



Third Sunday of Easter April 19, 2026



Prayer of Preparation

Lord, thank you for bringing each one of us here today. Open our hearts to hear your words and our spirits to dare to journey with you. Amen.

We Enter into God's Presence

**Please stand in body or spirit*

Prelude

Amazing Grace

arr. Brent Edstrom

Welcome / Greetings

MJ Floreno

Signing of the Friendship Pad & Prayer Cards

*Call to Worship

MJ Floreno

One: The Lord harkens to our call, listening to our pleas and hearing our prayers!

All: We will praise God who gives rest to our souls!

One: In the courts of the house of the LORD, in the presence of all God's people,
we acknowledge our faith.

All: We will call on the Lord as long as we live!

One: We are your servant, O God; you have loosed our bonds!

All: We will offer sacrifices of praise and thanksgiving!

One: How shall we repay the Lord for all we have been given?

All: We will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord!

*Opening Hymn #321

The Church's One Foundation

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

All: We're afraid to take a truthful look at ourselves, yet you see us as we really are. Open our eyes, Lord. Even when we won't listen to you, you hear us when we call your name. Open our ears, Lord. We keep the light of your word hidden to ourselves, though you gave it to share with the world. Open our mouths, Lord. May we know and serve the One who calls us to see, hear, and speak. Open our hearts, Lord.

(A time of silent, personal prayer).

*Words of Assurance

Rev. Steven Perrine

Even though you have not seen Jesus, one to one, you have assurance of his presence and his love with you. The promises of God are always true. God is with us, in the resurrection of Jesus, in our journeys, in our lives. Praise be to God. Amen.

We Hear God's Word

Prayer of Illumination

MJ Floreno

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen

First Scripture Reading

1 Peter 1:17-23 (New Testament pg.232 - 233)

MJ Floreno

Anthem

Come Follow Me
Chancel Choir

John Carter

Second Scripture Reading

Luke 24:13-35 (New Testament pg. 90)

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Sermon

An Eye Opening Encounter

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We Respond to God's Word

Offertory & Collection of Prayer Cards

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*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.

Prayers of the People, Prayers of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

MJ Floreno

One: Eternal God, creator of the world and giver of all good, we thank you for the earth, our home, and for the gift of life. We praise you for your love in Jesus Christ, who came to heal this broken world, who died rejected on the cross and rose triumphant from the dead. Because he lives, we live to praise you, our God forever.

All: Gracious God, who called us from death to life, we give ourselves to you; and with the church through all ages we thank you for your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

One: Let us pray for God's rule on earth as Jesus taught us:

All: 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 # 450** *Be Thou, My Vision*

***Benediction**

Rev. Steven Perrine

Postlude

Welcome Rev. Steven Perrine, Today's Guest Preacher. He has been married to Connie Perrine for 32 years, together they have four children and two grandsons. He received his B.S. degree at Houghton College, M.Div. from Wesley Seminary and MSW from Wayne State University plus additional postgraduate studies. His pastoral service has been in urban, suburban and rural United Methodist churches full and part-time and most recently was Pastor at Dearborn Good Shepherd UMC. In addition, he has been a therapist and clinical social worker at Walter Reuther, Detroit Psychiatric Institute (DPI) and the Forensic Center State Psychiatric Facilities; Flint Osteopathic Hospital and Providence Hospital (Ascension Health); Lapeer County Community Mental Health Center, Clinical Operations Coordinator for Hegira Programs, and in private practice. He is currently a social worker for Henry Ford Hospital in the Hospice program.

He has served on numerous boards and committees including the curriculum committee for Birmingham Schools, the Board for Birmingham Youth Assistance, the Executive Committee for Lapeer Area Hospice, President of the Birmingham Optimists, President of the Michigan Area Loan Fund Board, and the Affirmative Action/Equal Employment Opportunity Committee at DPI. Currently, he serves on the Bold and Effective Leaders Committee. He also sits on the Faith Based Coalition for the Detroit Wayne Integrated Health Network (DWIHN) and was the 2023 recipient of the *Power of One Award* from DWIHN. He has been an adjunct professor at Spring Arbor University, published several articles and presented at conferences.

He enjoys the company of friends and family, singing with the Detroit Concert Choir, golf, dogs, bird watching, exercise and travel. His deepest desire is to be with Jesus, become like him and do as he did.

JOY Study starts new book Tuesday, April 21 at 7:15pm via zoom.

We will be discussing the New Testament book of James using a study guide by N.T. Wright. Please join us to learn more about the Bible in the company of friends. See Sharon Cressman if you have any questions.



2026 CROP Hunger Walk - Sunday, May 3, 2026

Building a better world where there is enough for all. No one in this world should be hungry. The steps we take and the funds we raise together provide life-saving support including emergency food and resources, along with the seeds, tools and programs which help families feed themselves now and in the future. **Please consider signing up to walk and/or to donate funds**, which can be made now either online, directly to one of the walkers or sent to the church office.

Online donations: The online link is: <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/chw/team/first-presbyterian-of-farmington> and our team name is "First Presbyterian of Farmington". You may donate to the FPCF church team or to a specific walker.

In-person donations: Online donations are preferred, but cash and checks written to **CWS/CROP Hunger Walk** are also accepted. Sign-up forms will be available in the Narthex on April 26 and May 3, the day of the Walk.

