



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.**

## **September 22, 2024**

### **18<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost**

Prayer of Preparation

Loving God, for each one who leads us in worship today, we pray that they may be so filled with your Spirit that they will clearly reflect the glory of Christ in all they say and do. We pray that everyone in this place will know you are with us and be drawn to bring you all honor and praise. **Amen.**

#### **We Enter into God's Presence**

\*Please stand in body or spirit

Prelude

*Amazing Grace*

American Melody  
arr. Marilyn Thompson

Welcome / Greetings

Pastor Bruce Mulder

*Signing of the Friendship Pad & Prayer Cards*

Update from the Mission Study Team

Katie Malisow

\*Call to Worship—from Psalm 1

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked or take the path that sinners tread or sit in the seat of scoffers,

**But their delight is in the law of the LORD, and on God's law they meditate day and night.**

They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.

**The wicked are not so but are like chaff that the wind drives away.**

Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous,

**For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.**

Let us worship the Lord our God. Amen.

*\*Opening Hymn #373*

*O Day of Peace*

**O day of peace that dimly shines though all the hopes and prayers and dreams,  
guide us to justice, truth and love delivered from our selfish schemes.**

**May swords of hate fall from our hands, our hearts from envy find release,  
Till by God's grace our warring world shall see Christ's promised reign of peace**

**Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb, nor shall the fierce devour the small;  
As beasts and cattle calmly graze, a little child shall lead them all.**

**Then enemies shall learn to love, all creatures find their true accord;  
The hope of peace shall be fulfilled, for all the earth shall know the Lord.**

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, for the things we have done that we regret,

**forgive us;**

For the things we have failed to do that we regret,

**forgive us;**

For all the times we have acted without love,

**forgive us;**

For all the times we have reacted without thought,

**forgive us;**

For all the times we have withdrawn care,

**forgive us;**

For all the times we have failed to forgive,

**forgive us.**

For hurtful words said and helpful words unsaid,  
for unfinished tasks and unfulfilled hopes,

**God of all time, forgive us and help us  
to lay down our burden of regret. Amen.**

Words of Assurance— from Psalm 54

But surely, God is my helper;

**The Lord is the upholder of my life.**

In your faithfulness, put an end to my sin.



Creator God, you call us to love and serve you with body, mind, and spirit through loving your creation and our sisters and brothers. Open our hearts in compassion and receive these petitions on behalf of the needs of the church and the world.

**For your love and goodness, we give you thanks, O God.**

We praise your abiding guidance, O God, for you sent us Jesus, our Teacher and Messiah, to model for us the way of love for the whole universe. As we follow, grow us into more mature and faithful disciples.

**For your love and goodness,  
we give you thanks, O God.**

Lord God, friend of those in need, your Son Jesus has untied our burdens and healed our spirits. We lift up the prayers of our hearts for those still burdened, those seeking healing, those in need within the church and the world.

**For your love and goodness,  
we give you thanks, O God.**

Author of grace and God of love, send your Holy Spirit's blessing to your children here present. Keep our hearts and thoughts in Jesus Christ, your Son, our only Savior, who has taught us to pray:

**"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 #432

*How Clear is our Vocation, Lord*

**How clear is our vocation, Lord, when once we heed your call  
To live according to your word and daily learn, refreshed, restored  
That you are Lord of all and will not let us fall.**

**But if, forgetful, we should find your yoke is hard to bear;  
If worldly pressures fray the mind and love itself can not unwind  
Its tangled skein of care: our inward life repair**

**We marvel how your saints became in hindrances mor sure:  
Whose joyful virtues put to shame the casual way we wear your name,  
And by our faults obscure your power to cleanse and cure.**

**In what you give us, Lord, to do, together or alone,  
In old routines or ventures new, may we not cease to look to you:  
The cross you hung upon, all you endeavored, done.**

Benediction

Pastor Bruce Mulder

Postlude

Ill Trumpet Voluntary from Suite for Organ

John Stanley

### **Worship Liturgist**

We welcome Sue Carlson as today's liturgist. Our liturgist for September 29<sup>th</sup> is Colleen Tavor. For information on serving as a liturgist to assist the pastor during worship, please contact Kari Gorman.

### **Georgia Roed Memorial Information**



Visitation- Saturday November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:30am

Memorial Service- Saturday November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 11am

Location- Hope Lutheran Church, 39200 West Twelve Mile Rd, Farmington Hills, MI 48331

Attendees are requested to RSVP by calling or texting Heidi Roed at 704-905-3223

\*In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be sent to the Ovarian Cancer Research Alliance or visit Georgia's tribute page to donate:

<https://tribute.ocrahope.org/myamazinglystrongandbeautifulmothergeorgiaroed>

### **Food for a Cause- Food Truck coming to FPCF on September 22**

Imagine enjoying tasty food from a food truck and helping CARES at the same time! On Sunday September 22<sup>nd</sup> from 11am-1pm. We will be able to buy burgers, wings, fries & street food from DC Novelty Eats, a portion of sales will go to CARES. Tell your neighbors!

