



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
OF FARMINGTON

*Church of the Open Hands*

WELCOMING ALL; SHARING CHRIST; SERVING OTHERS

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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.*



### Prayer of Preparation

God of all time, as we prepare to worship you today and this week, help us to call to mind these past events in Jesus' life so that we can sense their significance for our present lives and for the future you are preparing for all creation. In Jesus' name, **Amen**.

## We Enter into God's Presence

*\*Please stand in body or spirit*

Prelude

In My Heart There Rings a Melody

arr Jerry Nelson

Welcome / Greetings

Pastor Bruce Mulder

*Signing of the Friendship Pad & Prayer Cards*

\*Call to Worship based on John 12

Liturgist

The Lord Jesus comes, Christ the Messiah: Son of God, Son of Man.

**Hail! King Jesus, Lord of all!**

Recall the words of the Scriptures: “*A great crowd who had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying, ‘Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!’*”

**In praise we adore you as Ruler, Lord Jesus Christ. Enter our hearts today as you entered Jerusalem long ago, and lead us by faith in the way everlasting. Amen.**

\*Opening Hymn #196

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

*(Refrain)*

**All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,  
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!**

- 1. Thou art the Kings of Isreal, thou David’s royal Son,  
Who in the Lord’s name comest, the King and blessed One.**
- 2. The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went; Our  
praise and prayers and anthems before thee we present.**
- 3. To thee, before thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise; to  
thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise.**
- 4. Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring, who  
in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King!**

Prayer of Confession

Jesus, our Lord, we shout hosannas to praise you. With eager hands, we place our cloaks and palms on the path before you. Yet, Lord, we confess that the mouths that seek to praise you often deny or defy you. And we confess that the hands that seek to serve you often become fists. Lord, hear us as we confess.

*Silence*

Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

**For Christ came into the world not to condemn the world, but that the world through him should be saved.**

Therefore, be imitators of God, as beloved children.

**And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. Hosanna! Amen!**

## Words of Assurance

Hear the Word of the Lord from Psalm 118:

*Let those who fear the Lord say, God's steadfast love endures for ever." Out of my distress I called on the Lord; the Lord answered me and set me free. The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation. I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord.*

**In Christ, God answers us and sets us free! In Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.**

# We Hear God's Word

Reading

Philippians 2.5-11; Luke 19.28-40

Liturgist

## Philippians 2.5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was<sup>[a]</sup> in Christ Jesus, who, though he existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness. And being found in appearance as a human, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death even death on a cross. Therefore God exalted him even more highly and gave him the name that is above every other name, so that at the name given to Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

## Luke 19.28-40

After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus, and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. Now as he was approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!" Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

Anthem

Now Sing We All Hosanna!  
FPC Choir

Don Besig

Sermon

"A Hushed Hosanna"

Offertory & Collection of Prayer Cards

\*Doxology #606

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise God all creatures here and below.  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

## **We Respond to God's Word**

Prayer of the People, Thanksgiving, & The Lord's Prayer

Liturgist

God, whose gracious love for us embraced that long and lonely journey to the cross, gather us close to you in these days when again we make that journey in meditation and recollection.

Help us to contemplate again the way taken by our Savior: the false charges against him, the fear and flight of the disciples, the kiss of betrayal, the crown of thorns, the purple robe—and in such contemplation give us courage to face those times in our own lives when he received the same at our hands. Yet help us also remember that you have gone before us, so we look to you for compassion and forgiveness, knowing you are able to save.

When we are weak, make us strong; when hurt and resentful, make us forgiving; when defeated and discouraged, make us hopeful. Keep us from asking for mercy without giving it ourselves, from praying for your kingdom but never working for it. In this week, deepen our faith by your matchless grace. Deepen the measure of our gratitude and Christian obedience.

Move us, who have so much, to share with others who have so little. Uphold us when we summon our courage to speak out for the alien and stranger within our gates and for those long denied dignity and freedom.

Guard and guide us through these days of meditation and remembrance. Guard and guide us through all our days until we come at last to that day when all our days and journeys will be gathered into your eternity, and we shall be with you forever. Glory be to you, O God, and hear us as we 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 # 228

Were You There?

**1. Were you there when they crucified my Lord? (Were you there?)**

**Were you there when they crucified my Lord?**

**O! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble. Were you There when they crucified my Lord? (Were you there)**

**2. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? (Were you there?)**

**Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?**

**O! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? (Were you there)**

**3. Were you there when they pierced him in the side? (Were you there?)**

**Were you there when they pierced him in the side?**

**O! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble. Were you there when they pierced him in the side? (Were you there)**

**4. Were you there when the sun refused to shine? (Were you there?)**

**Were you there when the sun refused to shine?**

**O! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble. Were you there when the sun refused to shine? (Were you there)**

**5. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? (Were you there?)**

**Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?**

**O! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? (Were you there)**

Benediction

Pastor Bruce Mulder

Postlude

Antiphon

arr. Dale Wood



### **Mourning the Loss of Donald Prieskorn**

Donald Prieskorn, a member of our congregation, moved to more life on March 31<sup>st</sup>.

