face. We have been sung throughout all of history, called to be light to the whole human race.

Gather us in, the rich and the haughty; gather us in, the proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so lowly; give us the courage to enter the song.

3) Here we will take the wine and the water; here we will take the bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daughters, call us anew to be salt for the earth.

Give us to drink the wine of compassion; give us to eat the bread that is you; nourish us well, and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

4) Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light years away: here in this place the new light is shining; now is the kingdom, and now is the day.

Gather us in and hold us forever; gather us in and make us your own; gather us in, all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

*Prayer of Confession (standing)

Pastor Beckemeyer

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

One: The God of mercy waits in compassion to show mercy. Together, let us seek God's forgiveness.

Loving God, too often we hide beneath the veil of religion or trust too much in the good things we do. Smug and safe in our pews, we look down on those not here, thankful we are not like them. Shatter us with the truth that all have sinned, even us. We have failed to live as the people you call us to be. Cleanse us and restore us, for the sake of Jesus, our Savior.

One: Whether we are close or whether we are standing far off, God's love in Jesus Christ seeks us out and gathers us in.

Source: calltoworshipjournal.org

(Silent confession)

*Words of Assurance (standing)

Pastor Beckemeyer

One: Amen. For every age and generation, God's mercy is endless. This is the good news:

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*Passing of the Peace (standing)

Pastor Beckemeyer

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

We Hear God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

MJ Floreno

All: Faithful God, how blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness. Sanctify us by your Word and Spirit so that we may glorify you in the company of the faithful; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Source: calltoworshipjournal.org

Epistle Reading

2 Tim 4:16-18

Pastor Beckemeyer

Listen now to the Word of the Lord

At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem

One Bread, One Body
(Choir)

arr. Gerald Custer

Gospel Reading

Luke 18:9-14 (NRSV)

Pastor Beckemeyer

He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other, for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

Sermon

"Shameless"

Pastor Beckemeyer

Offertory & Collection of Prayer Cards

*Doxology #606

**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.**

We Respond to God's Word

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

Pastor Beckemeyer

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.

Affirmation of Faith (Apostles' Creed)

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

We Follow God's Word into the World

*Hymn of Sending #621

I Will Call Upon the Lord

**I will call upon the Lord, Who is worthy to be praised.
So shall I be saved from my enemies.
I will call upon the Lord.**

**Refrain: The Lord liveth, and blessed be the rock,
and let the God of my salvation be exalted.**

Benediction

Pastor Beckemeyer

Postlude

Toccata in D Minor

JS Bach

Reverend Rochelle Beckemeyer is an ordained minister with the Assemblies of God and has served as pastor of Echo Christian Fellowship in Lake Orion for 17 years. The ministry emphasis at Echo for the past 12 years has been toward special needs adults, including those living with various disabilities of body and mind. Pastor Rochelle has one adopted daughter, Sabrina (age 25), with whom she founded Safe & Sound Ministries, a nonprofit helping vulnerable adults. Pastor Rochelle has served as guardian for several adults, and, after retiring from Stellantis (aka Chrysler) in 2024, now works as a driver for North Oakland Transportation Authority (NOTA), transporting seniors and adults with various disabilities.



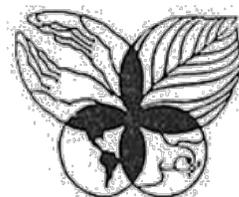
Today's flowers are presented from Cathy Neal in honor of Tom Neal's 82nd Birthday.
Happy Birthday Tom!

Presbyterian Women present a special arrangement this Sunday, in honor of the PW Honorary Life Membership Recipient. Congratulations!



HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

An Honorary Life Membership in Presbyterian Women, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is conferred upon an individual in recognition of faithful service in one or more areas of the church's work. Each life member receives a pin with the displayed emblem. The caring, supportive **hands** represent women who seek to build an inclusive community of Presbyterian Women. The **leaf** represents growth of our personal and corporate response to Jesus Christ as we nurture our faith. The **dove** indicates our work for peace in our own lives and throughout the world, shown in the globe. At the center of the design is the **cross**, by which our sins are forgiven, and we are freed to live in Christ, who is at the center of our lives. The overall design is that of a **butterfly**, symbol of newness in Christ and the emergence of a new creation, Presbyterian Women.



