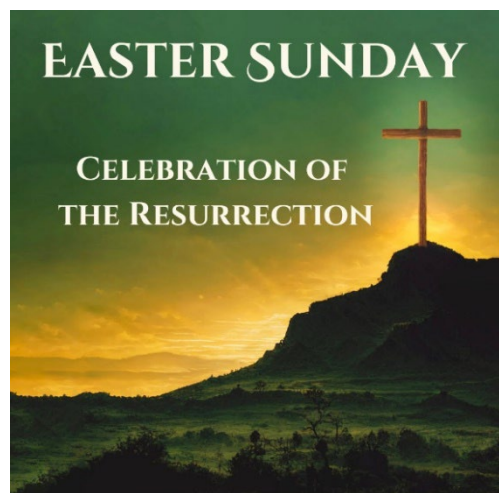




Easter Sunday and Holy Communion April 5, 2026



Prayer of Preparation

God, make Easter my home.
Shelter me from apathy with a desire to do good.
Let the rhythm of my days pulse with your call to live justly.
Set the table of my soul with the generosity of your Spirit.
Furnish my life with such hope that, while I have breath,
I might not only share good news but also be a source of it.
God, make Easter not only my home but also my mission. Amen.

We Enter into God's Presence

**Please stand in body or spirit*

Prelude

Pie Jesu
Pie Jesu
Erika Thompson, soloist

Faure
Webber

Welcome / Greetings

Signing of the Friendship Pad & Prayer Cards

Pastor Craig Aue

*Call to Worship

One: Dear friends in Christ: The night is over! The morning is here!

All: Christ is risen, risen as he said!

One: Sadness has vanished! Tears are no more!

All: Death has fled! Life is victorious!

One: This is the day the Lord has made:

All: We rejoice! We are glad in it!

One: Come, assemble for the Feast of Life, the Feast of the Kingdom of God!

All: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Liturgist Deb Hemmye

*Opening Hymn #232 *Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

Prayer of Confession -

Pastor Craig Aue

O God, still creating, we hear your promises of a new day of joy and peace, and we are skeptical. We expect things to go on the same as they always have, from bad to worse. The past will keep us guilty, the future will make us afraid, and the present will burden us with too little time and too much to do. Forgive our lack of faith, our quickness to believe that you do not hear us, and our pessimism about tomorrow. Do a new thing in our hearts, and let us be glad and rejoice in your abundant care; through Christ, we pray. Amen.

(Silent Prayer)

Words of Assurance

Pastor Craig Aue

***Response of Faith - (Affirmation)**

(The congregation stands.)

One: Let us declare our faith together:

All: We believe in the God of Life, whose breath is in us and whose mercy encircles the creation.

We believe in Jesus Christ, who loved us indestructibly and who shared our pain. He is with us now as he promised, even to the end of the age.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, who welcomes us into the household of faith, gives us gifts in abundance, enlivens our hearts with joy, and urges us into the world to testify without fear to God’s justice and grace.

Hoping against hope for the promised realm of peace, we love one another while we live, we honor every creature God has made, we stand against the powers of sin and death, and we bless the earth and all that fills it.

**Glory, thanks, and praise be yours, O Living God, now and forever! Amen.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

We Hear God’s Word

Gospel Reading

Matthew 28:1-10 (pg.33-34 New Testament)

Pastor Craig Aue

Anthem

With a Voice Of Singing
Chancel Choir

Martin Shaw

Pysanky eggs are decorated with symbolic art. These eggs were made for First Presbyterian Church of Farmington. Each line and color represents a prayer for each person that has received it.

The words on the eggs " XPNCTOC BOCKPEC" are Ukrainian for "CHRIST IS RISEN"

It was suggested that we include the eggs some of the children made in our Easter morning display and that some of the eggs be more playful. Please take a moment to enjoy the variety on display this Easter. CHRIST IS RISEN, HE HAS RISEN INDEED



Butterfly: Stylistic design (As opposed to natural) to represent the Resurrection.

Water: Symbolizes wealth, no crops without rain.

