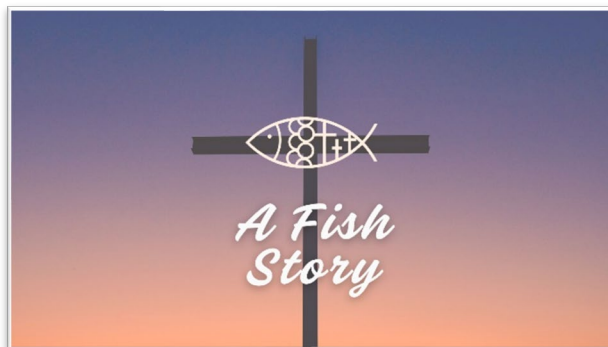




Sixth Sunday of Easter and Mother's Day May 10, 2026



Prayer of Preparation

Holy God, give me ears to listen for your call and courage to follow. When the way is uncertain, guide me, and when I feel weak, make me strong. Amen

We Enter into God's Presence

**Please stand in body or spirit*

Prelude

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

arr. Brent Edstrom

Welcome / Greetings

Sandy Adkins

Signing of the Friendship Pad & Prayer Cards

*Call to Worship

Sandy Adkins

Leader: Bless the Lord, O people sing!

All: Let the sound of praise ring out.

Leader: Come and hear what the Lord has done,

All: the Lord who has made everything!

**Opening Hymn #408 There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit*

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

All: Loving God, we do not always keep your commandments; we fail to love you; our conscience is not clear. Wash us in the water of life that we may live again through the grace and mercy of Jesus, our resurrected Savior. Amen.

(A time of silent, personal prayer).

***Words of Assurance**

Rev. Penny Pitts

Sisters and brothers, God forgives, restores, and strengthens us through the risen Christ. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

We Hear God’s Word

Prayer of Illumination

Sandy Adkins

Holy God, your word is a light in darkness and a source of blessing. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us; enliven our hearts and minds as we hear your word for us today; through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 30 (Old Testament page 505)

Sandy Adkins

Anthem

Rain Down
Chancel Choir

Jaime Cortez

Second Scripture Reading

John 21:1-19 (New Testament page 116)

Rev. Penny Pitts

Sermon

A Fish Story

Rev. Penny Pitts

We Respond to God’s Word

Offertory & Collection of Prayer Cards

Rev. Penny Pitts

***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

Sandy Adkins

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.

A Litany for Mother's Day

Sandy Adkins

Leader: Mothers come in many different forms, and today we celebrate them all!

All: Thank God for mothers!

Leader: Everyone here is either a son or daughter.

All: Thank God for my mother!

Leader: For those women who have joined God in Heaven and whom we miss dearly here on earth.

All: Thank God for mothers of the past.

Leader: For every woman who is working day and night to raise her children right now.

All: Thank God for the mothers of the present.

Leader: For the women who are carrying life within them and awaiting the arrival of a new child.

All: Thank God for the soon-to-be mothers.

Leader: For the women who took in others' children through adoption and foster care.

All: Thank God for the mothers who are so strong.

Leader: For all the women who have desperately wanted to have children of their own, but chose instead to mother everyone else.

All: Thank God for the mothers in spirit.

All: We thank you, Lord, for the women who have influenced our lives in so many ways. We pray that we will honor them in everything we do. Amen.

We Follow God's Word into the World

***Hymn of Sending #465** *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

***Benediction**

Rev. Penny Pitts

Postlude

Postlude on "Beach Spring"

arr. Mairanne Kim

**Today's flowers are in honor of mothers
and their daughter, Ashley, on her birthday
by Craig and Pam Aue**



Welcome Rev. Penny Pitts, Today's Guest Preacher

Rev. Penny Pitts has been serving Presbyterian churches in Michigan, Maryland, and Florida for thirteen years until her retirement in December 2023. She earned her Masters in Divinity from Ecumenical Theological Seminary in Detroit, and McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago. She has three children in Pleasant Ridge, Michigan, Clarkston, Michigan, and Brussels, Belgium, and five grandchildren. Pastor Pitts was raised in Grosse Pointe, Michigan. She has a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Michigan in Dental Hygiene, which she practiced part-time for many years while raising children. She is active at her home church, Grosse Pointe Memorial. She is a member of the Presbytery of Detroit and enjoys serving as pulpit supply.

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.

Cereal for Summer

Your Mission Group is collecting cereal to go to families with children who miss having breakfast at school during the summer months. Please bring in a box or two and place it in the large plastic bins labeled "Cereal for Summer". Our goal is to collect one hundred boxes by the 4th of July. Thanks for making the summer, Snap! Crackle! and Pop! for kids.





The Hospitality Team Wants You!

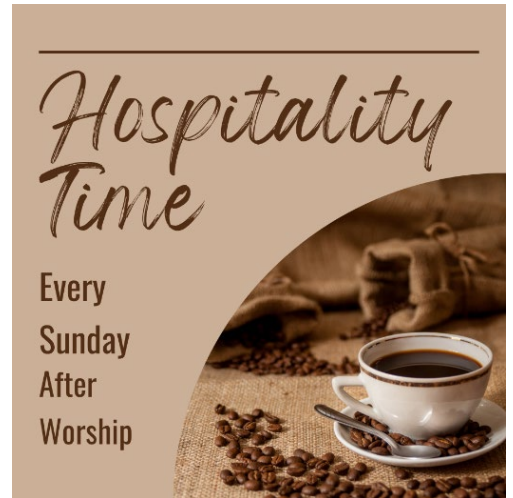
Are you a friendly and welcoming person who would feel comfortable making people feel at home when they enter our church? If so, please consider signing up to be a **greeter** once a month. We are also in need of a few more **ushers** to pass out bulletins, pass the offering plate, and offer assistance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

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:

- May 17: Last names beginning A-D
- May 24: Last names beginning E-K
- May 31: Last names beginning L-R
- June 7: Last names beginning S-Z



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.

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Church Calendar May 10 to May 17, 2026

Sunday, May 10

Mother's Day

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

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



Monday, May 11

Office Open 9:30am until 3:30pm

9:30am - 11:30am Hospitality Team

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

6:30pm - 7:30pm Scouts

6:30pm - 8:30pm Worship Ministry Meeting

Tuesday, May 12

Office Open, Jennifer will not be in. Please call ahead if you plan to visit.

9:30am - 12pm ACTS Circle Meeting

3:30pm - 5:30pm Operations Meeting

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

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

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

Wednesday, May 13

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 Deacon Meeting

Thursday, May 14

Ascension of the Lord

Office Open 9:30am until 3:30pm

6:00pm - 7:20pm Choral Bells Practice

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

Friday, May 15

Office Open 9:30am until 12:00pm

Sunday, May 17

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

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

11:30am - 12:30pm Deacon's Wellness Seminar