

HOW OFTEN I
HAVE WANTED
TO GATHER
YOUR
CHILDREN
TOGETHER



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“GATHERING GOD”

2nd Sunday of Lent ✠ March 13, 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.

We are following CDC & IDPH guidelines. Wearing masks is voluntary.

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/mother-hen.html>

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 chain & 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, March 20, 2022—Lent 3

OLD: Isaiah 55:1-9

PSALM 63:1-8

GOSPEL: Luke 13:1-9

EPISTLE: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Ministers _____ The Farmingdale Congregation
 Pastor _____ Rev. Lonna Chang-Ren Lee
 Liturgist _____ Mike Lockenour
 Cameraman _____ Richard Deal
 Church Musician _____ Allyson Dodd

FARMINGDALE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 2022

SESSION & LEADERSHIP

CLASS OF 2022

CLASS OF 2023

CLASS OF 2024

Jim Bidilli, Co-Clerk	Louie Adams, Worship	Ralph Goodwin, Building & Grounds
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Ko-u Hopkins, Media	Bill Kinner, Building & Grounds	Sara Ross, Christian Education
Julia Schad, Parish Life	Carol Pappas, Mission	

STAFF

OFFICERS

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

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

2nd Sunday of Lent

March 13, 2022—10:00am

"By your Spirit, Almighty God, Grant us:

Love for others both friends & enemies,

Joy in serving you,

Peace in disagreement,

Patience in suffering,

Kindness toward all people,

Goodness in evil times,

Faithfulness in temptation,

Gentleness in the face of opposition,

Self-control in all things.

Then strengthen us for ministry in your name. Amen."

— Prayer of Recommitment

Gathering Around God's Word

Prelude

"What Wondrous Love Is This"

— Larry Schlackey

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 #626

"As the Deer"

As the deer pants for the water,

You alone are my heart's desire,

You alone are my strength, my shield;

You alone are my heart's desire,

so my soul longs after you.

and I long to worship you.

to you alone will my spirit yield.

and I long to worship you.

* Call to Worship (from Psalm 27) & Prayer of Adoration

Mike Lockenour

Leader: The Lord is our light and our salvation:

ALL: OF WHOM SHALL WE BE AFRAID?

Leader: The Lord is the stronghold of our life:

ALL: WE WILL WAIT FOR THE LORD IN FAITHFULNESS.

Leader: Let us seek the Lord's face in this time of worship:

ALL: WE WILL HONOR GOD'S PRESENCE in our prayers and our praises!

One: Let us pray, . . .

ALL: GOD EVER CREATING, EVER LOVING, EVER LEADING:

when things around us feel chaotic, you are peace

When so much we hear is not reliable, your word is truth.

When we are paralyzed by fear and anxiety,

your presence is freedom.

When we feel bereft and helpless, your love gives us hope.

God, you are the Source of all that matters.

We bring you our prayers and our praise this day,

for you reveal yourself to us in the goodness of creation,

in the love and mercy of Christ, your beloved,

and through the energy and wisdom of the Holy Spirit.

We worship you, O God, ever Three and ever One,

world without end, Amen.

* Hymn #611

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

1. Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,

Hearts unfold like flowers before thee,

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;

Giver of immortal gladness,

God of glory, Lord of love!

opening to the sun above.

drive the dark of doubt away.

fill us with the light of day.

2. All thy works with joy surround thee;
stars and angels sing around thee,
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
chanting bird and flowing fountain,
3. Mortals, join the happy chorus
Love divine is reigning o'er us,
Ever singing, march we onward,
Joyful music leads us sunward
- earth and heaven reflect thy rays;
center of unbroken praise.
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
call us to rejoice in thee.
- which the morning stars began.
joining all in heaven's plan.
victors in the midst of strife.
in the triumph song of life.

Call to & Prayer of Confession

Rev. Lonna C. Lee

One: *The temptations of the world loom large before us.*

*We are enticed, cajoled, and "sweet-talked" into moving from lives of service to lives of self-centeredness.
We need God's healing love.*

*In this time of confession, we ask for God's help to place our trust in Christ, that we may be strong
in our faith and confident in our service through serving others.*

Let us humbly come before God to confess . . .

ALL: GOD OF COMPASSION,

We are creatures who seek our own comfort.

We confess that we prefer our own plans to your purposes.

We shrink from costly discipleship and put our own interests first.

Forgive our fleeting commitment and the times we have indulged our own complaints.

