

*Opening Hymn #12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

**Immortal, invisible God only wise,
In light in accessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.**

**Unresting, unhasting, and silent as night,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou ruleset in might:
Thy justice, like mountains high soaring above.
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.**

**To all, life thou givest, to both great and small.
In all life thou livest, the true life of all.
We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
Then wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.**

**Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light.
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight.
All praise we would render; O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!**

Prayer of Confession

O God, our guide, who once used a star to lead people to Christ, we confess our poor sense of direction. We let ourselves become confused, easily distracted, and lose our way. We fail to follow the signs you provide. Forgive our waywardness, O God. Lead us to the Christ so that we may follow his way to you. **Amen.**

Words of Assurance— based on Romans 8; 2 Corinthians 5

People of God, hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn?

Only Christ, and Christ died for us;

Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us;

Christ prays for us and intercedes for us.

Sisters and Brothers, “*Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun.*” Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

We Hear God’s Word

Reading Psalm 138; Isaiah 6.1-8

Anthem *Rise Up, Shepherd* by Gerald Custer
FPC Choir

Sermon "Understanding the Assignment"

We Respond to God's Word

Offertory & Collection of Prayer Cards
Doxology #606

Pastor Bruce Mulder

**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.
Amen**

Prayer of the People, Thanksgiving, & The Lord's Prayer

Let us praise God for the manifestation of the Christ in his mission on earth.
Let us praise God for the Magi from the east, who were sent to Bethlehem to teach us to honor him and to offer our gifts.

We praise you, O God.

Let us praise God for the multitudes around the world who are today using the resources of their customs and cultures in developing new forms of worshipping the Christ.

We praise you, O God.

Let us praise God for all those who are presenting themselves to be baptized in the name of Christ and for all who are coming to the living water of Jesus Christ.

We praise you, O God.

Let us praise God for the presence of Christ in our own time when the thirsty are given something to drink and the hungry are fed.

We praise you, O God.

Let us pray for Christ's continuing epiphany among all who long for his presence. For your manifestation among all who long for truth and are educated and wise in this world, for those who conduct research and those who teach, for those who study the stars and those who give counsel to royalty and rulers,

We seek your grace, O wisdom of God.

For your epiphany among all who are open to your presence in the water and the wine, and especially among those who have seen your star but have not yet heard your name,

We seek your grace, O Savior of the nations.

For your epiphany among all who are suffering for the cause of righteousness, for all who are in prison, for those who are oppressed, and for those who are hungry, thirsty, and homeless,

We seek your grace, O Son of God.

For your manifestation of your glory in the course of our daily lives, in our homes, our schools, our workplaces, and our facilities for play and entertainment,

We seek your grace, O Lamb of God, praying 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 #694

Great God of Every Blessing

**Great God of every blessing, of faithful, loving care,
You are the fount of goodness, the daily bread we share.
How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start:
Sincerely and completely, I offer you my heart.**

**Your Word is our salvation, the source of endless grace,
In death and life extending you covenant embrace.
In Christ we are one body; each member has a part:
Sincerely and completely, I offer you my heart.**

**Your spirit is our teacher, the light that guides our search,
Transforming broken people in to the holy church.
For feeding us with mercy, for wisdom you impart:
Sincerely and completely, I offer you my heart.**

Benediction

Pastor Bruce Mulder

Postlude

Trumpet Voluntary

Jeremiah Clarke

2025 Offering Envelopes

If you requested a box, please pick it up from the Welcome Center in the Narthex. If you would like to order a box or are unable to pick yours up, please contact the church office.

It is time to pay the 2025 Presbytery Per Capita Apportionment

The Presbyterian Church U.S.A is a “connectional” church where we interact through the Presbytery of Detroit, the Synod of the Covenant and the General Assembly. These councils are funded by a “Per Capita” amount which is based on the number of active members at each church. For 2025, the Presbytery Per Capita amount is \$37.09. To make it easier, we are asking that each member contributes \$37.00 to help offset this amount. Checks may be made payable to the First Presbyterian Church of Farmington; please note “Per Capita” on the memo line.

CALLING ALL FPCF WOMEN (& Friends)

We are planning an afternoon of fun on Thursday or Friday February 20 or 21. Join us for non-cutthroat EUCHRE or BUNCO in Knox Hall. Please sign-up (TODAY!) on the kiosk in the foyer (next to the door to the garden). Any questions? See Nancy Prieskorn

Custodian Needed!

Your First Presbyterian Church of Farmington is actively seeking a part time custodian. The candidate should have a good background in building maintenance. The job is 20 hours per week. The pay for it position is \$20 per hour. Please refer any candidates to Bob Van Hamme @mvanhamme@twmi.rr.com

Lenten Study: “Lord, teach us to pray” (February 17 – April 7)

Join us for an 8-week journey through the Lord’s Prayer (Matthew 6:9-13) that will deepen your prayer life during this Lenten season. The prayer course will be held every Monday morning, 10:00 am – 11:00 am, in the Garden/Parlor Room, from February 17- April 7. The course consists of a video, discussion questions, and practical prayer activities. **Registration is required to plan room size.**

Please register at: [Sign-up for the 2025 Lenten Study](#)

Or contact Sharon Cressman or Colleen Tavor.

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:

February 2: Last names beginning E-K

February 9: Last names beginning L-R

February 16: Last names beginning S-Z

February 23: Last names beginning A-D

March 2: 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 prompts!

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