

LOVE

NEVER GIVES UP.

Love cares more for others than for self.
Love doesn't want what it doesn't have.
Love doesn't strut, Doesn't have a swelled head,
Doesn't force itself on others, Isn't always "me first,"
Doesn't fly off the handle, Doesn't keep score of the sins of others,
Doesn't revel when others grovel, Takes pleasure in the flowering of truth,
Puts up with anything, Trusts God always, Always looks for the best,
Never looks back, But keeps going to the end.

LOVE NEVER DIES.

1 Corinthians 13: 4-8a



Eugene Peterson, *The Message*

“WHERE’S THE LOVE?”

Epiphany 6 ✠ February 6, 2022

FARMINGDALE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FARMINGDALE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
welcomes you to our family as we celebrate God's grace!

Distance cannot break the bonds of Christian fellowship.
 The Spirit is faithful and connects us to one another
 even over distance and separation.

Due to Covid-19 orders, we are worshipping God in a new way. God is all around us all the time. We have access to God's power and love if we are worshipping together at our building or if we are worshipping at home. We are just glad you are continuing to center yourself in God's love during this unprecedented time. May our prayers and praise bring Glory to God where we are safe. Your worship puts God's power and love into our world so that we can strengthen our nation and God's world in the fight for preserving life during these days.

Thank you for protecting & loving your neighbor by wearing your mask when at worship in our building as we are following CDC & IDPH guidelines.

If you are looking for a spiritual home, are interested in learning more about Farmingdale Church, or in becoming a member, we encourage you to talk with the Pastor or and Elder about joining.

WORSHIP NOTES

Parents and children, here is the link to a lesson complete with story, Bible passage, discussion questions & activities
https://sermons4kids.com/chocolate_chips_odell.htm

Offering: An offering box is at the back of in the sanctuary where you can drop your offering. You can also continue to mail your pledges to the church. Thank you for your continued support!!

Joys & Concerns: There is an basket in the center aisle of the sanctuary. Please drop your written prayer card in there by the time of the Doxology so they can be shared during the Joys & Concerns time.

Prayer concerns can be called to Judy Adams at (217) 546-4743 home or texted/called to Pastor Lonna (217)801-7964 mobile during the week. They will pass along these prayer needs to our phone & email prayer chain coordinator Jennifer H. Prayers that come in during the week will be added to the next week's bulletin. We are using first names and last initials to protect people's privacy.

Preaching Texts for next week, February 13, 2022—Epiphany 7:

OLD: Isaiah 6.1-6 (9-13)

PSALM 138

GOSPEL: Luke 5.1-11

EPISTLE: 1 Corinthians 15.1-11

THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Ministers _____ The Farmingdale Congregation
 Pastor _____ Rev. Lonna Chang-Ren Lee
 Cameraman Extraordinaire _____ Richard Deal
 Church Musician _____ John Irwin

FARMINGDALE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 2022

SESSION & LEADERSHIP

CLASS OF 2022	CLASS OF 2023	CLASS OF 2024
Jim Bidilli	Louie Adams, Worship	Ralph Goodwin, Building & Grounds
Marialyce Havey	Tim Humphrey, Stewardship	Kim Hall, Christian Education
Ko-u Hopkins, Media	Bill Kinner, Building & Grounds	Sara Ross, Christian Education
Julia Schad	Carol Pappas, Mission	

STAFF

OFFICERS

Rev. Lonna C. Lee, Pastor & Moderator	
Pat Miller – Interim Office Manager	Bill Kinner, Financial Secretary
Allyson Dodd, John Irwin, & Gino Moriconi – Church Musicians	Scott Morey, Treasurer
Wendy Volker – Custodian	

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Epiphany 6

February 6, 2022—10:00am

"¹³ But for right now, until that completeness, we have three things to do to lead us toward that consummation: Trust steadily in God, hope unswervingly, love extravagantly. And the best of the three is love."

— Eugene Peterson, *The Message*

Gathering Around God's Word

Prelude

"It Is Well with My Soul"

— traditional; John Irwin, arr.

Welcome

*If you have a joy or concern to share, please fill out
a prayer request card & bring it to the offering plate in the center aisle.*

Rev. Lonna C. Lee

Introit #288

"Spirit of the Living God"

(verse 1 only)

1. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

* Call to Worship & Prayer of Invocation

One: How precious is God's steadfast love!

All: We will find refuge in the shelter of God's wings.

One: Come and feast on God's abundance.

All: We will drink from the river of God's delights.

One: In mystery and grandeur,

All: WE ENCOUNTER the God of all creation.

One: In renewed justice and the promise of new life,

All: WE KNOW deep love of Christ.

One: In the wonderful diversity in every community,

All: THE SPIRIT OF GOD moves among us.

One: Let us worship the God of beauty, love, and wisdom.