Have mercy on us, O Lord, as we silently open our hearts and confess our sins . . .

(Silent personal prayers of confession)

Leader: *God of compassion,*

ALL: HAVE MERCY ON US.

**Inspire us with the energy to do your will and serve our neighbors
in the example of Christ, your Son and our Lord, Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: *Friends in Christ, while it is true that we have all sinned,*

it is a greater truth that we are forgiven through God's love poured out in Jesus Christ.

To all who humbly seek the mercy of God I say, in Jesus Christ our sin is forgiven.

Be at peace with God, with yourself, and with one another.

ALL: We will live into God's ways.

We will be slow to judge and quick to forgive.

We know God's forgiveness in our lives, and go forth to help repair and restore the world.

We are are forgiven, loved, and restored.

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

Mike Lockenour

1st Reading

Luke 13:31-35 (CEB)

Sorrow for Jerusalem

³¹ *At that time, some Pharisees approached Jesus and said, "Go! Get away from here, because Herod wants to kill you."*

³² *Jesus said to them, "Go, tell that fox, 'Look, I'm throwing out demons and healing people today and tomorrow, and on the third day I will complete my work. ³³ However, it's necessary for me to travel today, tomorrow, and the next day because it's impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.'*

³⁴ "Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those who were sent to you! How often I have wanted to gather your people just as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings. But you didn't want that. ³⁵ Look, your house is abandoned. I tell you, you won't see me until the time comes when you say, Blessings on the one who comes in the Lord's name."

2nd Reading

Philippians 3: 14- 4:1 (CEB)

¹⁴ The goal I pursue is the prize of God's upward call in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵ So all of us who are spiritually mature should think this way, and if anyone thinks differently, God will reveal it to him or her. ¹⁶ Only let's live in a way that is consistent with whatever level we have reached.

Imitate Paul

¹⁷ Brothers and sisters, become imitators of me and watch those who live this way – you can use us as models. ¹⁸ As I have told you many times and now say with deep sadness, many people live as enemies of the cross. ¹⁹ Their lives end with destruction. Their god is their stomach, and they take pride in their disgrace because their thoughts focus on earthly things. ²⁰ Our citizenship is in heaven. We look forward to a savior that comes from there – the Lord Jesus Christ. ²¹ He will transform our humble bodies so that they are like his glorious body, by the power that also makes him able to subject all things to himself.

Stand firm in the Lord

¹ Therefore, my brothers and sisters whom I love and miss, who are my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord, loved ones.

Sermon

"Gathering God"

Rev. Lonna Chang-Ren Lee

Responding to God's Word

Hymn #401

"Here in This Place (Gather Us In)"

(verses 1 & 3)

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| 1. Here in this place new light is streaming; | now is the darkness vanished away; |
| See in this space our fears and our dream-ings | brought here to you in the light of this day. |
| Gather us in, the lost and forsaken; | gather us in, the blind and the lame; |
| call to us now, and we shall awaken; | we shall arise at the sound of our name. |
| 3. Here we will take the wine and the water; | here we will take the bread of new birth. |
| Here you shall call your sons and your daughters, | call us anew to be salt for the earth. |
| Give us to drink the wine of compassion; | give us to eat the bread that is you; |
| nourish us well, and teach us to fashion | lives that are holy and hearts that are true. |

Communion

Invitation and Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: Christ be with you!

ALL: AND ALSO WITH YOU

One: Lift up your hearts.

ALL: WE LIFT THEM UP TO THE LORD.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

ALL: IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE GOD THANKS AND PRAISE.

One: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise . . .

The Lord's Prayer (unison)

page 35 (GtG)

Words of Institution & Communion of God's People

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn #401

"Here in This Place (Gather Us In)"

(verses 2 & 4)

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| 2. We are the young, our lives are a mystery. | We are the old who yearn for your face. |
| We have been sung throughout all of history, | called to be light to the whole human race. |
| Gather us in, the rich and the haughty; | gather us in, the proud and the strong; |
| Give us a heart, so meek and so lowly; | give us the courage to enter the song. |
| 4. Not in the dark of buildings confining, | not in some heaven, light years away; |
| here in this place the new light is shining; | now is the kingdom, now is the day. |
| Gather us in and hold us forever; | gather us in and make us your own; |
| gather us in, all peoples together, | fire of love in our flesh and our bone. |

