



## Fifth Sunday of Easter and Holy Communion May 3, 2026



### Meditative Thought

"I will meditate on your precepts and fix my eyes on your ways.  
I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word." - Psalm 119: 15-16

## We Enter into God's Presence

*\*Please stand in body or spirit*

### Prelude

*Stand Up for Jesus*

arr. Brent Edstrom

### Welcome / Greetings

*Signing of the Friendship Pad & Prayer Cards*

Pastor Craig Aue

### Minute for Mission

Presbyterian Women's Spring Gathering

Mary Carson

### \*Call to Worship

Liturgist Deb Hemmye

One: We are God's household, crafted by the Architect of creation:

**All: our hearts a shelter for the outcast; our hands open to the stranger.**

One: We are God's people, created in the divine image:

**All: to tell others of God's love, to offer mercy as freely as we have received it.**

One: We are God's children, called to give of ourselves:

**All: chosen to serve the lost and lonely, gifted to minister to a hurting world.**

One: Thanks be to God for calling us into this ministry of love and hospitality.

**All: Amen!**

**\*Opening Hymn # 2088** *Lord I Lift Your Name on High*

**Lord, I lift Your name on high**

**Lord, I love to sing your praises**

**I'm so glad you're in my life**

**I'm so glad you came to save us**

**You came from heaven to earth to show the way**

**From the earth to the cross my debt to pay**

**From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky**

**Lord, I lift Your name on high**

**Call to Reconciliation**

Pastor Craig Aue

Considered too rough for their smooth plans, the builders cast out the Stone they needed. But God builds salvation on the One who is the foundation of all hope. Let us confess our sins to God and one another, trusting we will not be put to shame,

**Unison Prayer for Forgiveness**

Pastor Craig Aue

Hear the brokenness of our lives, Precious God. We cover our ears so we cannot hear the cries of those in need, or you urging us to respond. We rush together to defend every issue that matters to us, but quickly disperse when you would call us to be your holy people. We shout as loud as we can to cheer on our sports teams, but can manage only whispers when it comes to sharing the good news.

Forgive us, our Eternal Guide, and do not hold our sins against us. We lay the garments of our foolishness at your feet, so you might clothe us in grace and hope. We would feed on the spiritual food which flows from your heart so we might be strong enough to follow Jesus as he leads us in the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

*(Silent Prayer)*

**Assurance of Pardon**

Pastor Craig Aue

One: You are no longer alone - you are God's Beloved. You are not of this world, but residents of God's Kingdom. You, who once had no hope, have been filled with grace and mercy.

All: **Each one of us, all of us, have received God's mercy in Christ. Forgiven, redeemed, made whole - we are a people made one in faith. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**We Hear God's Word**

**New Testament Reading**

I Peter 2:2-10 (New Testament pg.233)

Liturgist Deb Hemmye

**Anthem**

*As We Break the Bread*  
Chancel Choir

Jay Althouse

**Gospel Reading**

Acts 7:55-60 (New Testament pg.126)

Pastor Craig Aue

**Reflection**

What Kind of Stone are You?

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.**

# The Sacrament of Holy Eucharist

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.

## Invitation

### Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: May the God of every way be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Lift your hearts to the One who is the Truth for God's own people.

**All: We offer them to the One who warms them with love.**

One: Sing praises to God, who is our Life.

**All: Glad songs are offered to the One who provides shelter for us.**

One: You made a way through chaos,

Constructing God,....

(Prayer continues)

One: With those who have nothing and with those who give everything away, we lift our voices to you:

**All: Holy, holy, holy are you, God who pulls us to safety.**

**All creation kneels down to worship you.**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

**Blessed is the One who shows us the Truth.**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

One: You shape a safe place for us, Imaginative God,...

(Prayer continues)

One: Even as we celebrate the Life which was his, as we claim the Truth that all are one with you,  
we take refuge in that mystery called faith:

**All: Christ died, trusting in God's promises; God raised him from the dead,  
promising the same for us; Christ will come, fulfilling all the promises of God.**

One: Once, we were nobodies, alone and hopeless, but by your mercy,

Living God, we are now a family,.... Amen.

## Words of Institution

### Sharing the Bread and Cup

(The communion elements are distributed)

### Post-Communion Thanksgiving Prayer

## Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Liturgist Deb Hemmye

O Lord, our Rock, we stand upon you alone, and upon no other.  
Build our faith into a house made of living stones.  
We offer these prayers of compassion for our families and friends.  
Teach us anew that the foundation of life is love for you and for neighbor.  
We pray for the community in which we live and work and learn.  
Offer us, O God, at least one clear opportunity to be of service to someone in need.  
Hear our prayers for those who are ill and who struggle to recover health and wholeness.  
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with us, today.  
In the name of Christ the solid rock we pray.  
Hear our prayers O Lord, even as together we offer the Prayer Christ taught us....