All: WE WILL PRAISE GOD, ever Three and ever One, now and always.

One: Let us pray, . . .

All: ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING ONE,

your power is incomparable, your majesty infinite, and your love beyond our imagining.

You are hidden in mystery, and yet so present.

In a hectic world, you are peace and rest.

In a harsh world, you are tenderness and mercy.

In the cold and dark of winter, you are light and comfort,

and so we bring you our worship, for you are the One who created us,

the One who redeems us, and the One who gives us life,

our one and only God, to whom we offer all love and loyalty, now and always, Amen.

* Hymn #366

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

1. Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion; pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.
2. Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast;
let us all in thee inherit; let us find the promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

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| <p>3. Come, Almighty, to deliver;
suddenly return, and never,
Thee we would be always blessing,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,</p> <p>4. Finish then thy new creation;
let us see thy great salvation
changed from glory into glory,
till we cast our crowns before thee,</p> | <p>let us all thy life receive;
nevermore thy temples leave.
serve thee as thy hosts above,
glory in thy perfect love.</p> <p>pure and spotless let us be;
perfectly restored in thee:
till in heaven we take our place,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.</p> |
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Call to & Prayer of Confession

One: Whether we have the gift of beautiful speech, or the gift of understanding and knowledge, or the gift of faith or of generosity or of any other good thing – if we do not love, even our most precious talents are as nothing.

And if we believe Love to be a only feeling or a thought, still we miss the Truth.

Before God, with the people of God, let us confess the ways we have fallen short of God's Love, praying together, . . .

ALL: GOD OF ABUNDANT LOVE,

Love is patient and kind – and we are in a bit of a hurry.

Love does not insist on its own way – but really, God, my way is clearly best.

Love is not envious or resentful – and yet we hoard it as if there might not be enough.

Love is all these verbs – rejoices, bears, believes, hopes, endures –

**but we are so tempted to confine it where we can understand and control,
diminishing love into merely romance or intellect.**

God is Love, and those who abide in Love abide in God.

Forgive us forgive us our sins against your love and hear us now as we confess our sins . . .

(Silent personal prayers of confession)

Leader: God of abundant love,

ALL: WHEN WE HAVE NOT LIVED IN YOUR LOVE, when we have insisted and hurt and believed ourselves to know fully even as we know only in part – Forgive us, O God.

When we have thought, spoken, and acted in childish ways

even as you call us to grow in your grace, – Forgive us, O God.

Draw us again into your embrace, that we may abide in faith, hope, and love, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, hear this good news: Though now we see dimly, as through a tinted window, Love is clearing the way for us to know God just as fully as God knows us.

ALL: WE WILL LIVE THE GOOD NEWS: in the love of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia and Amen!

* Gloria Patri #581

“Glory Be to the Father”

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,

And to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: World without end. Amen.

Proclaiming God's Word

Time with Children

Prayer for Illumination

1st Reading

Luke 4:21-30 (NRSV)

The Beginning of the Galilean Ministry

21 Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” 22 All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, “Is not this Joseph's son?” 23 He said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, ‘Doctor, cure yourself!’ And you will say, ‘Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.’” 24 And he said, “Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. 25 But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and

there was a severe famine over all the land; ²⁶ yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. ²⁷ There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.” ²⁸ When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. ²⁹ They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. ³⁰ But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

2nd Reading

1 Corinthians 13:1-13 (CEB)

Love: the universal spiritual gift

¹If I speak in tongues of human beings and of angels but I don't have love, I'm a clanging gong or a clashing cymbal. ²If I have the gift of prophecy and I know all the mysteries and everything else, and if I have such complete faith that I can move mountains but I don't have love, I'm nothing. ³If I give away everything that I have and hand over my own body to feel good about what I've done but I don't have love, I receive no benefit whatsoever.

⁴Love is patient, love is kind, it isn't jealous, it doesn't brag, it isn't arrogant, ⁵ it isn't rude, it doesn't seek its own advantage, it isn't irritable, it doesn't keep a record of complaints, ⁶ it isn't happy with injustice, but it is happy with the truth. ⁷ Love puts up with all things, trusts in all things, hopes for all things, endures all things.

⁸ Love never fails. As for prophecies, they will be brought to an end. As for tongues, they will stop. As for knowledge, it will be brought to an end. ⁹ We know in part and we prophesy in part; ¹⁰ but when the perfect comes, what is partial will be brought to an end. ¹¹ When I was a child, I used to speak like a child, reason like a child, think like a child. But now that I have become a man, I've put an end to childish things. ¹² Now we see a reflection in a mirror; then we will see face-to-face. Now I know partially, but then I will know completely in the same way that I have been completely known. ¹³ Now faith, hope, and love remain – these three things – and the greatest of these is love.

Sermon

“Where's the Love?”