Opportunities for Ministry

THIS WEEK at Farmingdale Presbyterian Church March 13—20, 2022

TODAY, 3/13	Sunday	10am	Worship in-person & on FB Live – Lent 2 & Communion
3/14	Monday	6pm	Special Called Session Meeting in-person & only
3/15	Tuesday	6-7:30pm	AYM Meeting on Zoom – “Among Us”
3/20	Sunday	10am	Worship in-person & on FB Live – Lent 3

Upcoming Events

3/22	Tuesday	6-7:30pm	AYM Meeting on Zoom – TBD
3/26	Saturday	9am	Called Presbytery of Great Rivers Assembly
3/27	Sunday	10am	Worship in-person & on FB Live – Lent 4
		after worship	Called Congregational meeting
		after worship	Worship Committee
3/29	Tuesday	6-7:30pm	AYM Meeting on Zoom – Ko’s presentation, part 2
4/3	Sunday	10am	Worship in-person & on FB Live – Lent 5
4/6	Wednesday	9am	Abigail Circle @ FPC Fellowship Hall
4/7	Thursday		Spring St. Vets Renaissance Center Meal – If you are interested in helping, please contact Pat Meier – (217) 546-6250
		1pm	Ruth Circle @ Donna B.’s
4/10	Sunday	10am	Worship in-person & on FB Live – Palm Sunday & Communion
4/11	Monday	6pm	Session Meeting in-person & on Zoom?
4/14	Thursday	7pm	Maundy Thursday Worship?
4/17	Sunday	10am	Worship in-person & on FB Live – Easter Sunday

Communion is TODAY!!!

BYOE (Bring Your Own Elements if you are watching from home)

Please have your communion elements for TODAY’S service
(cracker/bread/cake/cookie & a cup) .



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>

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 3/12/2022)



Expecting

Christian & Nathan Jerome—due 9/2022 (Aletha J.)

Cancer Treatment & New Dx

Eddy C.—multiple myeloma; isolation until April when he will go to St. Louis for stem cell transplant (Rich D.'s friend)

Ed W.—chemo completed; began radiation this week (Maebeth N.)

Patti G.—stage 4 cancer in lungs & liver; waiting to hear about treatment plan (Esther B.'s very good friend)

Lynn W.—now 100% cancer free; may not need surgery to remove cancer; Thanks be to FPC!! (Rich D.'s HS friend)

Uncle Mikel—1/21 brain surgery, started radiation on 2/23 for 6 wks, then chemo for glioblastoma, stage 2 (Allyson D.)

Beverly—stage 4 colon cancer spread to lungs; 3-6 mos, prognosis (Duck R.'s cousin & Cev H.)

Betsy I—Myeloma; pneumonia; now home

Jennifer H.—her cancer is stable

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.)

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)

Church/Local/National/International

War in Ukraine—prayers for peace

ALL the people of the world

Pray for a miracle for that God makes a way for us as the body of Christ

Tornados

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

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

Childhood best friend passed on 3/1 (Jenica H)

Grandpa Wes Cherry—passed 3/3 (Betty J.)

Hospice

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

Healing

Mark—good results from medical tests (Kolleen Y.)

Ted G.—infected tooth; carpal tunnel surgery (Grace N.'s husband)

Randy C.—pray for full recovery from COVID-19 after 3 1/2 mos. in hospital (Ralph G.)

Jim M.—2/25 knee replacement

Stella S.—1/12 emergency twisted colon surgery; still fighting an infection (Betty J)

Bill K.—2/19 outpatient foot surgery

Kathy S.—2/19 outpatient wrist surgery

Sherry W.—2/7 fall at home again; fractured back bones; with a back brace; prayers needed for pain relief.

Gary's 5 y.o. cousin Eloise—Alpers syndrome, degenerative fatal disease; at Luries; getting to have more days with her (Marialyce H.)

Brett—2/1 knee replacement

Mike B.—daughter killed in car accident; lost brother to COVID-19; mother & father not doing well with COVID-19; very sad & depressed (Wendy V.)

Chrissy N. (Throop's daughter)—Breast surgery, now has pneumonia (Wendy V.)

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

Pat M.—12/23 broken pelvis from a fall (FPC's Office Manager)

Pastor Lonna—healing for 12/23 shoulder fracture

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)

Velma F.—still getting PT for her leg; rUTIs

Charlotte W.—tests & adjustments (Sharon W.'s g-daughter)

Kye—Dravet Syndrome (severe epilepsy) (Ralph G.)

