



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.

November 3rd 2024

All Saints Day

24th Sunday After Pentecost and Consecration Sunday

Prayer of Preparation

But Ruth said, *Do not press me to leave you, to turn back from following you! Where you go, I will go; Where you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and **your** God my God.*
Ruth 1.16

We Enter into God's Presence

*Please stand in body or spirit

Prelude

Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus
The Waddles Jazz Ensemble

Louisa M.R Stead
William J. Kirkpatrick

Welcome / Greetings

Signing of the Friendship Pad & Prayer Cards

Pastor Bruce Mulder

Congregational Life

Sharon Cressman

Call to Worship from Psalm 146

Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD their God;

It is the Lord who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever;

It is God who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets the prisoners free;

The LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.

The LORD watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the LORD! Amen.

*Opening Hymn #730

I Sing A Song of the Saints of God

**I sing a song of the saints of God, patient and brave and true,
Who toiled and fought and lived and died for the Lord they loved and knew.
And one was a doctor, and one was a queen,
And one was a shepherdess on the green:
They were all of them saints of God, and I mean, God helping, to be one too
They loved their Lord so dear, so dear, and Gods love made them strong;
And they followed the right, for Jesus' sake, the whole of their good lives long.
And one was a soldier, and one was a priest,
And one was slain by a fierce wild beast:
And there's not any reason, no, not the least, why I shouldn't be one too.
They lived not only in ages past; there are hundreds of thousands still;
The worlds is bright with the joyous saints who love to do Jesus' will.
You can meet them in school, or in lanes,
Or at sea, in church, or in trains, or in the shops, or at tea;
For the saints of God are just folk like me, and I mean to be one too.**

Prayer of Confession— from Mark 12

One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well he asked Jesus, "Which commandment is the first of all?"

Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. 'The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

Lord have mercy; God forgive us.

We have turned our backs on you and said to ourselves, I'll take care of it.

Lord have mercy; God forgive us.

We have belittled and cursed our neighbor; we have spoken words or harbored thoughts in our hearts that are unholy, and unlike Christlike.

Lord have mercy; God forgive us.

We have feasted on our pride; too often, our anger and arrogance have been our companions.

Lord have mercy; God forgive us.

Lord have mercy; God forgive us. Wipe away our sin and remember it no more. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness— from Isaiah 25

And God will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the covering that is spread over all nations. God will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken.

It will be said on that day, "See, this is our God; we have waited for the Lord. so that God might rescue us.

This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in God's salvation."

We Hear God's Word

Reading

Psalm 146; Ruth 1.1-18

Psalm 146

Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul! I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long. Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help. When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish. Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD their God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous. The LORD watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin. The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the LORD!

Ruth 1.1-18

In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land, and a certain man of Bethlehem in Judah went to live in the country of Moab, he and his wife and two sons. The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon^[a] and Chilion;^[b] they were Ephrathites from

Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. When they had lived there about ten years, both Mahlon and Chilion also died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband.

Then she started to return with her daughters-in-law from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the LORD had considered his people and given them food. So she set out from the place where she had been living, she and her two daughters-in-law, and they went on their way to go back to the land of Judah. But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go back each of you to your mother's house. May the LORD deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. The LORD grant that you may find security, each of you in the house of your husband." Then she kissed them, and they wept aloud. They said to her, "No, we will return with you to your people." But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters. Why will you go with me? Do I still have sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? Turn back, my daughters, go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. Even if I thought there was hope for me, even if I should have a husband tonight and bear sons, would you then wait until they were grown? Would you then refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, it has been far more bitter for me than for you, because the hand of the LORD has turned against me." Then they wept aloud again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law goodbye, but Ruth clung to her.

So she said, "Look, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law." But Ruth said,

"Do not press me to leave you, to turn back from following you! Where you go, I will go; where you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people and your God my God. Where you die, I will die, and there will I be buried. May the LORD do thus to me, and more as well, if even death parts me from you!"

When Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more to her.

Anthem	I'm Gonna Rise (When the Son Comes Down!) Chancel Choir The Waddles Jazz Ensemble	Paul Marsena
Sermon	"Confessing Our God"	
After Sermon Song	Beyond All Praising First Presbyterian Choral Bells	Gustav Holst arr. Hart Morris

We Respond to God's Word

Offertory & Doxology

Collection of Prayer Cards

arr. Shari Fiore-Bloom

**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.**

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Song of Invitation 701

Sanctuary

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.

With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

Celebrating the Lord's Supper

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Eternal God, holy and mighty, it is truly right and our greatest joy
to give you thanks ... the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

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 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.

Litany of Remembrance

Below are the names of the members and friends of First Presbyterian Church of Farmington who have been baptized, confirmed or have “Moved from this Life to More Life” during the past 12 months. At this service we will remember them in our prayers, and we give thanks for their lives.

Baptized (Future Generation):

- Noah Daniel Piontek, Son of Patryk (#558) and Kia (non-member) Piontek – June 30, 2024.

Moved from this Life to More Life (Past Generation) – Members:

- Betty Brown (#176) – November 7, 2023
- Jeanie McRae (#767) – December 11, 2023
- Marcia Campbell (#488) – January 12, 2024
- Lawrence “Larry” Gage (#119) – March 5, 2024
- Mary Kinney (#137) – May 19, 2024
- Mary Larson (#4) – May 29, 2024

Moved from this Life to More Life (Past Generation) – Members:

- Irvine McCann (previous member) – December 20, 2023
- Georgia Roed (previous member) – August 21, 2024

Prayers of the People

Glory to God the Father, who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ and crowned him with glory and honor.

Praise and glory and wisdom, thanksgiving and honor, power and might be to our Lord for ever!