**“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 # 726      *Will You Come and Follow Me?*

\*Benediction

Pastor Craig Aue

Postlude

*Herzlich tut mich Erfreuen*

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**Today's flowers are presented by the Worship Ministry**



### **Today May 3, 2026, Annual Congregational Meeting, 11:15 a.m., in Knox Hall**

There will be an Annual Congregational Meeting today after the Worship Service and Taco Bar luncheon in Knox Hall and via Zoom. The purpose of this meeting is to nominate and elect the next class of Deacons, Elders, Nominating Committee Members and the Financial Review Team. In addition, the Town Hall is to discuss our church's response to immigration issues, which the Session is working on creating an official policy, and desire congregational input. The Zoom meeting will open 5-10 minutes early to allow people to join.

#### **Zoom meeting link:**

**<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84798532963?pwd=r01aVzrUvy5MnSnMzxc6oX683Xigcn.1>**

**Meeting ID: 847 9853 2963    Passcode: 89492**



## Nominees for Deacons

### **Deb Anderson (Class of 2029)**

Deb Anderson has been a member of the FPCF since 2022 after a lifetime journey of finding faith. Deb found what she was searching for in the welcoming and inclusive FPCF congregation.

Deb retired from Michigan Medicine after 33 years. Her hobbies include travel, writing, cycling, hiking, enjoying classic movies, and music. She does extensive volunteer work for Youth for Understanding, a teenage cultural exchange program that her grandmother founded in 1951. Deb resides in Whitmore Lake with her husband Tim.

### **Dot Basmaji (Class of 2028)**

Dot has been associated with First Presbyterian Church for many years. Dot previously served as an Elder for three years and, concurrently, was on the Worship Committee. Dot was also on the Nominating Committee. Dot is currently serving as a Deacon. Her background is in nursing and law although she is semi-retired as an attorney. In her spare time, she enjoys being with her five grandchildren, including attending their sports games. She has three children, two of whom live in this area and one who resides in Petoskey. She looks forward to continuing to serve as a Deacon.

### **Lauren Haas-Lewis (Class of 2027)**

Lauren Haas-Lewis grew up in Farmington and now lives in Farmington Hills. Her family started attending First Presbyterian of Farmington when she was in sixth grade. She was involved in Logos and youth groups. Her confirmation sponsor was Mr. Jim Hubble. She was able to attend a mission church to Mexico while she was in youth group.

She graduated from Central Michigan University with a degree in Criminal Justice. After college she became a foster care/adoption and licensing worker, which eventually led her to become a foster care supervisor. She worked with Orchards Children's Services and Catholic Charities for ten plus years. She met her husband, Garren in 2020 on a dating app. They got married in the church in August of 2022. They had their first child Charlotte in 2024. We are also expecting our second child in September of 2026. After having Charlotte, she became a stay-at-home mom, and she would not change it for the world. She and Garren also have a dog named Maizi and two hermit crabs named Sebastian and Deigo.

She and Garren became Deacons in 2024. During their time as Deacons, they have worked with the caregiving ministry and the clusters. She looks forward to serving as a Deacon for the next three years.

**Garren Lewis (Class of 2027)**

Garren Lewis was born in Mumbai, India and moved to Mississauga Canada when he was two years old with his family. He grew up Catholic and was even awarded teen service award from the Bishop of Toronto Cardinal Cater. He attended the University of Ontario Institute of Technology (UOIT) where he graduated with an Honours in Mechanical Engineering, in 2010.

He moved to Michigan in 2011 to start his career in the automotive industry. He worked for Chrysler, FCA, Stellantis for twelve years before moving to Nissan in April of 2023 as Thermal Test Engineer. He met his wife, Lauren in 2020 on Bumble. They got married in the church in August of 2022. They had their first child Charlotte in 2024. We are also expecting our second child in September of 2026. They also have a dog named Maizi and two hermit crabs named Sebastian and Deigo. They became Deacons in 2024. During their time as Deacons, they have worked with the caregiving ministry and the clusters. He looks forward to serving as a Deacon for the next three years.

**Pat Plamondon (Class of 2027)**

Pat and her husband have lived in Farmington Hills for more than thirty-five years. After a thirty-five-year career in Human Resources, she is now retired. She continues to stay actively engaged in her community and church. She has been a volunteer at the Oakland County Foster Closet since 2019. Since becoming a member of FPCF in 1995, she has served on the Personnel Committee intermittently since 1996. Her commitment to church leadership includes two terms as a Deacon. During her recent term, she was responsible for coordinating home communion visits and managing the Wellness program. Additionally, she has participated in ACTS Circle for more than thirteen years and is currently a member of the Revitalization Committee.

