



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF FARMINGTON

Church of the Open Hands

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19th Sunday After Pentecost

Presbyterian Women Life Membership Recognition Pastor Appreciation Day

Prayer of Preparation

*Lord, make me an instrument of your peace: where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. O divine Master, grant that I
may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are
pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.*

We Enter into God's Presence

Welcome / Greetings

Deborah Draper

Signing of the Friendship Pad & Prayer Cards

Congregational Life

Deborah Draper

*Please stand in body or spirit

Prelude

Be Thou My Vision

Irish Ballad arr. Hal H. Hopson

Call to Worship

Sharon Cressman

Leader: Restore us, O God of hosts; let Your face shine, that we may be saved.

People: You brought a vine out of Egypt; You drove out the nations and planted it.

Leader: Turn again, O God of hosts; look down from heaven, and see;

People: have regard for this vine, the stock that Your right hand planted.

**1 I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth.
At Bethlehem I had my birth.**

Refrain:

**Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,
and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.**

**2 I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,
but they would not dance and they would not follow me.
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John.
They came with me and the dance went on. [Refrain]**

**3 I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame.
The holy people said it was a shame.
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high,
and left me there on a cross to die. [Refrain]**

**4 I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black.
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back.
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone,
but I am the dance and I still go on. [Refrain]**

**5 They cut me down and I leapt up high.
I am the life that will never, never die.
I'll live in you if you'll live in me,
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. [Refrain]**

Prayer of Brokenness/Confession

God of Grace and Mercy, we turn to You now in confession. We confess before You our sins, our brokenness, our shortcomings, our wanderings. As Your people in the desert, we are prone to aimless wandering, blown about by the winds of our own ways. God of Compassion, forgive us our sins, help us turn away from committing sin again, and help us forgive others through Your unconditional love. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon-Forgiveness

We Hear God's Word

PW Information & Past Honorees

Sharon Cressman & Deborah Draper

Presentation of the Award

Deborah Draper

Scripture Reading

Matthew 21:33-46

Sharon Cressman

New Revised Standard Version

The Parable of the Wicked Tenants

³³ "Hear another parable. There was a householder who planted a vineyard, and set a hedge around it, and dug a wine press in it, and built a tower, and let it out to tenants, and went into another country. ³⁴ When the season of fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants, to get his fruit; ³⁵ and the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶ Again he sent other servants, more than the first; and they did the same to them. ³⁷ Afterward he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' ³⁸ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.' ³⁹ And they took him and cast him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰ When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" ⁴¹ They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons."

⁴² Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The very stone which the builders rejected has become the head of the corner; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes'? ⁴³ Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a nation producing the fruits of it." ⁴⁵ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶ But when they tried to arrest him, they feared the multitudes, because they held him to be a prophet.

Anthem

Lord, Make Me to Know Thy Ways
Chancel Choir

William Byrd,
arr. Austin C. Lovelace

Sermon

Producing Fruit

Rev. Travis Hacker

We Respond to God's Word

Offertory & Doxology

Rev. Travis Hacker

Collection of Prayer Cards

**Direct, control, suggest, this day,
in all I design, do, or say,
that all my powers, with all of their might,
might serve you both day and night.**

arr. Shari Fiore

Prayers of the People

Sharon Cressman

God of Grace and Peace, we thank You for Your endlessly flowing waters of life. We thank you for the cross, and for the empty tomb. We thank you for Your forgiveness, for making all things new within us, so we might share Your new life with all the world. Lead us forward in this grace and peace You provide, and may this creation of Yours be increasingly blessed in Your abundance...

In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray together...

"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# 753

Make me a channel of your peace

Sebastian Temple

1 Make me a channel of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me bring hope.

**Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord,
and where there's doubt, true faith in you.**

2 Make me a channel of your peace.

Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.

**Where there is darkness, only light,
And where there's sadness, ever joy.**

**3 O, Master, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled, to be understood,
As to understand, to be loved,
As to love, with all my soul.**

4 Make me a channel of your peace.

**It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
In giving of ourselves that we receive,
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.**

Benediction

Rev. Travis Hacker

Postlude

The Love of the Lord

Michael Joncas

arr. Jeanne Cotter

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN RECOGNITION SUNDAY (WHO WILL BE HONORED?)

Today is PW Recognition Sunday. PW Moderator Deborah Draper will be bestowing an Honorary Life Membership in Presbyterian Women on a member of our congregation in recognition of faithful service in one or more area of the church's work. Please join us in Knox Hall for a reception in honor of this deserving recipient. Message to previous recipients of this award: During the closing hymn, please report to the narthex for a group photo. Save a spot in the center for our new honoree!

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		
Ruth Vandoorne	1992		
Rosemary & Cal Oppertbauer	1992		

It's Pastor Appreciation Day!

We would like to recognize Rev. Craig Aue, who has been a blessing to our congregation in so many ways. In addition to sharing the Word of God with us, he spends many hours behind the scenes studying and preparing for each service, bible study or meeting. He also visits us during both crisis moments as well as times of great joy. He has dedicated our babies and grieved with us as we have buried loved ones. Thank you for all you do!

Please welcome back Pastor Travis Hacker, today's guest preacher.

Rev. Travis Hacker is currently a chaplain with Brighton Hospice, serving with Pastor Craig. Previously a pastor at New Palestine Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Indianapolis area, he has also served as an associate in Evansville, IN and a student minister in Louisville, KY before that. Pastor Travis was ordained a Disciple in Indiana, received an MDiv. from Lexington Theological Seminary. He's married with a grown up daughter, two twin baby granddaughters, and the whole family lives close by in Farmington Hills.

