



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 quiet our minds (and mouths!). Please enter the sanctuary quietly and in time to hear the welcome and announcements.

May 12th, 2024

7th Sunday of Easter

Mother's Day

Prayer of Preparation-- based on *Psalm 19:14*

Fill our worship with grace, Lord Jesus Christ, that every thought, word, and deed may be acceptable to you, our Rock and our Redeemer. **Amen.**

We Enter into God's Presence

*Please stand in body or spirit

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| Prelude | <i>It Is Well</i> Waddles Jazz Ensemble | Horatio Gates Spafford and Phillip Paul Bliss |
| Welcome / Greetings <i>Signing of the Friendship Pad & Prayer Cards</i> | | Pastor Bruce Mulder |
| Congregational Life | | Jim Tubbs |
| *Call to Worship | based on <i>Psalm 100</i> | Jim Tubbs |

L: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

P: Worship the LORD with gladness; come before God with joyful songs.

Know that the LORD is God. It is the Lord who made us and we are his;

P: We are God's people, the sheep of God's pasture.

L: Enter the Lord's gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise;

L: Give thanks to the Lord and praise God's name.

P: For the LORD is good and God's love endures forever;

P: God's faithfulness continues through all generations.

**Come sing, O church in joy! Come join, O church, in song!
For Christ the Lord has led us through the ages long!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!**

**Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns supreme,
Empowering us to catch the vision, dream the dream!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!**

**Let courage be our friend; let wisdom be our guide,
as we in mission magnify the Crucified!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!**

**Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!
For Christ the Lord has triumphed o'er the ages long!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!**

Prayer of Confession—from Psalm 51

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment.

You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

Do not cast me from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me.

SILENCE

Lord have mercy.

Christ have mercy. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon-Forgiveness---from *Acts 13* and *Ephesians 1*

Through Jesus Christ forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you.

In Christ we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace.

People of God, listen to the Gospel: we are forgiven and freed. Trust the Good News and be at peace. **Amen.**

We Hear God's Word

Reading

Acts 1.15-17, 21-26

Jim Tubbs

New Revised Standard Version

Acts 1.15-17

¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the brothers and sisters (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, ¹⁶“Brothers and sisters, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus, ¹⁷for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.”

Acts 1, 21-26

²¹“So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²²beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.” ²³So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴Then they prayed and said, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” ²⁶And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was added to the eleven apostles.

Anthem

A Home of Grace
Chancel Choir

Joseph M. Martin

Sermon

Getting On With It

Pastor Bruce Mulder

We Respond to God's Word

Offertory & Doxology

Collection of Prayer Cards

Pastor Bruce Mulder

**Direct, control, suggest, this day,
in all I design, do, or say,
that all my powers, with all of their might,
might serve you both day and night.**

arr. Shari Fiore

Prayers of the People

Jim Tubbs

Prayer of Thanksgiving & The Lord's Prayer

Jim Tubbs

Lord Jesus Christ,

We are grateful for this day: to worship, to celebrate, to live and love you and our neighbor. *How good and pleasant it is when brothers and sisters live together in unity!*

We pray on this day for: your Spirit's blessing for the fullness that life offers—faith, fellowship and family.

We ask on this day for your will to be done: to lives of service to you and others—to feed your sheep that others may be free.

On Mother's Day: we look to you, Creator God for:

New mothers—their new responsibility

Expectant mothers—for their waiting & wondering

Mothers who struggle to balance the tasks of work & family;

For mothers unable to feed their families because of poverty;

For mothers whose children have disabilities;

For mothers who have children they don't want;

For mothers who raise children alone;

For mothers who have had a child die;

For mothers who care for the children of others;

For mothers whose children have left home;

For those whose desire to be a mother has not been fulfilled.

Bless all mothers, O Lord. Gather them to yourself as Jesus himself longed to gather his people like a mother hen sheltering and protecting her young.

Bless us all, O God as we live not for ourselves, but for you and others. In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray together:

“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# 839

Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!