**Nominees for Session**

**Rick Fuller (Class of 2029)**

Rick and Anne joined Farmington Presbyterian in 2001 after retiring from IBM in New York the previous year and moving back to Oakland County. We almost immediately joined the choir and have been singing since then.

Along the way he has joined the Property committee and was the Chair for over eight years. He has been on the Mission Ministry for several years and the Chair for the last three or more years. In 2004 he offered to be Treasurer and has been in that position on and off for over twelve years and recently took over after Sue Cooper moved out of State.

He has been an Elder at FPCF for six years plus several years at our church in Mahopac, NY where we raised our three sons. We now have four grandkids and five great-grandkids.

### **Jerry Howe (Class of 2029)**

Jerry has been an active member of the Presbyterian church for 64 years. He has been married to his wife, Marcia, for 67 years. Most of his responsibilities during the 64 years as Clerk of Session, both here at Farmington First and at Warren First. Other responsibilities included the Property Committee, Teaching Sunday School, Church Choir, and Mission Activities.

Jerry has lived in Farmington for 47 years. He has two daughters of retirement age and one grandson who works for the Genessee County school system.

### **Colleen Tavor (Class of 2029)**

Colleen has been attending FPCF for nine years and became a member in 2018. Previously she attended various non-denominational churches but did not find her church home until God led her to our doorstep. She is an active member of the Phoenix PW Group and a member of the Revitalization, Personnel, CommTech, and Hospitality Teams. She served as PW Vice-Moderator of Missions for several years and works with Karen Spica on our monthly newsletter – Community Connections. Colleen is a Licensed Professional Counselor, with a private practice in Southfield, and specializes in trauma, anger management, and treating first responders. Originally a Yooper from the Marquette area, Colleen also lived in Israel for 15 years, then returned to Michigan to the Farmington area. She is very happy to call FPCF her church family and home, and eager to begin her third three-year term serving as an elder after a year off.

### **Alvine Cooper (unexpired term – Class of 2028)**

Alvine was born April 27, 1929, two doors from the Detroit River, and graduated from Southeastern High School in the class of 1947. She met her husband, Doug, at Michigan Bell, and they were married at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church in 1950. They were blessed with six children – Christine, Diane, Pamela, James, Suzanne and Andrew, all baptized at Grosse Pointe Memorial and sponsored by the family's pediatrician. Between them Alvine and Doug have served on Session, Property Committee, Nominating Committee, as ushers, Sunday School teachers, Summer Church Camp leaders, Confirmation Class leaders, Lectors, Sextons, and Adult Mission participants. (Doug was also treasurer for 13 years). Alvine has been a Girl Scout leader for 20 years, a horse-riding instructor for Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts, and a First Aider. She has also had four wonderful equine partners over her life.

## **Nominees for at-large members of 2027 Nominating Committee**

**Sandra Adkins, Sue Andrews, Don Schwartz**



## 2026 CROP Hunger Walk - Today, 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](mailto: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 18 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.



**Show 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.

**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:

- May 10: Last names beginning S-Z
- May 17: Last names beginning A-D
- May 24: Last names beginning E-K
- May 31: Last names beginning L-R

**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

Ministers of the Church	Members of the Congregation
Parish Associate/Temp Acting Head of Staff	Rev. Craig S. Aue
Minister of Music	Peter Cartwright
Office Administrative Assistant	Jennifer Taub
Sexton	Richard Spurgeon
AV Tech Intern	Lidia Neathamer

**Church Calendar**  
**May 3 to May 10, 2026**

**Sunday, May 3**

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

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

11:15am - 1:15pm Congregational Meeting

**Monday, May 4**

**Office Open 9:30am until 3:30pm**

4:00pm – 6:00pm Mission Meeting

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

**Tuesday, May 5**

**Office Open 9:30am until 3:30pm**

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

5:30pm – 6:30pm Comm/Tech Meeting

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

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

**Wednesday, May 6**

**Office Open 9:30am until 3:30pm**

7:30am – 8:30am Optimist Club

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

**Thursday, May 7**

**Office Open 9:30am until 3:30pm**

6:00pm – 7:20pm Choral Bells Practice

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

**Friday, May 8**

6:30pm – 8:00pm Page Turners

**Saturday, May 9**

9:00am- 12:00pm Spring Cleanup

2:00pm- 6:00pm Eagle Scout Court of Honor

**Sunday, May 10**

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

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