Rev. Lonna Chang-Ren Lee

Responding to God's Word

* Hymn #693

“Though I May Speak”

1. Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire,
and have not love, my words are vain, as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.
2. Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess,
but not be given by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin.
3. Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control; our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed; by this we worship, and are freed.

Opportunities for Ministry

Call for the Offering

* Doxology #606

“Praise God from whom . . . ”

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

* Prayer of Dedication

Leader: Let us dedicate our gifts to God's work, praying together . . .

ALL: O GOD OF LOAVES AND FISHES, of bread and of wine,
we bring before you our diversity of gifts,
knowing that they will be multiplied for the benefit of many.

O God of resurrection, who makes all things new,
accept our offering to both give and receive,
trusting that there is abundance in togetherness, and generosity in you, Amen.

Joys & Concerns

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

(GTG, p. 35)

THIS WEEK at Farmingdale Presbyterian Church February 6—13, 2022

TODAY, 2/6	Sunday	10am	Worship in-person & on FB Live – Epiphany 6 2021 Annual Report distribution
		11a-1p	Pastor Lonna's Office Hours
2/7	Monday	9pm	Session reports & motions deadline to Co-Clerks
2/8	Tuesday	6-7:30pm	AYM Meeting on Zoom – Valentines Cards (note change in day)
2/9	Wednesday	11am	CCM on Zoom
2/3	Thursday	1pm	Ruth Circle @ Patricia S.' 615 Outer Park Drive
2/13	Sunday	10am	Worship in-person & on FB Live – Epiphany 7
		11:30am	Annual Congregational Meeting
		noon-2p	Pastor Lonna's Office Hours
Upcoming Events			
2/14	Monday	5:30pm	Session Meeting in-person & on Zoom
2/19	Saturday	10a-3p	GRP Listening Sessions – 10-noon Opposed to dissolution; 1-3pm For dissolution of call
2/20	Sunday	10am	Worship in-person & on FB Live – Epiphany 8
		11:30am	Special Called Congregational Meeting – Motion for dissolution of Call with Pastor Lonna
2/27	Sunday	10am	Worship in-person & on FB Live – Transfiguration Sunday & Communion
3/2	Wednesday	9am	Abigail Circle
		7pm	Ash Wednesday Service
3/3	Thursday	1pm	Ruth Circle – TBD

2022 Giving Opportunities

There is still ongoing giving to Kumler and Pleasant Plains Helping Hands food pantries. These organizations know they can count on FPC for generous continued support and they thank us often. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) to help those affected by **winter storms, fires, & tornadoes**.

We continue to broadcast on Facebook LIVE so that those who need to remain at home can participate in our service as well.

Click this link to begin
[https://www.facebook.com/
FarmingdalePresbyterianChurch.org](https://www.facebook.com/FarmingdalePresbyterianChurch.org)

You do NOT have to join Facebook to watch our worship service.

WHILE THE FPC WEBSITE IS TEMPORARILY DOWN,
Digital Worship Bulletins can be downloaded
at this Direct link—<https://bbqspann.wixsite.com/website>



If you missed Facebook Live, you can still view the service.

Use the Facebook link & look for video in our "Posts".

Let us know you are there by saying "hi," commenting, & hitting the Like or Love buttons.

We love to know you are watching!!

We are striving to include as many of our congregation as possible.

Please join us Live next Sunday at 10 am!



How to reach Pastor Lonna

(217) 801-7964 Cell & text

The most immediate way to reach her is on her mobile by voice or text.

If it goes to voicemail, please leave a message!

E-mail — fpcPastorLonna@yahoo.com

Please send in your joys & concerns by email, text, or phone call. Prayer chain will be updated daily as needed by early evening.

Pat Miller is doing office projects by request. Please contact Pat at the church office email FarmingdalePCoffice@yahoo.com to request her help.

Please see above event listing for Pastor Lonna's Office Hours

Lonna is available by appointment as well. Please call or text her to set up a time and place.

(217) 801-7964

If you are coming by, please observe social distancing & using a face covering.





JOYS & CONCERNS (updated 2/5/2022)



New/Updates

*Gary Cartwright—died 2/4 suddenly; prayers for Bonnie & Kendra & the grandchildren

COVID-19

Steven J. —Covid-19 for the 3rd time; ER treatment; feeling a little better; vaccinated
Nephew's fiancé—got COVID when they were supposed to get married
Arienne & son CJ — COVID-19+; immune issues & MS; (Grace N.)
DIL's Grandpa Wes—may also have Covid 19 (Betty J.)
DIL's Grandma Betty—Covid-19 (Betty J.)
Morella L—29 y.o. struggling with COVID in Anchorage where care is limited (Jenica H.'s family member)

Hospice

Bonnie G.—prayers for peace (Chuck, Lonna, & Ruby)

