



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 prepare ourselves for worship. Please enter the sanctuary quietly and in time to hear the welcome and announcements.

July 7, 2024  
**The Lord's Supper**  
**7th Sunday After Pentecost**

Prayer of Preparation

*Dear God, silence all voices within our minds but your own. Help us to seek and be able to follow your will. May our prayers be joined with those of our sisters and brothers in the faith, that together we may glorify your name and enjoy your fellowship forever. In Jesus' name, **Amen.***

**We Enter into God's Presence**

*\*Please stand in body or spirit*

Prelude	<i>What a Friend We Have in Jesus</i>	Charles C. Converse, arr. Mary McDonald
Welcome / Greetings <i>Signing of the Friendship Pad &amp; Prayer Cards</i>		Pastor Bruce Mulder
Congregational Life		Sharon Cressman
*Call to Worship— <i>Psalm 98</i>		Sharon Cressman
L: Sing a new song to the Lord, who has worked wonders, whose right hand and holy arm have brought salvation.		
<b>P: The Lord has made known salvation; God has shown justice to the nations; The Lord has remembered truth and love for the house of Israel.</b>		
L: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.		
<b>P: Shout to the Lord, all the earth, sing out your joy.</b>		

L: Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp, with the sound of music.

**P: With trumpets and the sound of the horn acclaim the King, the Lord.**

L: Let us worship the Lord our God. Amen

\*Opening Hymn #716      *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*      Robert L. Edwards

**1 God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store,  
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door:  
gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise;  
thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.**

**2 Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:  
all at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the church made one.  
Now direct our daily labor, lest we strive for self alone.  
Born with talents, make us servants fit to answer at your throne.**

**3 Treasure, too, you have entrusted, gain through powers your grace conferred:  
ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel word.  
Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call,  
healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving you by loving all.**

Prayer of Confession—from *Psalms 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.**

Assurance of Forgiveness—*Psalms 32:3-5*

While I kept silence, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long.  
For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

## We Hear God's Word

Scripture Reading

*Mark 6.1-13*

Sharon Cressman

6 He left that place and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. 2 On the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! 3 Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary[a] and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense[b] at him. 4 Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown and among their own kin and in their own house." 5 And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. 6 And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. 7 He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. 8 He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff: no bread, no bag, no money in their belts, 9 but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. 10 He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. 11 If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." 12 So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. 13 They cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

Anthem

*God Is Our Refuge*

Allen Pote

Sermon

**Coming and Going**

Pastor Bruce Mulder

## We Respond to God's Word

Offertory & Doxology

Pastor Bruce Mulder

*Collection of Prayer Cards*

**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-Bloom

## The Sacrament of Holy Communion

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 Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor Bruce Mulder

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks and praise to our God.

**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Great is the mystery of our faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

The Words of Institution

Sharing of the Gifts of Bread & Cup

Pastor Bruce Mulder

*Please come forward to receive the bread and cup when you are ready, or raise your hand and you will be served where you are seated. Please be sure to deposit your trash in the trash can, not the recycling bin- Thank you!*

Communion Prayer

Pastor Bruce Mulder

Prayers of the People

Sharon Cressman

Prayer of Thanksgiving & The Lord's Prayer—4<sup>th</sup> century

Sharon Cressman

We acclaim you, holy God, glorious in power; your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care so that, in obedience to you, our creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation. Almighty God, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet was without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose, he gave himself up to death and, rising from the grave, destroyed death and made the whole creation new. We give you thanks and pray in the holy name of Christ, who teaches 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 # 835

*Just A Closer Walk With Thee*

Traditional North  
American Hymn

## Refrain:

**Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea,  
daily walking close to thee: let it be, dear Lord, let it be.**

**1 I am weak, but thou art strong; Jesus, keep me from all wrong;  
I'll be satisfied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee. [Refrain]**

**2 Through this world of toil and snares, if I falter, Lord, who cares?  
Who with me my burden shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee. [Refrain]**

**3 When my feeble life is o'er, time for me will be no more;  
guide me gently, safely o'er to thy shore, dear Lord, to thy shore. [Refrain]**

Benediction

Pastor Bruce Mulder

Postlude

*Deo Gratias*

Philip Moore

**Today's flowers are presented by Dot Basmaji in loving memory of her husband Neil.**

## Worship Liturgist

We welcome Sharon Cressman as today's liturgist. Our liturgist for July 14<sup>th</sup> is Manny Sharpe. For information on serving as a liturgist to assist the pastor during worship, please contact Kari Gorman.

## Backpacks for Foster Kids

Join the Mission team on Sunday, July 21 at 11:30am in Knox Hall as we fill backpacks that will be given to children in the foster care system. We will provide all the supplies.



## Growing Hands Garden and Nutrition Project

First Presbyterian Church Farmington is partnering again for a second summer with Danika Community Development Inc. (DCDI) to provide the Growing Hands Gardening and Nutrition Class. The class is structured to have half the time in the classroom and half the time in our garden. The class meets from 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. every Saturday throughout the summer and covers growing herbs, how to make your own compost, fermenting, healthy eating habits, and much more. You are welcome

to join us as we build a learning community centered around growing our own veggies and

living a healthy lifestyle. If you would like to join us, please let Tom Neal, Colleen Tavor, or Sharon Cressman know which Saturday morning you are available. It is a great opportunity to meet new folks and to learn something new.

### **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](mailto:info@farmington-pres.org) These are printed once per month to conserve on paper.

### **Church Security**

Although we're all eager to be outside and enjoy the warmer weather, be sure to take just a few extra seconds and make certain that doors are locked if you visit the church during off-hours. That includes removing any doorstops, resuming toggle switches to "lock mode" and giving the doors a tug to ensure they're locked. Thanks for keeping the building and our church staff safe.

### **Contacting Pastor Bruce**

If you'd like to connect with Pastor Bruce: [bruce.mulder@farmington-pres.org](mailto: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. Announcement request must include the dates in which it should be placed and removed in the bulletin. Font Size: Arial Narrow, Size 14. It is best if the announcements are attached in a word document with an email. Moving forward, announcements will not be edited or written up from verbal or phone call requests. Please email them to [info@farmington-pres.org](mailto:info@farmington-pres.org) Additionally, as a reminder, you will need prior approval for inclusion of an activity in the church calendar. Contact the church office at [info@farmington-pres.org](mailto:info@farmington-pres.org) with any questions and/or submissions.

### **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://farmingtonprespreschool.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](mailto: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:

- July 14: Last names beginning L-R
- July 21: Last names beginning S-Z
- July 28: Last names beginning A-D
- August 4: 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](mailto:bruce.mulder@farmington-pres.org), Bob Van Hamme [mvanhamme@twmi.rr.com](mailto:mvanhamme@twmi.rr.com) or Sally Kirsten [sckirsten@hotmail.com](mailto: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**

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. Bob Van Hamme [mvanhamme@twmi.rr.com](mailto:mvanhamme@twmi.rr.com) or Sally Kirsten [sckirsten@hotmail.com](mailto:sckirsten@hotmail.com).

## **Summer Office Hours**

Summer hours are in effect (The office is open **on Tuesday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.** and **closed on Monday's and Friday's**. As a reminder, please contact the church office via telephone at (248) 474-6170 or email at [info@farmington-pres.org](mailto:info@farmington-pres.org). It will be a very good idea to call ahead if you need to come into the building.

## **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, who is leaving the item and whom to contact.

### First Presbyterian Church Staff

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	Lidia Neathamer





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