Honorary Life Membership Recipients

The following members of First Presbyterian Church of Farmington are Honorary Life Members of Presbyterian Women. ***Congratulations to these outstanding recipients.***

Mildred Hamlin	1958	Barbara Madany	1993
Reta Mosshamer	1962	Leslie Black	1993
Betty Hurley	1968	Sally Kirsten	1994
Stella McCurdy	1969	Nikki Westberg (Black)	1995
Martha Sowers	1969	Carol Maus	1996
Helen Cope	1971	Helen Thomas	1997

Phyllis Johnson	1975	Betsy Campbell	1998
Ruth Thomas	1977	Mary Larson	2000
Leva Carson	1977	Mary Stevens	2001
Ruth Kurtz	1978	Fran & Jim Brown	2002
Dorothy Sauter	1979	Patricia Sutherland	2003
Ruth Marie Ramsey	1980	Marcia Van Hamme	2004
Jean Richardson	1980	Mary Carson	2005
Lenore Frontczak	1981	Carolee Caylor	2006
Marjorie Eirschele	1982	Charlene Diehl	2007
Betty Steinke	1983	Amy Kleinschmit	2008
Genevieve Davis	1983	Phyllis & Walter Bothwell	2009
Joanne Owen	1984	Shirley Green	2010
Shirley Kinsey	1984	Marcia & Gerald Howe	2011
Barbara Muirhead	1985	Alvine Cooper	2012
Mary Avery	1986	Kathy Gage	2013
Ruth McKinnon	1986	Jan Sell	2014
Patricia Marshall	1987	Joanne Boyd	2015
Marjorie Sell	1988	Sharon Cressman	2016
Delores Kansman	1989	Ginny Hubble	2017
Kaye & Ken Glide	1989	Anne & Rick Fuller	2018
Carrie Wilson	1990	Laura Hedgecock	2019
Irene Foster	1990	Sue Carlson	2021
Angie Hartt	1991	Ardis Scott	2022
Ruth Klehm (France)	1991	Nancy & Ron Prieskorn	2023
Ruth Vandoorne	1992	Lois Caito	2024
Rosemary & Cal Opperthausen	1992		

NOTE: Judy Dennison, Sue Andrews, and Kari Gorman are past Honorees of Southfield Presbyterian Church.

OFFICE NEWS: Amanda May Schreiber, our administrative assistant, will be in the office on Monday mornings 9:30am-12:00pm, Wednesdays 10:00am-4:00pm, and working from home on Thursdays and Fridays. Please email any bulletin requests, or with any questions or concerns outside of these shortened office hours and staff will contact you back as soon as possible. The office will continue to be closed most Fridays. During this time of transition, you may wish to call or email ahead to make sure staff will be available to assist you if you need to stop by the office.

Stewardship Pledge Forms & RSVP for Consecration Day Luncheon

Pledge forms and RSVP forms for the Consecration Day Luncheon have been mailed and you should have them by now or soon. If you have not received the mailing, please call the office and we'll mail you another one. You may return the pledge form using the enclosed envelope or bring it with you on November 2, Consecration Sunday, and enjoy a delicious luncheon with your church family after the service. This is a special fellowship time for our church, and we hope to see you there!

RSVP to Consecration Luncheon – DUE TODAY

If you have not already returned your RSVP, please fill out the bright pink RSVP located in the pews and place in the collection plate today or call the church office to ensure we receive it in time for the caterer.

Stewardship: This week we focus on “Serving Others” (Sue Carlson)

Our Stewardship theme this year is leaning into our new vision statement: Welcoming All, Sharing Christ, Serving Others. A vision statement gives us direction for who we are as a church family and how to better serve God in our community and beyond. Check out the last page of the bulletin to see how your Mission Ministry, with your help, is reaching beyond the walls of our church. We pray that “Welcoming All, Sharing Christ, Serving Others” becomes an even more personal commitment for you as we move into 2026.

