



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF FARMINGTON

Church of the Open Hands

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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 6, 2024
The Lord's Supper
19th Sunday After Pentecost
World Communion Day

Prayer of Preparation

*Dear God, silence all voices within our minds but your own. Help us to seek and be able to follow your will. May our prayers be joined with those of our sisters and brothers in the faith, that together we may glorify your name and enjoy your fellowship forever. In Jesus' name, **Amen.***

We Enter into God's Presence

**Please stand in body or spirit*

Prelude	<i>Sicilienne, Opus 78</i> Charlene Diehl- Flute	Gabriel Faure arr. Mike Magatagan
Welcome / Greetings <i>Signing of the Friendship Pad & Prayer Cards</i>		Pastor Bruce Mulder
Stewardship Drive		Jerry Scheel
*Call to Worship— <i>Psalm 8</i>		Ev Randlett

O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens.

Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger.

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established;

What are humans that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?

Yet you have made them a little lower than God and crowned them with glory and honor.

You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet,

All sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, all the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

*Opening Hymn

I Say "Yes," Lord/ Digo "Sí," Señor

*Dona Pena
arr. Marty Haugen*

I Say "Yes," Lord / Digo "Sí," Señor 676

Verses

(Invocation) *Canor.* I say "Yes," my Lord. I say
Di-go "Sí," Se-ñor. Di-go

Refrain

"Yes," my Lord. I say "Yes," my Lord, in
"Sí," Se-ñor. Di-go "Sí," Se-ñor, en

all the good times, through all the bad times, I say
tiem-pos ma-los, en tiem-pos bue-nos, Di-go

"Yes," my Lord, to ev-'ry word you speak.
"Sí," Se-ñor, a to-do lo que ha-blas.

Terc: Doña Peña, n. 1923.
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Prayer of Confession

Lord, you come to us, but we do not recognize you; you call, but we do not follow; you command, but we do not obey, you bless us, but we do not thank you.

Please forgive and help us.

Lord, you accept us, but we do not accept others; you forgive us, but we do not forgive those who wrong us; you love us, but we do not love our neighbors.

Please forgive and help us.

Lord, you showed us how to carry out your mission, but we still insist on our own; you identified yourself with outcasts, the needy, and the poor, but we do not bother to find out what is happening to them; you suffered and died for the sake of all, but we do not give up our comfortable lives.

Please forgive and help us, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness—Romans 5:1-2

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God.

People of God: this is the Good News, we are forgiven.

Thanks be the Lord our God! Amen.

We Hear God's Word

Scripture Reading

Job 1.1; 2.1-10

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There was once a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job. That man was blameless and upright, one who feared God and turned away from evil.

One day the heavenly beings^[a] came to present themselves before the LORD, and the accuser^[b] also came among them to present himself before the LORD. ²The LORD said to the accuser,^[c] "Where have you come from?" The accuser^[d] answered the LORD, "From going to and fro on the earth and from walking up and down on it." The LORD said to the accuser,^[e] "Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man who fears God and turns away from evil. He still persists in his integrity, although you incited me against him, to destroy him for no reason." Then the accuser^[f] answered the LORD, "Skin for skin! All that the man has he will give for his life. But stretch out your hand now and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse you to your face." The LORD said to the accuser,^[g] "Very well, he is in your power; only spare his life."

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

The Words of Institution

The Lord Jesus, the same night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, “*Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you: do this in remembrance of me.*”

In the same way, after they had eaten, Jesus poured a cup saying, “*This cup is the new testament in my blood: do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.*”

Sharing of the Gifts of Bread & Cup

Please come forward to receive the bread and cup when you are ready or raise your hand and you will be served where you are seated.

Communion Song: #499 Bread of the World in Mercy Broken

Communion Prayer—*from Psalm 103*

Bless the Lord, O my soul;

and all that is within me, bless God’s holy name!

Bless the Lord, O my soul,

and forget not all God’s benefits,

who forgives all your iniquity,

who heals all your diseases,

who redeems your life from the Pit,

who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.

Bless the Lord, O my soul;

and all that is within me, bless God’s holy name! Amen.

Prayers of the People

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Prayer of Thanksgiving & The Lord’s Prayer

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Heavenly Father, we give you endless praise and thanks that you have given sinners, so great a benefit— that you have drawn us into the communion of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior, whom you surrendered to death for us and whom you give to us as food and nourishment for eternal life.

Grant us now this benefit, also: that you will never allow us to forget these truths, but rather, having them imprinted on our hearts, we may grow and thrive vigorously in faith, a faith committed to all good works, and that in so doing we may order and direct our

whole human life to the exaltation of your glory and the upbuilding of our neighbor, through Jesus Christ, your Son, 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

Ki Ri Su To No

Japanese Blessing
American Hymn

****Japanese first – English second****

674 May the Peace of Christ / Ki Ri Su To No

May the peace of Christ be with you. May the
Ki ri su to no he i wa ga wa ta

love of Christ dwell deep in your heart. May the
shi ta chi no ko ko ro no su mi

Spir - it en - light - en your way. May you
zu mi ni ma de yu ki

live in the com - fort of God's care.
wa ta ri ma su yo u ni.

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Tune: Japanese folk melody

Benediction

Pastor Bruce Mulder

Postlude

I. Sonata from Der Getreue Musikmeister
Charlene Diehl – flute

George Phillip Telemann

Today's flowers are presented by Mark and Pat Plamondon in memory of Dave Sivil

Worship Liturgist

We welcome Ev Randlett as today's liturgist. Our liturgist for October 13th is Jim Tubbs. For information on serving as a liturgist to assist the pastor during worship, please contact Kari Gorman.