Glory to God the Son, who lives to plead our cause at the right hand of God and who will come again to make all things new.

Praise and glory and wisdom, thanksgiving and honor, power and might be to our Lord for ever!

Glory to God the Holy Spirit, who brings us the taste of the good Word of God and the power of the age to come.

Praise and glory and wisdom, thanksgiving and honor, power and might be to our Lord for ever!

All glory to you our God! May all that has breath, worship you, give you thanks, and pray as you teach us:

“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 # 223 When I Survey the Wonderous Cross

**When I survey the wonderous cross on which the prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss and pour contempt on all my pride.**

**Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ my God;
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.**

**See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow, and love flow mingled down;
Did e’er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?**

**Where the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.**

Postlude

When the Saints Go Marching In African American Spiritual

**Oh, when the saints (oh, when the saints)
Go marching in, (go marching in)
Oh when the saints go marching in
Oh yes, I want to be in that number (in that number)
When the saints go marching in.**

**Up where the streets (up where the streets)
Are paved with gold (are paved with gold)
Up where the streets are paved with gold,
Oh yes, I want to be in that number (in that number)
Where the streets are paved with gold.**

**We'll dwell in peace (we'll dwell in peace)
Forever more, (forever more)
We'll dwell in peace forever more
Oh, yes, I want to be in that number (in that number)
Dwell in peace forever more.**

A vision statement is preferably short and describes why the First Presbyterian Church of Farmington exists.

A mission statement describes how we will fulfill our vision statement. (We will work on our mission statement with our permanent pastor.)

To get you started, here are some examples of vision statements that other churches have used. Take a few minutes to discuss a possible vision statement for FPCF.

1. Know Jesus and make Jesus known.
2. Love God, love people, make disciples.
3. To know, love, and serve God.
4. Leading people to experience a God-first life.
5. Love God, love others.
6. Love God, love the church, love the community, love the world.
7. Connecting people to Jesus and one another.
8. We exist to make heaven more crowded.
9. Establish and multiply gospel-centered, city-focused, church communities.
10. To reach up, reach out, reach in.
11. Helping people find their way back to God.
12. To revive believers, reach friends, and renew culture.
13. A church for worshipping God and loving others.
14. Empowered by God to reach others for Christ.
15. We're here to help people know God, find freedom, discover their purpose, and make a difference.
16. To partner with people to reach their God potential, to impact our world for good.
17. Be the voice and hands that encourage people to fill their lives with hope, compassion, and peace.
18. To be a church that lives by faith, is known by love, and is a voice of hope to the world.

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

Welcome back to the Waddles Jazz Ensemble

This morning we are excited to welcome back The Waddles Jazz Ensemble. Unfortunately, Dominic Waddles will not be here since he has a gig with The London Phil Harmonic! We wish him all the best.

In Dominic's place, we have Lucas Stickley-Miner on trumpet. Welcome, Lucas.

The rest of the group you will recognize from previous appearances. We have Quentin Cassanova on Bass; Eli Bucheit on Piano and Dylan Cady on Drums.

It is always wonderful to have the group return and grace our church with their incredible music.

Worship Liturgist

We welcome Sharon Cressman as today's liturgist. Our liturgist for November 10th is Mary Carson. For information on serving as a liturgist to assist the pastor during worship, please contact Kari Gorman.

Coming again this season: Adopt-A-Teen for the Holidays

The Mission Ministry is hosting an Adopt-A-Teen gift buy for Christmas for 7 teens from families in Farmington Public Schools. On **November 17 and 24**, please select your gift choices from our "tree" in the Narthex. All the gifts must be delivered to the church by **Sunday, December 1**. Gifts may be wrapped, if you wish, and please attach the bulb tag to the gift.

Mission Study Congregational Surveys – We Need Your Voice!

In order to hear as many voices as possible with as much information as possible, the Mission Study team will implement 3 surveys (Don't worry! You don't have to take them all!)

A longer survey has been sent to church leadership (Deacons, Elders, Committee heads, etc.). Then, during the last week of October, another shorter survey will be sent out via eblast to the entire congregation (church leadership will not participate in this survey as they have already answered these questions in the earlier survey). Both surveys can be taken online or hardcopy. Then, on Sunday, October 27, we'll have a town hall gathering (with lunch!) after the service where we will hold table discussions on topics of interest to the future of our church. Lastly, on Sunday, November 17, we'll discuss the results of the surveys.

Mission Study Town Hall Gathering + Lunch (11:15 - 1:00 pm) -,We want to hear from you! On Sunday, November 17, after the service, we'll share the results of the surveys we've submitted and discussions..

CRAFT SHOW

We are looking for bakers and helpers to work 2-hour shifts. There is a signup sheet on the Kios or you can speak with Deborah Draper. We have about 30 crafters and getting more daily.

Join the JOY study this year!

JOY is reading and discussing the book of Romans using a study guide written by New Testament scholar N.T.Wright. Come learn from Romans with us! See Sharon Cressman if interested!

Stewardship 2025 – What does following Jesus mean to you?

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 “b 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. Please feel free to share what “following Jesus” means to you on the Stewardship bulletin board in the foyer.



Presbyterian Players

Mark your calendar for the Christmas Gathering on Wednesday, Dec. 11 at 10:00 a.m. There will be a music program featuring your favorite musicians, followed by a Christmas comedy, “Shepherds and Kings,” presented by Presbyterian Players. Coffee and snacks will follow. Tickets (\$5.00) will be on sale in November.

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.

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 10: Last names beginning E-K

November 17: Last names beginning L-R

November 24: Last names beginning S-Z

December 1: Last names beginning A-D



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 make a donation, just scan the QR code and follow the prompts!

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