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OF FARMINGTON

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November 5, 2023
Consecration Sunday, All Saints Day &
The Lord's Supper
23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Preparation Reflection

Because we are people of resurrection hope, All Saints Sunday is truly a day where the church can shout "Amen," live in abundant hope, and rejoice prodigally. Such rejoicing is an act of defiance in the face of the powers of death and darkness, and an affirmation of our Lord's promises and teachings. This is a day when we stand as the communion of saints around Christ's table to share in the Eucharist and to speak the familiar words "Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again." What great hope! - Sharron Riessinger Blezard

We Enter into God's Presence

**Please stand in body or spirit*

Prelude	<i>How Great Thou Art</i> The Waddles Jazz Ensemble	Carl Boberg
Welcome / Greetings <i>Signing of the Friendship Pad & Prayer Cards</i>		Pastor Aue
Congregational Life		Pastor Aue
*Call to Worship		Laurel Scott

On this All Saints Day, we gather to join the multitude of saints across the generations from all tribes, peoples, and languages, to proclaim:

Salvation belongs to our God, who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!

We come to remember, to grieve, and to celebrate those saints who have come before, yet whose life and witness continues to teach us:

Salvation belongs to our God, who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!

We gather today as the family of Christ, siblings and saints, diverse yet united by grace to live lives that declare:

Salvation belongs to our God, who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!

May we be guided today by the Lamb who is our Shepherd, the one who gathers us, comforts us and tends us.

May we join in the work of the Shepherd to bring about a world with no more hunger, no more thirst, no more suffering, and no more pain that all the saints of the past, the present, and the future may share in God's abundant life. Amen.

*Opening Hymn #305

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

Brian Dill

**1. Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!
For Christ the Lord has led us through the ages long!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!**

**2. Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns supreme,
empowering us to catch the vision, dream the dream!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!**

**3. Let courage be our friend; let wisdom be our guide,
As we in mission magnify the Crucified!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!**

**4. Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!
For Christ the Lord has triumphed o'er the ages long!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!**

Prayer of Brokenness/Confession

When we come to the edge of your holiness, God of Love, we know how we have not lived as your children. We dam up for ourselves your rivers of love, while the lives around us turn into deserts of loneliness. All too quickly, we place our feet on the quicksand of fear, not wanting to step across to your faith. We tie up our angers and worries and burden our families and friends with them. Forgive us, Listener to our hearts. By your patient grace, give us more time to practice our calling to discipleship, so we might learn all we need to live as sisters and brothers of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen

Silence is kept

Assurance of Pardon-Forgiveness

L-This is the good news: God hears you, God forgives you, God is with you as you journey into that land called Promise.

C- Let the redeemed of God say: this is indeed great news! Accepting God's word of joy and grace, we will live as God's children in all the days to come. Amen.

Old Testament
Hebrew Scripture Reading

Ezekial 34: 11-16, 20-34

Laurel Scott

God, the True Shepherd

¹¹“For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. ¹²As a shepherd seeks out his flock when some of his sheep have been scattered abroad, so will I seek out my sheep; and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³And I will bring them out from the peoples, and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the fountains, and in all the inhabited places of the country. ¹⁴I will feed them with good pasture, and upon the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on fat pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. ¹⁶I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the crippled, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will watch over; I will feed them in justice.

²⁰“Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, ²²I will save my flock, they shall no longer be a prey; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. ²³And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

²⁵“I will make with them a covenant of peace and banish wild beasts from the land, so that they may dwell securely in the wilderness and sleep in the woods. ²⁶And I will make them and the places round about my hill a blessing; and I will send down the showers in their season; they shall be showers of blessing. ²⁷And the trees of the field shall yield their fruit, and the earth shall yield its increase, and they shall be secure in their land; and they shall know that I am the LORD, when I break the bars of their yoke, and deliver them from the hand of those who enslaved them. ²⁸They shall no more be a prey to the nations, nor shall the beasts of the land devour them; they shall dwell securely, and none shall make them afraid. ²⁹And I will provide for them prosperous

plantations so that they shall no more be consumed with hunger in the land, and no longer suffer the reproach of the nations. ³⁰ And they shall know that I, the LORD their God, am with them, and that they, the house of Israel, are my people, says the Lord GOD. ³¹ And you are my sheep, the sheep of my pasture, and I am your God, says the Lord GOD.”