Church/Local/National

For love & respect to guide our healing for our conflict in the body of Christ at Farmingdale (Tim H.)
Pray for a miracle for that God makes a way for us as the body of Christ
Tornado & wildfire & flood recovery
Deidre Graham-Silas— murdered DCFS social worker; for family & clients (Sherry W.)
Family of Kirstin Bopp—killed on 1/17, in a violent shooting; saved her two daughters ages 12 and 15, then shot by her husband; A reminder that domestic violence is often silent and can be deadly (Jenica H.'s close friend from college)

Cancer Treatment & New Dx

Beverly—stage 4 colon cancer spread to lungs; 3-6 mos, prognosis (Duck R's cousin & Cev H.)
Betsy I—Myeloma; pneumonia; now home
Ed W.—1/10 infusion, 1/21 CT scan; 1/26 Follow-up plan (Maebeth N.)
Jennifer H.—her cancer is stable
Matt C.—successful 12/141 colon cancer surgery; no further treatment needed (Susie C.'s son)
Uncle Ray—pancreatic cancer; not doing well (Amy W.)
Melinda H.—leukemia; 11/1 emergency surgery home on 11/4; new medication (Jenica H.)
Mardell N.—lung cancer; not doing well after chemo & radiation (Mary Ann A.)
Lynn W.—good tumor marker numbers (Rich D.'s HS friend)
Bob F.—treatable low-grade bladder cancer (Bill K.'s BIL) Friend.—cancer dx
Linda S.—prayer for full remission (Marialyce H.'s cousin)
Len & wife Sandy—recurrent cancer treatment (Ralph G.)
Bill—diabetes, Parkinson, recurrent cancer at home (Ralph G.)
Earl B.—prostate cancer (Jenica H.)
Brian E.—stage 4 lung cancer (Kim H.)
Ruth Ann D.—breast cancer (Betty J.'s friend)

Healing

Chrissy N. (Throop's daughter)—Breast surgery, now has pneumonia (Wendy V.)
Bill—deteriorating dementia, palliative care (Carolyn Sommer's father)
Stella S.—1/12 emergency surgery for a twisted colon; not doing & has COVID; family not able to see her (Betty J)
Uncle Mikel—1/21 brain cancer surgery, stage 2 growing slowly to stage 3; chemo & radiation (Allyson D.)
Ann—broken hip; now in rehab (Pat I.'s daughter)
Larry H.—foot ulcers not healing (Kim H.'s husband)
Carol K.—severe sinus infection; comfort & swift healing
Gary's 5 y.o. cousin Eloise—Alpers syndrome, degenerative fatal disease; made it home for Christmas; 12/26 Back at Luries (Marialyce H.)
Pat M.—12/23 broken pelvis from a fall (FPC's Office Manager)
Pastor Lonna—healing for 12/23 shoulder fracture
Carolyn S.—12/14 knee replacement surgery; continued healing
Candy D.—12/11 heart attack; now home (Tim H.'s mom)
Joy Y.—healing for 11/29 successful bone graft surgery for broken arm (Chuck G.'s sister)
Russ H.—rehab in hopes of healing and recovery; several digestive surgeries (Dave J.)
Anthony S. & family—in rehab (Lonna L.)
Carrie A.—low hemoglobin; blood count will rise to 14 which is normal (John I.)
Dennis F.—Bridge Care with multiple illnesses (Ralph G.)
Bill K—continued healing for foot
Judy A.—injured back; more pain than usual
Forrest S.—oral surgery on 10/26 (Wendy V.'s g-son)
Patricia S.—knee pain & esophagus follow-up
Tyler S.—hornets nest attack (Bud W.'s g-son)
Jeff—10/19 leg amputation; rehab (Esther T.'s friend)
David V.—multiple health issues (Wendy V.'s husband)
Bill—Parkinson's worsening (Louie A.'s BIL)
Charisse—eye problems (Ce N.'s daughter)
Esther B.—healing for 8/2 knee replacement surgery. & right eye that has lost partial vision due to a blood clot.
Velma F.—still getting PT for her leg; rUTIs
Charlotte W.—tests & adjustments (Sharon W.' g-daughter)
Kye—Dravet Syndrome (severe epilepsy) (Ralph G.)

Deaths—Lifting up these families in prayer as they grieve for the loss of . . .

Ron Ladley—1/15; McMillan cousin (Marialyce H.)

Those serving in our Armed Forces:

All our service people and their families, especially:

- ♦ Samantha C.—IL Air Guard Reserve; now home
- ♦ Christian J.—IL Air Guard Reserve
- ♦ Matt J.—IL Air Guard Reserve; now home
- ♦ Nathan J.—IL Air Guard Reserve
- ♦ Nik C.—IL Air Guard Reserve
- ♦ J.T. M.—IN Air Guard Reserve
- ♦ Ryan B.—Navy, Charleston SC

