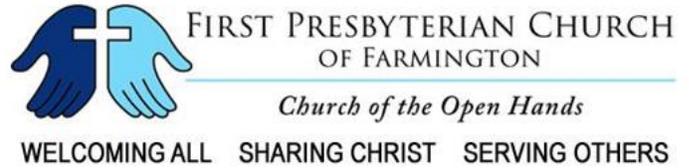


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In preparing our hearts for worship, we will be dimming the lights in the narthex, indicating a time to prepare ourselves for worship. Please enter the sanctuary quietly and in time to hear the welcome and announcements.

December 7, 2025 Second Sunday in Advent and Communion



Prayer of Preparation

Teach us your way, O Lord, that we may walk in your truth;
Give us an undivided heart to revere your name.
Psalm 86.11

We Enter into God's Presence

**Please stand in body or spirit*

Prelude	Come Thou Long Expected Jesus	arr. Brent Edstrom
Welcome / Greetings		Jim Tubbs
<i>Signing of the Friendship Pad & Prayer Cards</i>		
<i>Craft Fair Update</i>	<i>Deborah Draper & MJ Floreno/Michelle Austin</i>	
*Call to Worship	(Portions from Isaiah 11:1-10)	Jim Tubbs

One: As we journey through Advent, we light candles to mark the way.

All: We wait for the birth of our hope, in our Savior, Jesus Christ.

One: We are preparing ourselves for the days when the nations shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks;

All: Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.

One: Let us walk in the light of the Lord, as we worship God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Advent Reading and Lighting of the 2nd purple candle

Sally & Rob Kirsten

***Opening Hymn #107**

Awake! Awake! And Greet the New Morn

Prayer of Confession – Call to Reconciliation

Rev. Susan Mozena

God of the future, you are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule. We confess that we have not expected your kingdom, for we live casual lives, ignoring your promised judgment.

We accept lies as truth, exploit our neighbors, abuse the earth, and refuse your justice and peace.

In your mercy, forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your way, and to seek things that will endure when Christ comes to judge the world.

Silence is kept

Words of Assurance – Assurance of Pardon

(Portions from Psalm 72)

Rev. Mozena

One: Amen. The psalmist wrote, “Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things. Blessed be his glorious name forever; may his glory fill the whole earth.” The God of Israel, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, is the God whom the very human Jesus learned to worship. Jesus, our Savior, through whom we have forgiveness. Thanks be to God!

The Peace

Rev. Mozena

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus

Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

Prayer for Illumination

Jim Tubbs

One: God of our mothers and fathers, through the power of the Holy Spirit, be with us this morning as we read, sing and preach your words of hope. Quiet our minds and open our hearts to receive your word. Amen.

We Hear God's Word

Scripture	Matthew 3:1-12	Jim Tubbs
Anthem	Come Child of Peace Choir	Ruth Schram
<i>Children's Message</i>		Pastor Craig
<i>(After message Children are invited to go to the Narthex for Children's Lesson)</i>		
Epistle Reading	Romans 15:4-13	Rev. Mozena
Sermon	"Abound in Hope"	Rev. Mozena

We Respond to God's Word

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.

Celebrating the Lord's Supper

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.

Invitation to the Table

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.

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise...who forever sing to 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 he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

You are holy, O God of majesty...Great is the mystery of faith:

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

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit on us...all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father, now and forever. AMEN

Lord's Prayer:

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

The Words of Institution

The Breaking of the Bread

The Sharing of the 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.

Prayer after Communion

Jim Tubbs

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we, your unworthy servants, give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life, but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Lord

We Follow God's Word into the World

***Hymn of Sending # 408**

There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

Benediction

Rev. Mozena

Postlude

When Morning Guilds the Sky

arr. Stanley Saxton



Individual Offering Envelopes Will No Longer Be Supplied

As the demand for individual offering envelopes no longer meets the minimum order requirement, envelopes will not be ordered for 2026-saving \$250. Leftover boxes of envelopes from previous years are available, please contact the office if interested. The use of monthly electronic withdrawals (ACH) is also encouraged, which is easy to use.

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.

Mission Committee Donations

SNAP benefits have been in the news a lot lately. SNAP is the current name for food stamps. Our congregation along with COOS and Covenant, have always generously supported agencies that alleviate hunger, especially in our local community. The Mission Committee has used our 2025 budgeted money that was not already earmarked and sent a \$250 check to the three local agencies that provide hunger relief: C.A.R.E.S., Neighborhood House and Salvation Army. Additional information is provided on the board. If this is an issue you personally feel passionate about, you can make an individual donation. QR codes and envelopes are provided for your convenience. They are located on the project board that has been set up in the middle of the church narthex. Donations will not go through the church books. Donations are entirely individual.



First Presbyterian 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!

Through December 14 we will be collecting hats, mittens, underwear, and socks for needy families right here in our own community. These items will be donated to Heartfelt Families of Farmington and Second Mile Center of Detroit.

Your new items should be placed on or below the tree in the Narthex. 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 at (248) 478-6283.

PW CHRISTMAS GATHERING IS DEC. 10



Everyone is invited to join us for the PW Christmas Gathering on Wednesday, December 10 at 1:00 p.m. (Please note the new time for this event.) The afternoon begins with a musical program featuring many of your favorite First Pres musicians. Next is a stage play presented by Presbyterian Players. This is a comedy, "Operation

Whispering Pines." After the play, there will be light refreshments in Knox Hall. The play is about a small, homey retirement facility that is in danger of being sold and turned into a golf course by its unscrupulous owner. The resourceful residents hatch a clever plan in hopes of saving their home and avoiding eviction. The playwright, Karen Jones, summarized the play's message as "don't mess with old people!" Tickets (\$5.00) will be available at the welcome table beginning Nov. 16 or by contacting Sue Carlson.

Reminder to send in pledge form

If you haven't done so already, please mail in your pledge form to the office or drop them off in the collection basket when you attend the Sunday service. We are putting together our 2026 budget and need your pledge. Thank you for your generosity in supporting the programs and ministries of First Presbyterian Church of Farmington. We couldn't do what we do without you!

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:

December 14: Last names beginning L-R

December 21: Last names beginning S-Z

December 28: Last names beginning A-D

January 4: Last names beginning E-K



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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2025 Christmas Poinsettias



Deadline for ordering is Sunday, December 14

Please complete and return this form to the church office along with your payment. The cost for a red or white eight-inch double Poinsettia plant with gold foil cover is \$18.50 each. Poinsettias are available for you to take home after the Christmas Eve service. Contact Eddie Matteson or the church office to arrange to pick up your poinsettia at another time, have it delivered to your home or to donate it to one of our homebound members. The poinsettias can be picked up on Sunday, December 21, 2025 or after.

Please make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church and mark it for poinsettias or Christmas flowers. For last-minute orders, please contact the office at 248 474-6170 and we will do our best to accommodate your request.

Please PRINT the following information so that it will be published accurately.

NAME: _____ PHONE No: (_____) _____

Number of red poinsettias: _____ Number of white poinsettias: _____

Amount due to First Presbyterian Church: \$ _____ Payment Enclosed: Yes ____ No ____

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