



## Fourth Sunday after Epiphany February 1, 2026



### Prayer of Preparation

Loving God,  
we come this morning  
seeking to abide in your presence.  
Open our minds to your spirit of wisdom,  
that we may know how to live as your people.  
Open our hearts to your spirit of truth,  
that we may love all your people with a love  
that speaks of justice, kindness,  
and radical grace.  
May this time of worship  
be authentic and pleasing to you. Amen.

### We Enter into God's Presence

*\*Please stand in body or spirit*

#### Prelude

*This Is My Father's World*

arr. Brent Edstrom

#### Welcome / Greetings

*Signing of the Friendship Pad & Prayer Cards*

Pastor Craig Aue

#### \*Call to Worship

Liturgist Deb Hemmye

Beloved, what worship does God desire of us?

**To do justice, love kindness, and live humbly with God.**

In our life together as the body of Christ, what worship does God desire of us?

**To do justice, love kindness, and live humbly with God.**

When we share the good news with all creation, what worship does God desire of us?

**To do justice, love kindness, and live humbly with God.**

Come, let us worship God with justice, kindness, and humility!

**We come to worship God with our voices and our lives. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

\*Opening Hymn # 70

“What Does the Lord Require of You?”

**Prayer of Confession**

Pastor Craig Aue

What have we done to you, dear God?

**We dishonor you every time we treat another with disrespect. We shatter your heart when we find it easier to break our word, then to risk keeping it. We have not spoken truth with our hearts. We have said and done hurtful things to our friends. We have forgotten our true identity, we have lost the path of true worship, focusing on form and words rather than deeds. We have forgotten what true discipleship is. And because of this, you have a quarrel with us.**

**Forgive us and help us live into becoming the people you have created and called us to be: people of justice and love and truth and humility, and yes, even foolishness. God of Love, heal the hurt we cause to you and to others, and give us new hope and new life in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.**

*(Silent Confession)*

**Assurance of Pardon**

Pastor Craig Aue

What has God done for us?

**God has called us and blesses us. God’s love embraces us even when we fall short of what God desires for our lives and actions. Know that the God of blessing loves and forgives us with a fierce tenderness. And in so knowing, may our lives and souls be transformed. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

## **We Hear God’s Word**

**Old Testament Reading**

Micah 6:1-8

Liturgist Deb Hemmye

**Anthem**

*The First Song Of Isaiah*

Jack White

**Reflection**

What the Lord Desires

Pastor Craig Aue

## **We Respond to God’s Word**

**Offertory & Collection of Prayer Cards**

Pastor Craig Aue

\*Doxology #606

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise God all creatures here below.  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

# 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 Craig Aue

May the God of foolishness be with you.

**And also with you.**

People of God, open your hearts.

**We offer them to the God who transforms us.**

Join in singing praises to our God.

**With joy and wonder, we lift our voices.**

You were foolish enough to overcome chaos, Wise God, ...

...With those who wonder what to offer, with all who seek to worship you,  
we sing songs of praise to you:

**Holy, holy, holy are you, God of the Blessed.**

**All creation rejoices in your saving acts.**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

**Blessed is the One whose weakness is our strength.**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

Holiness is your nature, God of our lives,...

...as we are transformed by his grace,

we speak of that mystery we call faith:

**Christ died, humbling himself on the cross;**

**Christ was raised, filled with your righteousness;**

**Christ will come, so we may inherit your kingdom.**

(Prayer continues...)

... God in Community, Holy in One. **Amen.**

**The Words of Institution**

**Sharing of the Gifts of Bread & Cup**

Pastor Craig Aue

**“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 #172**

*Blessed Are They*

**\*Benediction**

Pastor Craig Aue

**Postlude**

*Fanfare on "St. Gertrude"*

Gordon Young

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### **Prayers for Grieving**

Prayers for the grieving family of Bud Williams who moved on to More Life on January 27, 2026. He was 97 years old. Memorial Service arrangements are pending.

### **The Annual Congregational Meeting of the First Presbyterian Church of Farmington will be held on Sunday, February 8, 2026**

This meeting will be held in Knox Fellowship Hall on Sunday, February 8, at 11:15 a.m. following the worship service. The purpose of this meeting is to review the 2025 annual reports of the boards, ministries, committees and staff of the church, financial reports and the 2026 budget. The 2025 Annual Report will be emailed to members who have signed up through the church website to receive the Community Connections/FYI newsletter, the annual report and other important church information via email. To sign up for the newsletter and electronic communications, please go to [www.farmington-pres.org](http://www.farmington-pres.org). There is a limited supply of printed copies available at the Welcome Center or you may contact the church office to arrange for a copy to be provided to you.