A graveside memorial for Donald will be held on Monday, April 21, 2025. Contact the Prieskorns for additional details.

<https://www.heeney-sundquist.com/obituary/donald-prieskorn>

### **Financial Town Hall**

Please join us TODAY in Knox Hall following Worship to discuss FPC's finances.

### **Today is the FPCF Town Hall, Sunday, April 13, 2025, 11:15 a.m., Knox Hall**

This meeting will be held in person and virtually via Zoom. The purpose of this meeting is to review the FPCF finances.

Zoom Invite Information - The meeting will open a few minutes early to allow people to join before the start.

Date/Time: April 13, 2025, 11:15 am Eastern Time

Zoom Meeting Link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89606546099?pwd=Jf9s1ehg3tjfZSB9PBpPaTBVcPI4a1.1>

Meeting ID: 820 8149 1506 Passcode: 608745

### **2025 CROP Hunger Walk - Building a better world ... where there is enough for ALL**

Our Farmington/FH/WB Walk was ranked #11 out of over 500 CROP Hunger Walks in the country last year! We want to keep that up this year, when funding is needed even more, so please consider donating to and/or walking in this year's WALK on Sunday, May 4th. Donations can be made online, given directly to one of the walkers or sent to the church office. Online donations are preferred, but cash and checks written to CWS/CROP Hunger Walk are also accepted. The online link

is: <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/crophungerwalks/team/first-presbyterian-of-farmington> and our team name is "First Presbyterian of Farmington". Donation sign-up forms will also be available in the Narthex on April 27 and May 4. Everyone is welcome, so invite your family and friends to participate. Please contact Dorothy Tait ([detait1957@gmail.com](mailto:detait1957@gmail.com)) for more info or to sign up to walk. The walk is downtown Farmington at the First United Methodist Church of Farmington, 33112 Grand River, Farmington. We are so grateful for your support of this program which can make an immediate and life-saving impact. Watch our new Goal Chart in the Narthex grow!

### **BAKERS AND VOLUNTEERS WANTED!!**

Our 9th annual craft show is coming very soon. We need lots of bakers and volunteers. There is a sign up sheet on the Kiosk or speak to Deborah Draper, Sue Cooper or Leslie Moyna.

### **CARES Food Pantry**

The number of people needing assistance in providing enough food for their family continues to grow. Between 750 and 800 households are served by CARES each month. Please take home a yellow CARES shopping list, found in the pews, and take it with you on your next shopping trip. We have provided a plastic bin in the Narthex for your generous donations. Thank you for remembering your neighbors.

## **CALLING ALL WOMEN EUCHRE PLAYERS for a fun afternoon**

Our next afternoon of cards will be: **Friday May 2** from 2:00 to 4:00 in the **Library**. Add these dates to your calendar and sign up on the kiosk. Get in on the fun before we go on summer break! New players are welcome- we can teach YOU!

-Questions? See Nancy Prieskorn

## **Mission Opportunity: Service at Hospitality House Food Pantry**

We are joining Crossroads Presbyterian Church (the church Josh Archey serves) Saturday, April 26 for a day of service at Hospitality House Food Pantry located at 15 Mile Road and M5. The hours are 9:45 to 2:00pm.

Here's how you can join us:

1. Go to the Hospitality House website.
2. Click on the volunteer button.
3. Go through the volunteer registration steps.
4. Click on the Sign-up Genius button.
5. Scroll down to April 26.
6. Sign up!

Questions? See Josh Archey or Nancy Prieskorn

## **One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS)**

The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People - all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From the initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

OGHS envelopes are available on the back of the pews. Checks can be made out to First Presbyterian Church Farmington but be sure to note that it is for OGHS on the memo line.

## **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:

April 6: Last names beginning L-R

April 13: Last names beginning S-Z

April 20: Last names beginning A-D

April 27: Last names beginning E-K



### QR Code for Donations!

If you ever forget to go to the ATM, or simply don't carry cash on you, we've decided to include the church QR code for a more streamlined donation process. To donate, just scan the QR code and follow the prompts!

First Presbyterian Church Staff	
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## 2025 Easter Flowers Order Form

*All orders are due by Monday, April 14*

Please place your order for Easter lilies, tulips, and/or azaleas (all in 6-inch pots with foil cover) by completing this form and returning it along with your payment. Plants may be taken after the 10:00 a.m. Easter worship service on April 20 or left for delivery to a homebound member.



I / We wish to donate the following plant(s) for decorating the church on Easter Sunday and/or to support a community member in need. Please use the following recognition in the Easter bulletin:

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_  
name of person(s)

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_  
name of person(s)

Ordered by: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

I / We would like to order the following number of plants:

\_\_\_\_\_ Red Tulip plant - \$12 each      \_\_\_\_\_ Fresh Produce for CARES - \$15 each  
\_\_\_\_\_ Easter Lily plant - \$16 each

Total due \$ \_\_\_\_\_  Payment included with order

Please deliver my plant(s) to a homebound member.