### **Flu Clinic**

The Deacons will be hosting a Flu Clinic on September 22<sup>nd</sup> immediately following worship. We encourage all members to follow the advice of their doctor and get their yearly Flu Shot if so advised. The Visiting Nurse Association provides this no cost service as a courtesy to promote public health and well-being. Please bring your Medicare ID card &/or your insurance card. The Mission committee is graciously providing a coupon to be used at the Food Truck to everyone that gets a Flu Shot.

### **Stewardship 2025 – Following Jesus**

As we move through our process of change and transition toward a permanent pastor, what better way to move forward than by "Following Jesus?" Last year we committed to being a "sailboat church," depending on God's provision as the Holy Spirit guides us forward. May we all draw closer to Jesus as we explore what it truly means to follow him

### **Pray-A-Thon on Thursday, October 17, 8:00 am – 5:30 pm**

Nothing is more powerful than prayer. And when we pray **together** for something, it is even more powerful. Remember that the Pray-A-Thon we had last year brought us Pastor Bruce! In that spirit, we are planning a Pray-A-Thon focused on praying for the Mission Study Committee and the future vision of our church. You can come alone or with a friend but keep in mind, we

want the sanctuary to be quiet and subdued so others can pray undisturbed. If you cannot come to the sanctuary to pray that day, you can pray at home, at work, anywhere. Let's join our voices together. See Sharon Cressman or Colleen Tavor to sign up for a half hour of prayer in the sanctuary. We want the whole day covered in prayer!

“Do not be anxious for anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God (Philippians 4:6).

### **Peace and Global Witness Offering (September 8 – October 6)**

A gift to the Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice across the world. The offering will be split among Mission Agencies, mid-council, and local peace activities. You can use the appropriate envelopes located in the pews for your offering. Thank you for your gift for peace.

### **Who Moved My Chair? Sprucing Up the Narthex!**

The Membership Committee is pleased to tell you that we have purchased new furniture for the narthex, and it is set to be delivered next week! While we love our church, it needed some updating, and like all of us at times, needed a makeover. We hope you'll enjoy and embrace these changes as we work toward making our shared spaces warmer and more welcoming to us and guests. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Aesthetics Team in the Membership Committee: Vicki Najjar, Laurel Scott, and Colleen Tavor.

### **Preschool Open Enrollment**



**FARMINGTON  
PRESBYTERIAN  
PRESCHOOL**

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**

Thank you for using your 2024 CARES shopping list each month to donate. Your neighbors, the guests at CARES, appreciate the availability of a variety of food from which to choose.

### **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).

### **Join the JOY study this year!**

JOY will be reading and discussing the book of Romans using a study guide written by New Testament scholar N.T.Wright. The JOY study will resume after Labor Day. Come learn from Romans with us!

### **Interviewing and Resume Writing: Effective Strategies**

In partnership with DCDI (Danika Community Development Inc.) we will again sponsor a resume writing and practice interview workshop. Emphasis will be placed on consulting, advising and practice interviews. The workshop will take place on Sept 21,28, and October 5 in room 208/210 from 10am-1pm. If you are interested in volunteering for the practice interviews please reach out to Colleen Tavor

### **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:

September 8: Last names beginning E-K

September 15: Last names beginning L-R

September 22: Food Truck

September 29: Last names beginning S-Z

### **Volunteers Wanted: Mission Opportunity at Crossroads**

Dust off your aprons and grab your oven mitts! We are preparing and serving lunch at Crossroads of Michigan Sunday, September 29. Some preparation is also needed on Friday, September 27. See the FYI for the sign-up link or Nancy Prieskorn will also be happy to send it to you!

### **Mission Study Committee Established (aka the MS6)**

The Mission Study Committee met for the first time on Tuesday, September 3, and we are excited to begin the next step forward into our future. The committee has 6 members: Alvine Cooper, Becca DeSloover, Ginny Hubble, Katie Malisow, Tom Neal and Colleen Tavor. Pastor Bruce will facilitate and guide our work. A Mission Study looks at the history of our church, who we are now and who we want to be in the future.

We will be involving the congregation in the process and keep you updated via town halls, the FYI, eblasts, and Sunday bulletins. When our Mission Self Study is completed and approved by the Presbytery, we can put together a committee that will search for our permanent pastor. The Mission Self Study will help inform a potential new pastor about us and help them to determine if we are a good fit and where God is calling them. We hope that you will join us in this important next step in our church's future with your prayers for the committee and providing input as needed. Please direct all questions to anyone on the committee.

### **Mission Study Town Hall Gathering:**

Join us on October 27<sup>th</sup> at 11am in Knox Hall for an informational session regarding the data from the Mission Study Committee, a follow up gathering with updates will also take place November 17<sup>th</sup> at 11am in Knox Hall

## First Presbyterian Church Staff

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