



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.*

# March 2, 2025

## Transfiguration

### Prayer of Preparation

God of power and wonder, we are awestruck by the glory of your presence. We rejoice at what we can see; we marvel at what we cannot see. You dazzle us with your brightness; you overshadow us as with a great cloud. Loving, protecting, challenging, nurturing, you strengthen and transform us. May we love and serve you in all that we are and do. Glory be to you.

**Amen.**

## We Enter into God's Presence

*\*Please stand in body or spirit*

Prelude

What a Friend We Have In Jesus

arr Brent Edstrom

Welcome / Greetings

Pastor Bruce Mulder

*Signing of the Friendship Pad & Prayer Cards*

Minute for Mission

MJ Floreno

Call to Worship based on Psalm 99

The Lord is Sovereign; let the people tremble in awe.

**God is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.**

The Lord is great in Zion and is high above all peoples.

**Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God, and worship God upon the holy mountain.**

This is the day the Lord has made

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Amen.**

\*Opening Hymn #288

Spirit of the Living God (X2)

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

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**Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.**

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Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, we enter your presence humbly, aware that we approach you from a world that chooses to walk in darkness, apart from you. Each one of us has ignored and even denied the enlightening power of Jesus Christ. We confess now our sins to you, God of power and might. Penetrate our darkness by the power of Christ's light, that we may live in the joy of knowing and loving you and each other.

*Silent prayer of confession*

We pray through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Words of Assurance based on 2 Corinthians 3

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another, for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and transformed! Praise be to God!**

## **We Hear God's Word**

Reading

2 Corinthians 3.12-4.2; Luke 9.28-36

2 Corinthians 3.12-4.2

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with complete frankness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, the same veil is still there; it is not unveiled since in Christ it is set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds, but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and



## 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.**

## **We Respond to God's Word**

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

Offertory & Collection of Prayer Cards

The Word of God calls us to see that all the places and occasions of the world, even places of sorrow and death, are transfigured by the presence of the glory of God in Christ Jesus. Let us now call to mind all who are in any need and commend them to God's transforming care.

For those who are alone, for widows and widowers and orphans,  
and for the divorced,

O merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

For the imprisoned, for those whose only home is the streets, and for those caught in addiction,

O merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

For the hungry, for those who cannot feed their children, and for the unemployed,

O merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

For refugees, for victims of warfare, and for those held in poverty by racial discrimination,

O merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

For the people of our nation, our city, and our community,

O merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

For artists and writers and for all who think on the edge of society,

O merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

For preachers and teachers of the light-bearing Word of Christ,

O merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

For the church and its leaders, formed by the life-giving Word of Christ,

O merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

In this time of silence hear the prayers and petitions of our hearts

*SILNECE*

With Moses and Elijah and all the people of God, with the church throughout the ages bearing witness to the great light of God shining in dark places, we commend to you all for whom we pray, O merciful God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord who teaches us to pray—

**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 # 192 Lord, The Light of Your Love is Shining

**Lord, the light of your love is shining,  
in the midst of the darkness, shining;  
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us;  
set us free by the truth you now bring us.**

**Shine on me; shine on me  
Shine, Jesus, shine; fill this land with the Fathers glory.  
Blaze Spirit, blaze; set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, river, flow; flood the nations with grace and mercy.  
Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.**

**Lord, I come to your awesome presence,  
From the shadows into your radiance.  
By the blood I may enter your brightness.  
Search me; try me; consume all my darkness.**

**Shine on me; shine on me  
Shine, Jesus, shine; fill this land with the Fathers glory.  
Blaze Spirit, blaze; set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, river, flow; flood the nations with grace and mercy.  
Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.**

**As we gaze on your kingly brightness,  
So our faces display your likeness;  
Ever changing from glory to glory,  
Mirrored here may our lives tell your story.**

**Shine on me; shine on me  
Shine, Jesus, shine; fill this land with the Fathers glory.  
Blaze Spirit, blaze; set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, river, flow; flood the nations with grace and mercy.  
Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.**

Benediction

Pastor Bruce Mulder

Postlude

Postlude On "Coronation"

by Jason Payne



### **Beverly Adams Memorial**

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Beverly Adams to more life this past weekend. Please keep her family and friends in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Memorial Service will be held at First Presbyterian, Sunday March 16th at 1 pm, with a luncheon to follow

[https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/livonia-mi/beverley-adams-12258807?utm\\_source=obit\\_alerts&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=obit\\_detail&utm\\_content=view\\_updates\\_button](https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/livonia-mi/beverley-adams-12258807?utm_source=obit_alerts&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=obit_detail&utm_content=view_updates_button)

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### **Interviewing and Resume Writing: Effective Strategies**

In partnership with DCDI (Danika Community Development Inc), we will again sponsor a resume writing and practice interview workshop. Emphasis will be placed on consulting and advising and practice interviews. The workshop will take place on 3 consecutive Saturdays (March 22, 29, and April 5), in Room 208/210 from 10:00 am – 12:30 pm. If you would like to volunteer to help with the resume exercises or practice interviews, please contact Colleen Tavor.

### **Save the Date! Family Friendly Game Night 2.0: Friday, March 28**

The first Game Night was a blast! Let's do it once more before summer. We'll gather in Knox Hall at 5:30 for a meal and then games at 6:30. We have board games, card games and BINGO! Bring your favorite game, too. Please sign up on the kiosk so we can get a head count.

### **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.

### **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](mailto: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:

March 2: Last names beginning E-K

March 9: Last names beginning L-R

March 16: Last names beginning S-Z

March 23: 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 donate, just scan the QR code and follow the prompts!

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