



Third Sunday after Pentecost June 14, 2026



Prayer of Preparation

Bidden or unbidden, God is always present. As the sea is to the fish, as the air is to the bird, so is the Spirit to all who live by faith, hope and love.

Welcoming All

Sharing Christ

Serving Others

We give thanks to God that you joined us today and we pray you will receive a sense of God's loving Spirit from your time with us. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

We Enter into God's Presence

**Please stand in body or spirit*

Prelude

As the Deer

arr. Lester Le Roux

Welcome / Greetings

Becca DeSloover

Signing of the Friendship Pad & Prayer Cards

*Call to Worship

Becca DeSloover

One: There is no longer Jew or Greek,

All: there is no longer slave or free

One: There is no longer male or female: for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.

All: We are children of God through faith.

*Opening Hymn #8

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

All: Merciful and gracious God, we walk in a way that is not good. We follow our own devices. We ignore your image in ourselves and in our neighbors. Do not turn away from us, O God, but hear our cry for blessing. Lead us out of the tombs we inhabit. Guide us into your light so that we may walk in your way. Amen.

(A time of silent, personal prayer).

***Words of Assurance**

Rev. Penny Pitts

You belong to Christ and are heirs of the promise of freedom. In full assurance of justification by grace through faith, by the authority of God's beloved Son, I declare to you the forgiveness of all your sins. In Jesus' name, Amen.

We Hear God's Word

Prayer of Illumination

Living Word, you still have many things to say to us. Speak, and we will try to bear them. By your Word, may the Spirit guide us into all truth, that our lives may glorify you. Amen.

Hebrew Scripture

Isaiah 65: 1-9 (Old Testament page 695)

Becca DeSloover

Anthem

O Christ, The Healer
Chancel Choir

Tallis/Custer

Greek Scripture

Luke 8:26-39 (New Testament page 68)

Rev. Penny Pitts

Sermon

Lost and Found

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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.**

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 #792 *There Is a Balm in Gilead*

*Benediction Rev. Penny Pitts

Postlude *Christ for The World We Sing* arr. Lani Smith



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.



Large Print Hymns

Large print hymns are available at the Welcome Center.

Farmington Area Juneteenth Celebration 2026 – June 18-20

The 8th Annual Farmington Area Juneteenth Celebration will take place over several days.

Thursday, 6/18, 5:00-8:00pm: Community Dialogue and Dinner \$25; public fireworks at 9:30pm (on-site at UMC Nardin Park, 29887 Eleven Mile Rd, Farmington Hills)

Friday, 6/19, 10:00am – 4:00pm: Online Conference and Interactive Workshops on voting

Saturday, 6/20, 10:00am – 4:00pm: Community Festival (at Mercy High School, corner of 11 Mile and Middlebelt Roads, Farmington Hills)

More details here: <https://firstamechurchfarmingtonhills.org/>



The FPCF Mission Ministry has been a proud sponsor of this event for 8 years and FPCF will have a table at the festival on Saturday, June 20. Let Colleen Tavor know if you can help at our table.

Volunteers Needed: We need volunteers on Thursday (June 18) and Saturday (June 20) to help prepare for the events (signs, help with parking, set up), keeping things running smoothly (setting up tables & decorations, helping guests, helping vendors, clean up).

To volunteer: <https://tinyurl.com/JuneteenthFPCF> or ask Colleen Tavor for details.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to be part of our community celebration with our neighbors!



Church-Wide Day of Prayer

Wednesday, June 24, 8:00am-5:30pm

Prayer works and we are having another Day of Prayer on Wednesday, June 24, from 8:00am – 5:30pm. As before, we're asking that you sign up to come to the sanctuary to pray for half an hour (or more, if you wish) for the PNC, church leaders, the future of our church, a new pastor, express gratitude, and anything else you would like to pray about. The sanctuary will have soft lighting and prayerful music to set the mood. Sign up with Sharon or Colleen, or use sign-up Genius:

<https://tinyurl.com/rvmp9brs>

Church Safety Training

ALICE Training will be presented by the Farmington Hills Police Department in June. This will be a great opportunity for a refresher (recommended to do every 2 years) for those who have had it previously or for those who have never had the course. ALICE stands for Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter and Evacuate.



Alert
Lockdown
Inform
Counter
Evacuate

What: Safety training in the event of an active shooter or other dangerous situation.

Where: Nardin Park Methodist Church 29887 West 11 Mile Road, Farmington Hills

When: Saturday, June 27 at 10:00-noon.

Who: Church leaders, greeters, ushers, Sunday sextons, interested members, and you!

No registration needed, but let Ron or Nancy Prieskorn know if you want to go, so we can give a number to Nardin Park.



Bridging to Belonging, Saturday, June 27, 2026

Why does division come so easily and belonging feel so hard? In this interactive workshop, you'll explore the science of othering and belonging, discover why connection can be challenging, and practice proven skills to bridge divides. You'll walk away with new connections and simple practices to bring more belonging into your everyday life. \$35/person. This is being held at St. Paul American Lutheran Church 21915 Beech St, Dearborn, MI 48124.

Grow A Row to Help a Neighbor

Are you planting a garden this year? Be a part of the Farmington Hills "Feed the Need" Task Force and grow an extra row for a neighbor! Our neighbors in need could benefit from your generosity. Drop-off locations will be shared soon. Register here >>>>>>>>



Garden and Nutrition Project – Every Saturday, 9:30am – 11:30am

Once again this year, FPCF is sponsoring DCDI's Garden and Nutrition Class, every Saturday, from 9:30 am – 11:30 am. Sometimes we'll be in the classroom (Room 208/210) and always in the garden. We'll learn vermicomposting, making a gingerbug, and more! Bring your kids or grandkids! FPCF is participating in the Grow A Row Project with DCDI. If you have any questions, please contact Sharon Cressman, or Colleen Tavor. Can't always join us on a Saturday? Come when you can!

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:

- June 21: Last names beginning E-K
- June 28: Last names beginning L-R
- July 5: Last names beginning S-Z
- July 12 : Last names beginning A-D



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.

Church Calendar

Sunday, June 14

Flag Day

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

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

Monday, June 15

Office Open 9:30am until 3:30pm

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

Tuesday, June 16

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, June 17

Office Open 9:30am until 3:30pm

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

5:00pm - 6:30pm Joint Deacon/
Elder Dinner Meeting

6:30pm - 8:30pm Session Meeting

Thursday, June 18

Office Open 9:30am until 3:30pm

Friday, June 19

Juneteenth

Community Connections Deadline

5:00pm Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday, June 20

2:30pm Wedding

Sunday, June 21

Father's Day

Summer Solstice

9:00am - 10:00am

The Wired Word

10:00am - 11:00am

Worship In-Person
and Livestream Service

11:30am - 1:30pm

Session Discussion
Group



First Presbyterian Church Staff

Ministers of the Church

Parish Associate/Temp Acting Head of Staff

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Rev. Craig S. Aue

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