Ram’s Horns: Leadership and the kind of strength that overcomes problems.

Sermon

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.**

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 Sacrament of Holy Eucharist- Holy Communion

Invitation

(The people remain standing.)

One: Easter people, come now to the table with Christ!

All: For he is risen! He lives, and he presides at this feast!

One: Come, eat together the bread of life!

All: For he is risen, and nothing separates us from God’s love!

One: Come, drink together from the cup of gladness!

All: For Christ is risen—risen as he said! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise

Praise to you, God of glory! You created the universe and all living things.

You breathed life into our dust and gave us a paradise.

You sought us when we hid ourselves, ashamed of our sin.

You made a people for yourself, and saved them from oppression.

In the fullness of time, your love came also to us in your servant Jesus.

He ministered to us, healing, overcoming divisions, welcoming all.

He died on the cross of shame.

But you vindicated him, giving him a life that is forever new!

This is the life he shares with us: a life of justice, mercy, and citizenship in your realm of peace.

All your creatures testify to your mighty deeds!

They declare your everlasting love!

We too proclaim it, as with the angels of heaven we sing:

**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.

(The congregation is seated.)

Remembering and Giving Thanks

One: Now, O God, with grateful hearts we remember Jesus.

(Silence)

One: We remember that he was laid in a borrowed grave.

All: A heavy stone sealed the tomb.

One: We remember that the women came, early in the morning, on the third day.

All: They did not find him among the dead.

One: We remember that his disciples met him on the road.

All: He opened the Scriptures, explaining everything, and their hearts burned within them.

One: They said to him, "Stay with us, for it is evening."

One: So, he went in with them.

And while they were at table, he took bread, gave thanks, and broke it for them to share.

Then their eyes were opened, and they knew him in the breaking of the bread.

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

One: Come, Holy Spirit, bless this bread that earth has given and human hands have made.

Bless also this fruit of the vine, created for our gladness.

Make them the food and drink of everlasting life, body surrendered, blood poured out.

All: As we rejoice in the resurrection, give us love for each other, and make us servants of peace, until your new realm is revealed and every creature beholds it.

We pray in the name of Jesus, who lives and presides at this table, our host and our feast.

One: Thanks be to him, who taught us to say . . .

**“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.”**

Sharing the Bread and Cup

(The communion elements are distributed)

Post-Communion Thanksgiving

One: Let us give thanks!

**All: Thank you, God, for life in the Spirit of Jesus, for gladness in this bread and cup,
for love that cannot die, for peace the world cannot give,
for joy in the company of friends, for the splendors of creation,
and for the mission of justice you have made our own.**

**Give us the gifts of this holy communion — oneness of heart, love for neighbors,
forgiveness of enemies, the will to serve you every day, and risen life that never ends.**

In Christ’s name we pray. Amen. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

We Follow God’s Word into the World

***Hymn of Sending # 246** *Christ is Alive!*

***Benediction**

Pastor Craig Aue

Response

One: Christ is risen! Tell the world!

All: Risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Jason Payne



Thank You! On behalf of the Nurture committee, I want to extend my deepest appreciation for the help of Craig Aue, Dot Basmaji, Nancy Cook, Paul & MJ Floreno, Kari Gorman, Eddie Matteson, Pat Plamondon, Ron Prieskorn, Don & Sue Schwartz, Laurel Scott and Colleen Tavor for their participation in making the Palm Sunday breakfast a great event for the congregation. It really is a great example of kind collaboration and welcome that is extended to everyone. It worked well! These events bring us closer to each other as we spend time together around a delicious meal. My apologies if I am forgetting someone in sending this out. With many hands and many talents shared, it is not easy to keep track of everyone involved. Again, thank you. May your Easter celebrations be joyful at the end of a dark week. Karl Cressman, P.E.

Health and Wellness Program hosted by FPCF Deacons. Please join us on Sunday, May 17th from 11:30am to 12:30pm in Knox Fellowship Hall. The Deacons are pleased to announce that Emily Davis will be our presenter. Emily is a Health and 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.