Anthem

Rain Down
Chancel Choir
The Waddles Jazz Ensemble

Jaime Cortez

Gospel Scripture Reading

John 6: 5-15

Pastor Aue

⁵ Lifting up his eyes, then, and seeing that a multitude was coming to him, Jesus said to Philip, “How are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?” ⁶ This he said to test him, for he himself knew what he would do. ⁷ Philip answered him, “Two hundred denarii would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.” ⁸ One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to him, ⁹ “There is a lad here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what are they among so many?” ¹⁰ Jesus said, “Make the people sit down.” Now there was much grass in the place; so the men sat down, in number about five thousand. ¹¹ Jesus then took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹² And when they had eaten their fill, he told his disciples, “Gather up the fragments left over, that nothing may be lost.” ¹³ So they gathered them up and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten. ¹⁴ When the people saw the sign which he had done, they said, “This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world!”

¹⁵ Perceiving then that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, Jesus withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

Sermon

Surprising Expectations or Jesus Has Left the Building

Pastor Aue

We Respond to God’s Word

Offertory & Doxology

Pastor Aue

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-Bloom

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.**

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor Aue

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks and praise to our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

Great is the mystery of our faith.

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

The Words of Institution

Sharing of the Gifts of Bread & Cup

Pastor Aue

(As we sing, all are invited to come forward as you are ready and receive a blessing and your individual portion of the bread and cup. At that time, you may leave your Commitment Card on the altar. You can consume your Communion at the chancel area or when you return to your seat. *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.** Please be sure to deposit your trash in the trash can, not the recycling bin- Thank you!*)

Prayers of the People

Laurel Scott

Litany Of Remembrance

Laurel Scott & Pastor Aue

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):

Nova Renee Beaver

Mikah William Piontek

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

Lincoln Avery III

David L. Carlson

Chuck Cozier

Millicent "Mimi" Cramer

William D. Draper

Shirley Kinsey

June Lymperis

Marvellee McEachin

Rosalie Perry

Ardis Scott

Marvin Tisdale, Sr.

Leslie R. Van Hamme

Prayer of Consecration, Thanksgiving & The Lord's Prayer

Laurel Scott

Gracious God, bless our mutual commitment to build and nurture this faith community and to share your Love and mercy. May our gifts and discipleship not only the needs of our mission and ministry, but overflow thanksgivings in recognition of your many blessings. Attune our eyes, ears, minds and hearts to respond to your call with willing hearts and serve in the body of Christ, as have our ancestors, who now share your glory. Bless these our commitments and our tithes and gifts in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray together 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 # 69

Here I Am, Lord

Daniel L. Schutte

**1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I
send?**

[REFRAIN] Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

**2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain. I have wept for love of
them. They turn away. I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love
alone. I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?**

[REFRAIN] Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

**3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame. I will set a feast for
them. My hand will save. Finest bread I will provide 'till their hearts be satisfied. I will
give my life to them. Whom shall I send?**

[REFRAIN] Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

Benediction

Pastor Aue

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.

Today's Flowers were donated by Pat and Mark Plamondon in memory of Pat's dad, Dave Sivil.

Welcome to the Waddles Jazz Ensemble

This morning we are excited to welcome back the Waddles Jazz Group Ensemble from Wayne State University. The group consists of Dominic Waddles-Saxophone; Quentin Casanova- Bass; Eli Bucheit- Piano; and Dylan Cady- Drums Let's give them a warm First Pres welcome. It is always wonderful to have the group return and grace our church with incredible music.

Worship Liturgist

We welcome Laurel Scott as today's liturgist. Sue Carlson will serve as liturgist on November 12th. 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:

- November 12: Last names beginning S-Z
- November 19: Last names beginning A-D
- November 26: Last names beginning E-K
- December 3: Last names beginning L-K

Pw Circles Invite You To November Meetings

Many women here find that their Circle meetings are a favorite part of being connected to our church. Many have become lifelong friends with their Circle sisters. We would love to have you try us out by visiting one (or more than one!) of our Circles in November for book and bible study, prayer, and fellowship. No obligation!

Deborah/Lydia: Thurs. Nov. 9, 10:00 a.m., room 207

ACTS: Tues. Nov. Nov. 14, 9:30 a.m., parlor, optional lunch at Leo's following

Phoenix: Tues. Nov. 21, 10:00 a.m., parlor, optional lunch at a casual restaurant TBD following

Hope to have you become a part of our supportive women's network. Contact the office or Deborah Draper or any PW leader (see the bulletin board in Knox Hall) with questions.