### **“Getting to Know You” Class Today, February 1 (a first step toward membership)**

Several of you have expressed an interest in joining First Presbyterian Church of Farmington (FPCF) as a member or maybe you just want to know more about us. This is the class for you! We're pleased that you are here and interested in becoming a part of living our vision: Welcoming All, Sharing Christ, Serving Others!

We are excited to announce that a **“Getting to Know You” class will be held after the service on Sunday, February 1, 11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. in Room 208/210.** You'll have an opportunity to hear the FPCF story and tell us yours.

## **EUCHRE!**

Join us! We are playing euchre on the first Friday of each month from 2-4pm in the church library. Add these dates to your calendar: February 6, March 6, April 10, May 1, and June 5. All are welcome - and bring a friend! Sign up on the Kiosk or see Nancy Prieskorn if you have any questions. We will teach you!

## **Celebrate “SouperBowl Sunday” on February 8**

As a prelude to the annual congregational meeting, please plan to join the Nurture Committee on February 8 after worship to celebrate our annual “SouperBowl Sunday” fellowship event. You’re invited to bring your favorite soup or chili to share and enjoy sampling from the many assembled crocks and kettles. We also will be collecting donations to support Neighborhood House’s work in our community.

## **Church-wide Day of Prayer: Wednesday, February 11, 8:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.**

**What is a Day of Prayer?** Continuous prayer throughout the day offered by members and friends. We would like to cover every half hour of the day with pray-ers offering prayers.

**Why have a Day of Prayer?** A Day of Prayer brings together those of faith in a communal atmosphere. It is uplifting and empowering to pray in the company of others. As Jesus said, “Where 2 or 3 are gathered in my name, I am with them” (Matthew 18:20). We have many things to pray for in support of FPCF – our next pastor, church growth, church leadership, thanksgiving for prayers already answered. Come lift your voice to God!

**How will the Day of Prayer Work?** The First Presbyterian Church Sanctuary will be open throughout the day for anyone to come and go and come back as they please. The sanctuary will be candlelit with soft music to encourage a quiet spirit within. You are encouraged to sign up for a half-hour time that fits into your schedule. As in the past, a chime will be sounded on the hour and half-hour so that you don’t need to keep track of time. If you can’t make it to the church, you are encouraged to participate where you are.

If you have any questions, please contact Sharon Cressman or Colleen Tavor. Sign up for a half-hour time slot here: <https://tinyurl.com/FEB11Prayer>

## **Join us for a Lenten Study via Zoom.**

This Lent take a meaningful walk with Jesus that invites reflection, inspires spiritual attentiveness, and opens your heart to the many forms following Jesus can take in daily life. Starting on Tuesday, February 17 at 7:15 p.m. via zoom, and continuing throughout Lent, JOY Study will study ***Meeting Jesus on the Road: A Lenten Study*** by Presbyterians Cynthia Campbell and Christine Coy Fohr. If you have any questions and for the Zoom link, see Sharon.

## **Ushers Needed**

We are looking for ushers to serve once a month, even or odd. If you are interested, please see Deborah Draper.

### **Individual Offering Envelopes Will No Longer Be Supplied**

As the demand for individual offering envelopes no longer meets the minimum order requirement, envelopes were not 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.

### **QR Code for Donations!**

If you ever forget to go to the ATM, or simply don't carry cash on you, we're including the church QR code for a more streamlined donation process. To donate, just scan the QR code and follow the prompt.



### **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:

- February 8: Last names beginning L-R
- February 15: Last names beginning S-Z
- February 22: Last names beginning A-D
- March 1: Last names beginning E-K

### **New Office Hours**

The new church office hours are Mondays-Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The office remains closed on Fridays.

<b>First Presbyterian Church Staff</b>	
<b>Ministers of the Church</b>	<b>Members of the Congregation</b>
Parish Associate/Temp Acting Head of Staff	Rev. Craig S. Aue
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# Connecting Our Community

Sharing together in ministry is a privilege that shapes us as the community of Christ. Unlike the early church in Acts 2, we do not hold all things in common, just a tiny share or our gifts to nurture the work of the Holy Spirit among us. Thank you for sharing in our life together and the work of the Presbytery of Detroit.

## **2026 Per Capita \$41/ Per Member**

- **Presbytery of Detroit – \$26.34**
- **Synod of the Covenant – \$ 3.40**
- **General Assembly – \$11.26**

The 2026 Per Capita is based on the congregations' reported membership for **December 31, 2024**. These amounts have increased slightly over time, but well below the rate of inflation, reflecting the increased cost of doing our work and careful stewardship.

*To fulfill the Presbytery of Detroit Per Capita obligations with the PC (U.S.A.) and the Synod of the Covenant, the Presbytery of Detroit funds 100% of the Per Capita owed to General Assembly and the Synod, even the deficit of what congregations do not submit.*