For more info or to sign up to walk, please contact Dorothy Tait detait1957@gmail.com. The more walkers, the better. The walk starts at the First United Methodist Church of Farmington, 33112 Grand River, Farmington, 12:30 p.m. registration.

Health and Wellness Program hosted by FPCF Deacons. Please join us from 11:30am to 12:30pm on May 17 in Knox Fellowship Hall. The Deacons are pleased to announce that Emily Davis will be our presenter. Emily is a Health & Wellness Coach and is certified as an Athletic Trainer and as an Independent Metabolic Health Coach. She holds a Master's in Exercise Physiology and a Bachelor's degree in Athletic Training; and has years of experience.

Emily will focus on building strength and balance, and healthy nutrition. Emily will demonstrate simple exercises for improving balance and strength, discuss meal planning for better nutrition, and answer questions about starting a wellness routine.

This program is ideal for anyone wanting to improve overall health or start a wellness routine.





PW Gathering is Monday, May 18

All are welcome to join Presbyterian Women for the annual Spring Gathering on Monday, May 28 at 7:00pm. The speakers will be our own Jeff and Ellen Ely, who will present a program, "The Trail Provides: Hiking the Pacific Crest Trail and the Arizona Trail." There will be refreshments. Tickets (\$5) will be on sale at the information table.

Church Spring Cleanup Day

The annual spring cleanup day will be Saturday, May 9 at 9:00 am. All are welcome to join the scouts and the Property team. Thank you.



Shower Her with Greeting Cards

Sadie Brown is in Hospice care at the Manor of Novi. Please send her greeting cards to let her know her church family is thinking and praying for her. The address is 24500 Meadowbrook, Novi MI 48375.

FPCF to Use Naked Pastor Art and Cartoons.

Before you balk about "Naked Pastor" take a breath. No one is taking their clothes off, least of all our pastor. (No offense, Craig.)

The Naked Pastor is actually a well-clothed man named David—a "pastor turned artist"—who focuses on telling the naked truth.

His cartoons and art challenge religious norms and focus on love and inclusivity and the CommTech committee has purchased a digital subscription to use his art.

We look forward to sharing these with you in this newsletter, social media, bulletins, etc.

Your Communications and Technology Committee





QR Code for Donations!

If you ever forget to go to the ATM, or simply do not carry cash on you, we include 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 is the upcoming schedule:

- April 26: Last names beginning E-K
- May 3: Last names beginning L-R
- May 10: Last names beginning S-Z
- May 17: Last names beginning A-D



The Hospitality Team Wants You!

Are you a friendly and welcoming person who would feel comfortable making people feel at home when they enter our church? If so, please consider signing up to be a **greeter** once a month. We are also in need of a few more **ushers** to pass out bulletins, pass the offering plate, and offer assistance to worshippers.

Please let Sharon Cressman, Deborah Draper, or Colleen Tavor know if we can add you to our team to help us create a hospitable vibe at First Farmington.

First Presbyterian Church Staff

<p>Ministers of the Church</p> <p>Parish Associate/Temp Acting Head of Staff</p> <p>Minister of Music</p> <p>Office Administrative Assistant</p> <p>Sexton</p> <p>AV Tech Intern</p>	<p>Members of the Congregation</p> <p>Rev. Craig S. Aue</p> <p>Peter Cartwright</p> <p>Jennifer Taub</p> <p>Richard Spurgeon</p> <p>Lidia Neathamer</p>
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Church Calendar
April 19 to April 26, 2026

Sunday, April 19

9:00am - 10:00am The Wired Word

10:00am - 11:00am Worship In-Person and Livestream Service

11:30am- 1:00pm Session Discussion/ Study Group

Monday, April 20

Office Open 9:30am until 3:30pm

6:00pm - 7:00pm Soul Stretch Yoga

Tuesday, April 21

Office Open 9:30am until 3:30pm

10:30am – 12:00pm Phoenix Circle

4:00pm - 6:00pm PNC Meeting -Library

7:00pm - 9:00pm Scouts Troop Meeting

7:15pm – 8:30pm JOY Book Study via Zoom

Wednesday, April 22

Office Open 9:30am until 3:30pm

7:30am – 8:30am Optimist Club

2:00pm - 3:00pm Future Church Prayer Group

5:30pm-7:00pm Faith and First Meeting

Thursday, April 23

Office Open 9:30am until 3:30pm

6:00pm – 7:20pm Choral Bells Practice

7:20pm – 8:50pm Chancel Choir Practice

Saturday, April 25

10:00am – 4:00pm Craft Show

Sunday, April 26

9:00am - 10:00am The Wired Word

10:00am - 11:00am Worship In-Person and Livestream Service

11:00am- 2:00pm Craft Show



Crafter Volunteers Wanted!

Our 11th annual craft show is coming soon. We are sold out for crafters and now need lots of helpers and bakers. There is a sign-up sheet on the kiosk or speak to Deborah Draper. Come support our Music Ministry.

PLEASE COME



Spring Craft Fair

Sat. April 25 - 10am-4pm

Sun. April 26 - 11am-2pm

**Featuring local artists and
crafters and bake sale.**

Entry \$2



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