Worship Liturgist

We welcome Sharon Cressman as today's liturgist. Sharon Tom Neal will serve as liturgist on Sunday, October 15th. For information on serving as a liturgist to assist the pastor during worship, please contact Kari Gorman.

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, cheese & crackers, veggies etc. Here's the upcoming schedule:

- October 15: Last names beginning S-Z
- October 22: Last names beginning A-D
- October 29: Last names beginning E-K
- November 5: Last names beginning L-R

Thank you from Mickey Seiler!

Thank you for all the cards, well wishes and most importantly prayers during my recovery from my knee replacement surgery.

Apple Picking

Apple picking at Hy's Cider Mill (in Romeo) with the Cressman's will happen Sunday, October 15 at 1:00 pm. Contact Karl or Sharon if you would like to ride along with us. There is a BBQ food truck and a gift shop. Come and enjoy the fun together with us!

The Sailboat Church

The theme for Stewardship 2024 is "Sailing Adventures With God." The Stewardship Committee has 3 short skits planned for October 15, 22, and 29 that are based on the book, "Sailboat Church" by Joan S. Gray. We hope you'll enjoy the adventures and antics of the passengers on a rowboat church and a sailboat church.

Fall Clean-up day Saturday Nov 4.

On Saturday Nov 4 at 8:30 am we will have our annual fall cleanup day. The main focus will be trimming the trees and shrubs around our property. Please bring saws and pruning tools that day. Cider and donuts will be provided. Any questions: contact Ron Prieskorn.

Mission opportunity - Crossroads of Michigan

The final date to help serve lunch at Crossroads of Michigan is Sunday Nov. 5. You can help with 1 or 2 shifts that morning depending on whether you are an early bird or not. The link for the Sign-up Genius for the Crossroads Meal on November 5 is:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090A4EAAAF23A2FB6-44490287-crossroads>

Email or call Nancy Prieskorn to have the link sent by email to you or to be signed up.

Sunday doesn't work for you? On Friday morning, Nov. 3 we need to bake 1000 cookies (using premade cookie dough). We can even use extra help after 10:00 to bag up the cooled cookies. Do you prefer a sit-down job? We need onion slicers, too, on Friday.

Crossroads is serving 450-500 people every Sunday.

Art & Craft Show-Volunteers Needed

Bakers and volunteers are needed for our art and craft show Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 28 - 29th. All proceeds will go toward the Music Ministry. We have a lot of talented bakers in our church so now is your opportunity to share what you have created in our kitchens. Also welcomed are any dry mixes, jams, jellies or candies. A sign up sheet is posted on the kiosk for 2 hour lots to help during the show.. For mor information please ask MJ Floreno or Deborah Draper.

Need To Make A Room Reservation Or Rental?

The date will not be held for any event, until the completed the Facility Reservation Form has been filled out and returned to Carly. Once approved, the date of the event will be added to the church calendar. Please be sure to contact Carly Vivio in the office, as your first point of contact to reserve a room or rental inquiry. Please call the office at (248)474-6170 or email Carly at: info@farmington-pres.org

PW Circles Meet in October

Presbyterian Women invites all women to visit one of our Circles for an October meeting. Our three Circles, ACTS, Deborah/Lydia, and Phoenix, are small groups which offer fellowship, friendship, support, prayer, and bible and book study. We would love to have you join us! No reservation or commitment required; just come when you can.

ACTS will meet second Tuesday (Oct. 10) at 9:30 a.m. in the parlor with optional lunch at Leo's after. Deborah/Lydia meets second Thursday (Oct. 12) at 10:00 a.m. in room 207.

Phoenix meets third Tuesday (Oct. 17) at 10:30 a.m. in the parlor and then goes to lunch at various restaurants. Contact Deborah Draper, Anne Sebesta, Sue Carlson, Marcia Van Hamme (ACTS), Anne Fuller (Deborah/Lydia), Nancy Cook (Phoenix), or just come to any Circle meeting. There is more info on the PW bulletin board in Knox Hall.

Save The Date For PW Christmas Gathering

Mark your calendar for Wednesday, December 6 at 10:00 a.m. for the PW Christmas Gathering and play, open to all. This is a change from our usual evening event. This year's daytime Gathering, "It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year," will include a catered lunch in Knox Hall after the play and music in the sanctuary. Tickets will be \$10 for the program and lunch.

Support CARES

A reminder that the October "suggested" donation for CARES is: Soup and/or crackers. Chilly days are coming and nothing warms up a person better than a bowl of soup. Mmm, mmm, goodness! Thank you for your September donations of lunchbox items.

COVID-19 or Flu Symptoms

Please be mindful if you have symptoms, stay home and take care of yourself and others.

Adult Bible Discussion – The Wired Word

Join our Bible discussion **Sundays at 9:00a.m. in the Library**. Advance copies are available Saturday before by email. **Sunday's Topic: Who Is Too Old, Who Decides, and When?** To get on the email list contact Tom Neal at ttneal@sbcglobal.net.

News from the Church Office

NEW FALL hours are in effect-the office is open Monday through Thursday. Hours are as follows: **Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 9am-4pm**; **Wednesday: 9am-2pm**. As a reminder please contact the church office via telephone at (248)474-6170 or email at info@farmington-pres.org. It will be a very good idea to call ahead if you need to come into the building.

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