KIDS’ WORSHIP BAGS

The kids’ worship bags are available at the welcome desk (on the wooden tree hanger). The activities in the bags are updated each week to reflect the lectionary readings for that Sunday as well as some other fun items. The yellow bags are for kids aged preschool to 8 years old; and the white bags are for kids aged 8+ years. Kids are welcome to take a bag each Sunday to use during worship and/or to take home to enjoy. If your child forgot to pick up a worship bag before service, please let an usher know and they will get one for your child.

Hunger Warriors Pack Meals On October 4, 2025, 14 members of our congregation helped to pack 10,000 meals for Rise Against Hunger. Thanks to: Karl and Sharon Cressman, Mary Carson, Charlene Diehl, Nancy Newell, Bob and Marcia VanHamme, Rick Fuller, Ginny Hubble, Dorothy Tait, Dan Piontek, Lorrie McVey, and Ron Prieskorn for spending part of a beautiful, fall day combating hunger. -Nancy Prieskorn, Mission



CALLING ALL EUCHRE PLAYERS for a fun afternoon!

Formerly known as “Women’s Euchre”, we’re including men and women. We’ll meet from **2 to 4 pm** in the Church Library. If you are new to the game, we can teach you. Depending on the number of players, we may play a different game. Mark these dates on your calendar: **Nov. 7, and Dec. 5.** Please see the sign-up sheet on the kiosk in the foyer!

CARES Food Pantry

The number of people needing assistance in providing enough food for their family continues to grow. Between 750 and 800 households are served by CARES each month. Please take home a yellow CARES shopping list, found in the pews, and take it with you on your next shopping trip. We have provided a plastic bin in the Narthex for your generous donations. Thank you for remembering your neighbors.

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:

November 2: Last names beginning A-D

November 9: Last names beginning E-K

November 16: Last names beginning L-R

November 23: Last names beginning S-Z



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 just scan the QR code and follow

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SUPPORTED BY YOU THROUGH YOUR MISSION MINISTRY 2025

“As you did it to one of the least of these, you did it to me” (Matthew 25:40)

LOCAL AGENCIES

CARES	[Community. Action. Resources. Empowerment. Services.]
Freedom House	[Comprehensive approach to those who seek asylum]
Lighthouse	[Emergency and stability services]
Crossroads	[Emergency assistance, advocacy, & counseling]
Second Mile Center	[Safe environment for after-school and summer programs]
Oakland Co Foster Closet	[Support services, supplies, aid to children in foster care]
Neighborhood House	[Supports clients to reclaim well-being after economic upset]
Ruth Ellis Center	[Supports LGBTQ+ youth and young adults in need]
Danika Community Development Inc (DCDI)	[Supports under-served populations]

OTHER LOCAL SUPPORT

Auto Clinic	[Help with simple auto repairs]
Troop 179	[Support camp scholarship]
Crop Walk	[Nationwide movement to raise funds to end hunger and poverty]
Youth United	[Inter-faith summer camp for youth to promote understanding]
Juneteenth	[Support local celebration of Juneteenth, day of freedom for all]

INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

World Central Kitchen	[Serves freshly made meals to people affected by disaster]
Marion Medical	[Builds wells in Africa]

PRESBYTERIAN BODIES

- Presbyterian Women (PW) Benevolence
- Governing Bodies
- Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA)

OTHER COLLECTIONS/ACTIVITIES/SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

- Blessings Bags for the Unhoused
- Resume Writing and Practice Interview Workshop
- Garden and Nutrition Project
- FAIA Luncheon
- Hospitality House Food Pantry
- Cereal for Summer Collection
- Backpacks for Foster Kids
- Rise Against Hunger
- Christmas Gifts for Farmington Public School Kids
- Mission Ministry Members: Rick Fuller (Chair), Nancy Prieskorn, Leslie Black, Karen Linnell, Laura Hedgecock, Charlene Diehl

Read more about our partner agencies at Farmington-pres.org/serve.