Scouts Wreath Sales



Scouts BSA Troop 179 are selling wreaths for the holidays. They will be for sale Sunday, November 19, before and after Church. The small wreath is \$27, the medium wreath is \$37, 25 feet of roping is \$30, and stands are \$6 each. If you would like one, but cannot be at Church on Sunday, please contact Katie Malisow at kmalisow@sbcglobal.net or by cell at 248-202-3411. We will happily deliver! We take checks, cash, Venmo or Cash App.

Second Mile Outreach Opportunity

For the past decade, Farmington Presbyterian donors have provided individual Christmas gift bags to disadvantaged children served by the Second Mile Center in Detroit. Last year we delivered 16 wonderful big bags. These bags include an outfit, socks, underwear, a hat and gloves, a toy or two from the child's wish list, and a book. Since these items can add up to as much as \$75- \$100, in several cases friends or groups have gone together to put together a gift bag. If you would like to participate in this program, contact Sue Carlson by Nov. 15. The bags are due Dec. 8. If you prefer to contribute without shopping, cash or \$25 gift cards would be helpful too.

Support CARES

A reminder that the November "suggested" donation for CARES is "something for baking". Consider donating a bag of flour or sugar; a brownie, muffin or cake mix; nuts, dates, or a can of pumpkin. Perhaps a spice, baking powder or a package of yeast is something that

you'd like to donate. Baking something during the holidays makes for special memories with families. Thank you for helping to make those cherished memories with our neighbors!



PW Collecting for Hat and Mitten Tree

Cold weather is here, and the forecast says it will be an “arctic winter.” Hats and mittens are going to be a must for school children. Therefore, it is time for Presbyterian Women’s annual Hat and Mitten Tree collection!

From Sunday, November 5 through Monday, December 10, we will be collecting hats, mittens, underwear, and socks (no scarves, please) for needy children right here in our own community. (These items are distributed through Neighborhood House and the GoodFellows).

We will also collect these same items for adults: hats, mittens or gloves, underwear, socks. (And the adults can use scarves). There is an ever-present need for all items during the cold, winter months. Adult items will be shared with Calvin East Presbyterian Church, Neighborhood House, Heart felt families of Farmington, Second Mile Center, and GoodFellows.

Your new items should be placed on or below the dowel tree in the Narthex starting Sunday, November 13. Please leave the price tags on the items. Thank you in advance for your generosity. If you have questions, feel free to contact Dale Hawkins, PW Vice Moderator for Justice and Peace, at 248-478-6283.

JOY Study - Open to New Members - Resumes Tuesday, November 7

The JOY Study meets on Tuesdays from 7:00-8:00 p.m. via Zoom and is studying the Book of Acts which tells about the apostles as they navigated life in the world after they have been changed by Jesus. We are using the study guide "ACTS 24 Studies for Individuals and Groups" written by N.T. Wright, a New Testament scholar. His previous works have taught us a lot. Please join us - It's not too late to jump in. The book costs about \$10. Contact Sharon Cressman if you would like to join the group for the Zoom information.



“It’s The Most Wonderful Time Of The Year” Is Wed. Dec. 6

Presbyterian Women and PWPD invite all men and women, including guests, to a festive Christmas Gathering the morning of Wednesday, Dec. 6. The day will start at 10:00 a.m. with coffee and treats in the narthex. The program in the sanctuary at 10:30 a.m. features an original play by Anne Sebesta (proudly presented by Presbyterian Prayers) and includes the singing of Christmas songs accompanied by Shari Fiore-Bloom. Then a hot catered lunch will be served. Tickets (\$10) should be purchased in advance since we need a count for the caterer. They will be on sale at the welcome table on Nov. 19, Nov. 26, and Dec. 3. Contact Sue Carlson 248-330-7188 with any ticket questions.

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

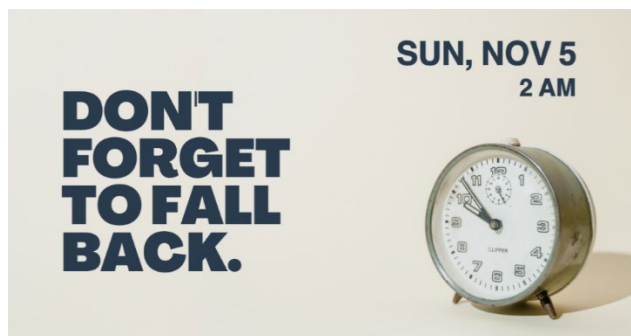
Join our Bible discussion **Sundays at 9:00a.m. in the Library**. Advance copies are available Saturday before by email. **Sunday's Topic: Artificial Intelligence Used to Decipher Messages From the Distant Past** To get on the email list contact Tom Neal at tneal@sbcglobal.net.

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.

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



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