Fanny Jane Crosby

**1 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.**

Refrain:

This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

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**2 Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love. [Refrain]**

**3 Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love. [Refrain]**

Benediction

Pastor Bruce Mulder

Postlude

Blessed Assurance
Waddles Jazz Ensemble

Fanny Jane Crosby,
Phoebe Palmer Knapp

Today we welcome back the Waddles Jazz Ensemble!

It is always wonderful when this group graces our sanctuary. Players include Eli Bucheit, piano; Quentin Casanova, bass; Dylun Cady, drums; and Dominic Waddles, saxophone.

Worship Liturgist

We welcome Jim Tubbs as today's liturgist. Our liturgist for May 19th is Laurel Scott. For information on serving as a liturgist to assist the pastor during worship, please contact Kari Gorman.

Name Tags

Please let the office know if you should need a new name tag by emailing Carly or leaving a note on her desk. Contact her by email: info@farmington-pres.org These are printed once per month to conserve on paper.

Contacting Pastor Bruce

If you'd like to connect with Pastor Bruce: bruce.mulder@farmington-pres.org His information is also on the UCD app.

Bulletin Announcement Reminder

All announcements must be turned in the week prior; no later than **Tuesday at 12pm** or they will not go in the bulletin until the following week. Moving forward, announcements will not be edited or written up from verbal or phone call requests. Please email them to info@farmington-pres.org

Minute for Mission on May 19th

There will be a short minute for mission/presentation for the choir.

Spring Clean Up Thanks!

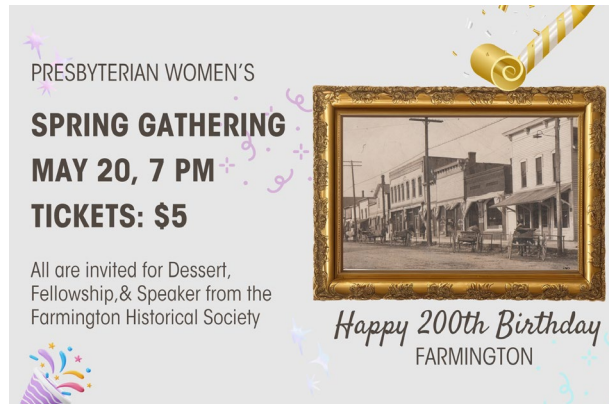
Many thanks to the church members and 15 Boy Scouts who participated in the clean-up day on May 4.

High School Graduates

On June 2, we will celebrate all graduates in our congregation. Please let Mary Carson know if there is a graduate we should acknowledge on that day wither84@aol.com

Celebrate the Pentecost!

To help us celebrate Pentecost in the most colorful way, please try and wear **red** to worship on May 19th.



Spring Gathering is May 20: Happy Birthday, Farmington!

Did you know that Farmington was founded 200 years ago? Just think what life here must have been like in 1824. To learn more about the city's rich past and its bicentennial, plan to join us for a Gathering in Knox Hall on Monday, May 20 at 7:00 for dessert, coffee, and a speaker who is an expert on the history of Farmington. This event is open to all. PW

will be selling tickets (\$5.00) at the welcome table or by contacting Sue Carlson.

This is the First Notice of a Stated Congregational Meeting of the First Presbyterian Church of Farmington

The meeting will be held on Sunday, May 19, 2024 at 11:30a.m. (after the Sunday worship) in Knox Hall and via Zoom. The purpose of the meeting will be to elect Elders and Deacons for open positions, At-Large Members to serve on the Nominating Committee and Members of the Annual Financial Review Team. The instructions for accessing the Zoom meeting are below.

Laptop/Desktop PC/Smart Phone:

1. Go to the Zoom website: zoom.us. In order for the meeting to start on time, start at least 10 minutes early.
 - a. If you have already downloaded Zoom on the device, log in.
 - b. If you have not used Zoom before, then download and run Zoom when the message comes up.
 - c. This Meeting ID is 867 6769 2491#, Passcode is 465842#.
 - d. You should go right into the meeting and not have to wait to be admitted.
2. Microphones will be automatically muted when joining the meeting. Please mute your microphones when not speaking to reduce background noise. Laptop and smartphone users may mute and unmute themselves by clicking on the microphone or telephone icon on their screen.
3. To be recognized by the Moderator, click on "Participants" at the bottom center of the screen and "raise hand". If this does not work, type "raise hand" in the chat function.