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: 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!

Marion Medical Mission – Wells in Africa First Pres Men's Group is promoting Marion Medical Mission again this year in their great program to provide simple, but safe water wells in Africa. Since 2020 the combination of "First Pres Men's Group", Mission, and Private Donors have funded 19 wells in an area of Africa unfortunately renown for water borne diseases and child mortality.



We are surrounded by the wonderful Great Lakes, which we take for granted, and that's what motivated us to help this worthy organization.

Marion Medical Mission coordinates as many as 3,000 wells a year, but the need is still great. New well sites are coordinated with local Christian Churches, and "His message" is inscribed in the concrete cap on each well – "Glory to God" (in English and local dialect). The total cost is only \$500.00 for a well. The villagers make the bricks, provide the sand, stone, and unskilled labor. MMM provides only what the village cannot.

Wells are installed later in the year, but the funding now helps with site identification, preparation, and sourcing of materials. More on MMM can be found on their website: MMM.WATER.ORG. They are a 4-star 501(C)3 non-profit.

The Men's Group is launching the effort again this year and has already made contributions towards that mission. If you feel the same drive to help this cause, please see Rob Kirsten after service or call him at 248-890-7472.



2026 CROP Hunger Walk - Building a better world where there is enough for ALL

It is only 4 weeks until the CROP WALK on Sunday, May 3rd! No one in this world should be hungry. That is why the CROP Hunger Walk is more than just a yearly gathering. It is a movement that's almost 60 years strong, made up of compassionate people in more than 500 communities across the U.S. 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 that will help families feed themselves now and in the future.

During this Easter season, let us all hope and pray for a world where all have enough food and a safe place to call home. Thank you all for your incredible support over the past helping those less fortunate who are facing hunger, poverty, displacement and disaster. Now more than ever, your support is so needed and appreciated as we work together to provide resources and opportunities for our local community as well as those around the world.

This year's fundraising has begun. Donations can be made online, given directly to one of the walkers or sent to the church office. Online donations are preferred, but cash and checks written to CWS/CROP Hunger Walk are also accepted. The online link is: <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/chw/team/first-presbyterian-of-farmington> and our team name is "First Presbyterian of Farmington". If donating online, you will need to register first before donating to the "First Presbyterian of Farmington" church team or to a specific walker. To donate in-person, sign-up forms will be available in the Narthex on April 26 and May 3, the day of the Walk. Please contact Dorothy Tait (detait1957@gmail.com) for more info or to sign up to walk. The more walkers, the better. The walk is downtown Farmington at the First United Methodist Church of Farmington, 33112 Grand River, Farmington.

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 12: Last names beginning S-Z
- April 19: Last names beginning A-D
- April 26: Last names beginning E-K
- May 3: Last names beginning L-R



2026 Easter Flowers and CARES Produce Donations

We are thankful to those whose donations decorate our chancel for this Easter service and provide fresh produce to our community through CARES:



In honor of the members and leaders of
First Presbyterian Church, Farmington
By Craig Aue (2 lilies 2 Tulips)

In loving memory of **Neil Basmaji**,
and in memory **Dr. Harold & Mary Jo Ellens**
By Dot Basmaji (2 tulips)

In honor of **Florence Cooper**
By Leslie Black (1 lily)

In honor of **the hard-working PNC**
By Dave & Mary Carson (1 lily and
1 CARES Donation)

In honor of **Pastor Rochelle Beckemeyer**
By Mitchell Cressman (1 lily)

In memory of **Joyce DeCenso**
and Marparita Jaku
By Emmanuela DeCenso
(2 lilies, 2 CARES Donation)

In memory of **Engelina Jansema**,
mother of Ellen Ely
By Ellen Ely (1lily)

In memory of **Lloyd Lewis**
By Anne & Rick Fuller (1 tulip)

In honor of The **Hawkins Family**
By Dale Hawkins (1 CARES donation)

In memory of
Joan & Larry Hedgecock, (1 tulip)
and in memory of
Loyd & Ellen Wilkinson
(1 CARES donation)
By Matt & Laura Hedgecock