Many thanks from Farmington Presbyterian Preschool for the congregation's participation in our recent fundraising sale of Mums. We were able to raise over \$500 which will be used to update some of our play equipment. the Preschool board truly appreciates the on-going support of the church!

Apple Picking!

Apple Picking, October 12. Please join the Cressman family this Saturday at Hy's Cider Mill to pick apples and enjoy cider and donuts! We'll meet there at noon if you want to join us for a food-truck lunch and 1:00 pm for picking apples. Let us know if you would like to join us. Address: [6350 37 Mile Rd, Romeo, MI 48065](https://www.google.com/maps/place/6350+37+Mile+Rd,+Romeo,+MI+48065).

Presbyterian Women Recognition Sunday is October 13

Each year Presbyterian Women leaders select a person (usually a woman but sometimes a couple) who has demonstrated outstanding service in one or more areas of the work of the church. The recipients receive an Honorary Life Membership in Presbyterian Women. Who will receive this prestigious award this year? It's a surprise, so come and find out! Everyone is invited to a reception after worship in honor of the 2024 recipient.

Office Staff!

Our Office Administrator, Carly Vivio, has tendered her resignation effective immediately. On a positive note, our current temporary Office Administrator Liz Labourdeth, has accepted our offer and will join the First Presbyterian staff on a permanent basis. If you haven't had the opportunity, stop by the office and introduce yourself and welcome Liz in her new assignment.

New Furniture in the Narthex!

We hope you like the new furniture in the narthex! We'll be adding more changes in the near future and we hope you enjoy them. If you have any questions or concerns, contact Colleen Tavor, Laurel Scott, or Vicki Najjar.

Georgia Roed Memorial Information



Visitation- Saturday November 2nd at 10:30am

Memorial Service- Saturday November 2nd at 11am

Location- Hope Lutheran Church, 39200 West Twelve Mile Rd, Farmington Hills, MI 48331

Attendees are requested to RSVP by calling or texting Heidi Roed at 704-905-3223

*In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be sent to the Ovarian Cancer Research Alliance or visit Georgia's tribute page to donate:

<https://tribute.ocrahope.org/myamazinglystrongandbeautifulmothergeorgiaroed>

Peace and Global Witness Offering (September 8 – October 6)

A gift to the Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice across the world. The offering will be split among Mission Agencies, mid-council, and local peace activities. You can use the appropriate envelopes located in the pews for your offering. Thank you for your gift for peace.

Learn About Us, Sunday, October 6, 11:30 am – 12:30 pm, Room 208/210

If you have been attending First Presbyterian Church in Farmington for a while, or maybe you've attended a few times, and would like to know more about us, please join us for a "Learn About Us" session on October 6. We'll share with you what's going on at FPCF, and a little bit about Presbyterians. You can ask any questions you may have, and we'll have just a fun time of fellowship and getting to know each other. We're glad you're here with us and want you to feel welcome and cared for. Please call the office and let them know you are interested: 248-474-6170.

Pray-A-Thon on Thursday, October 17, 8:00 am – 5:30 pm

Nothing is more powerful than prayer. And when we pray **together** for something, it is even more powerful. Remember that the Pray-A-Thon we had last year brought us Pastor Bruce! In that spirit, we are planning a Pray-A-Thon focused on praying for the Mission Study Committee and the future vision of our church. See Sharon Cressman or Colleen Tavor to sign up for a half hour of prayer in the sanctuary. Or you can sign up for a time slot using this SignUp Genius link: <https://tinyurl.com/pray-a-thon-2024> We want the whole day covered in prayer! "Do not be anxious for anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God (Philippians 4:6).

Stewardship 2025 – Following Jesus

As we move through our process of change and transition toward a permanent pastor, what better way to move forward than by "Following Jesus?" Last year we committed to being a "sailboat church," depending on God's provision as the Holy Spirit guides us forward. May we all draw closer to Jesus as we explore what it truly means to follow him

Civility Discussion Sunday, October 20 at 11:15 a.m.

In today's political climate, many Americans believe they can't be friends with people with opposing political viewpoints, or fear that any attempt to dive into a political topic with someone who might disagree would have a negative outcome. **Celebrated journalists Stephen Henderson and Nolan Finley** are long-time friends though they rarely agree when it comes to politics. **The Civility Project** aims to build civility by teaching people to listen to and understand one another. Join us after the service on Sunday, October 20, as we sit with Henderson and Finley in a judgment-free zone, a safe place to talk, express yourself, and be ok with the outcome.

FPCF's Shopping List for CARES

Thank you for using your 2024 CARES shopping list each month to donate. Your neighbors, the guests at CARES, appreciate the availability of a variety of food from which to choose.

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.

Join the JOY study this year!

JOY will be reading and discussing the book of Romans using a study guide written by New Testament scholar N.T.Wright. The JOY study will resume after Labor Day. Come learn from Romans with us!

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:

September 29: Last names beginning S-Z

October 6: Last names beginning A-D

October 13: Last names beginning E-K

October 20: Last names beginning L-R

October 27: Last names beginning S-Z

Mission Study Town Hall Gathering:

Join us on October 27th at 11am in Knox Hall for an informational session regarding the data from the Mission Study Committee, a follow up gathering with updates will also take place November 17th at 11am in Knox Hall

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