Dialing in by Telephone:

1. In order for the meeting to start on time, dial into the phone number at least 10 minutes before the start of the meeting.

2. The telephone number for the meeting is:312-626-6799. The Meeting ID is 867 6769 2491#, Passcode is 465842#.
3. Participants should mute their phones when not speaking to reduce background noise. Dial-in participants may use *6 to mute and unmute.
4. To be recognized by the Moderator, dial-in participants may use *9 to raise a hand.

Cereal for Summer

No child should go hungry. However, many kids who rely on receiving breakfast and lunch during the school year often face long summer days without enough to eat. Join the NINTH annual CEREAL FOR SUMMER CAMPAIGN and help us feed hungry children in our presbytery. The Mission Ministry will be accepting cereal donations from now until June 30. Special bins will be placed in the narthex. Thank you again for your continuing generosity in supporting this effort.

Preschool Open Enrollment



The Preschool is now open for enrollment for the upcoming 2024-2025 school year. Please spread the word about our Preschool to friends and family who may be interested in enrolling. The program offers 2.5s, 3s and Pre-K (4s) classes.

Please visit the website: <https://farmingtonpreschool.org/enroll/> or call the preschool: (248) 474-9752 to schedule a tour and/or pick up your enrollment forms.

FPCF's Shopping List for CARES

Have you picked up your CARES shopping list yet? Look for it in the pew backs or the Mission bulletin board. Take it with you to the store. The items on the list are those most needed by the guests at CARES. Here is a suggestion: If you see a BOGO Sale (Buy One, Get One), pick up the free item for CARES.

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:

- May 19: Last names beginning L-R
- May 26: Last names beginning S-Z
- June 2: Last names beginning A-D
- June 9: Last names beginning E-K

On-Call List for Personnel

The Personnel Committee is putting together an on-call list of people who could be available to volunteer to staff the office in the event that all office staff are sick or simultaneously out of the office. Please email Pastor Bruce bruce.mulder@farmington-pres.org, Bob Van Hamme mvanhamme@twmi.rr.com or Sally Kirsten sckirsten@hotmail.com for more information or to sign up to volunteer.

COVID-19 or Flu Symptoms

Please be mindful if you have symptoms, stay home, and take care of yourself and others.

News from the Church Office



It is with regret that we inform you that Amanda Schreiber, part of our office administrative team, left us effective May 1st. Amanda’s last day in the office was April 30th. We wish Amanda the best. She will be missed. If you or someone you know has an administrative background and would be interested in working in the office for six hours per week, please let Sally Kirsten or Bob Van Hamme know.

Office hours are as follows: **Monday, Tuesday and Thursdays 9 a.m.-4 p.m.;** **Wednesdays: 9 a.m.-2 p.m.** The office is closed on Fridays. It is always a good idea to call ahead if you need to come into the building. As a reminder, please contact the church office via telephone at (248) 474-6170 or email at info@farmington-pres.org

Office and Church Donations

Please note, regarding dropping off items and or donations to the church office, prior approval is required for ANY donations. If you leave something on the desk of Pastor Bruce and/or Carly’s desk, kindly leave a message of what the item is, what needs to be done with it, whom is leaving the item and whom to contact.

Upcoming Church Office Closure

The church office will be closed on Monday, May 27th in observance of Memorial Day.

| First Presbyterian Church Staff | |
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| Transitional Pastor | The Rev. Bruce Mulder |
| Ministers of the Church | Members of the Congregation |
| Pastoral Care Parish Associate | The Rev. Craig S. Aue |
| Minister of Music & Organist/Pianist | Shari Fiore-Bloom |
| Office Administrative Assistant | Carly Vivio |
| Office Assistant | Amanda Schreiber |
| AV Tech Intern | Jaiden Thomas |



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