In honor of **Tom & Helen Powers**
By Donna Marvicisin (2 tulips)

In honor of **the people of Gaza**
Eddie & Becky Matteson (1 lily)

In loving Memory of
Teckla & Thomas McCullough
By Karen McCullough
(1 CARES Donation)

In honor of **those who work at CARES**
and in memory of our parents
Robert Piontek and David & Rebecca Tait
By Dan Piontek & Dorothy Tait
(2 CARES Donations)

In memory of **our parents and grandparents**
By Pat & Mark Plamondon
(2 lilies and 1 CARES Donation)

In honor of **The Peacemakers**
Ron & Nancy Prieskorn (2 Lillies)

In honor of **our church**
By Reeveila Robinson-Kelly
(1 lily, 1 tulip, 1 CARES Donation)

In Memory of **Joann Rogers**
Michael Rogers (1Lily)

In honor of **Fred & Ann Riddle**,
And In memory of
Bernice, Richard and Gary
By Sarah Sapp (1 lily and 1 tulip)

In memory and honor of **family and friends**
by Karen & Paul Spica (2 tulips)

In honor of **Nora & Alfred Tisdale**
By Jim Tubbs (1 lily)

In memory of our beloved daughter
Leslie Rose
By Marcia & Bob Van Hamme (1 tulip)

Church Calendar April 5 to April 12, 2026

Sunday, April 5

Easter Sunday

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

Monday, April 6

Easter Monday Office Closed

4:00pm – 6:00pm Mission Meeting
6:00pm - 7:00pm Soul Stretch Yoga

Tuesday, April 7

Office Closed, Open on Friday

4:00pm - 6:00pm PNC Meeting -Library
5:30pm – 7:30pm Comm/Tech Meeting
7:00pm - 9:00pm Scouts Troop Meeting
7:15pm – 8:30pm JOY Book Study

Wednesday, April 8

Office Open 9:30am until 3:30pm

7:30am – 8:30am Optimist Club
2:00pm - 3:00pm Future Church
Prayer Group
7:00pm_8:30pm Deacons Meeting

Thursday, April 9

Office Open 9:30am until 3:30pm

10:00am- 12:00pm Deborah Circle
6:00pm – 7:20pm Choral Bells Practice
7:20pm – 8:50pm Chancel Choir Practice



Friday, April 10

Office Open 9:30 until noon

2:00pm – 4:00pm Euchre
6:00pm-9:00pm Pinewood Derby Track Setup
6:30pm – 8:00pm Page Turners

Saturday, April 11

9:00am- 1:00pm Scouts Pinewood Derby

Sunday, April 12

9:00am - 10:00am The Wired Word
10:00am - 11:00am Worship In-Person and
Livestream Service
1:00pm- 6:00pm Cub Scout Recruiting Event

First Presbyterian Church Staff

Ministers of the Church

Parish Associate/Temp Acting Head of Staff

Minister of Music

Office Administrative Assistant

Sexton

AV Tech Intern

Members of the Congregation

Rev. Craig S. Aue

Peter Cartwright

Jennifer Taub

Richard Spurgeon

Lidia Neathamer

PLEASE JOIN



FOR AN EVENING OF **BREAKFAST & BINGO**

Your voluntary contributions for dinner help support our preschool scholarship fund!

"Love your neighbor as yourself"
Mark 12:31



RSVP HERE:



SATURDAY, APRIL 18

5:00 - 6:30 PM

Location: First Presbyterian Church of Farmington- Knox Hall
All ages, family & friends welcome!

WIN AMAZING PRIZES: LOCAL FOOD GIFT CARDS, SWIM LESSONS
& A SKATE PARTY!

Spring Craft Fair

First Presbyterian Church of Farmington

Saturday April 25 10a to 4p

Sunday April 26 11a to 2p

Handmade crafts great for home decor, gifts for
Mother's Day, Teachers and more

Entry: \$2

Bake Sale | Lunch for Sale

