



FARMINGDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**Bulletin for the
Christ the King/Reign of Christ Sunday
November 26, 2023**

Service is In-Person or on Zoom

ZOOM:

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WELCOME TO FARMINGDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Christ the King/Reign of Christ Sunday

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Rev. Claire Hojung Wu, Pastor
David Majoros, D.M.A., Director of Music
Diane Puchta, Liturgist

GATHERING “There is No Name So Sweet” – Becket

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***PRELUDE** “Give Thanks” FWS #2036 (2X)
+ Bringing the light of Christ into the sanctuary

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, God is seeking to gather us together.
Like a shepherd searching for lost sheep, God calls us.
Something or someone has summoned us here.
Dare we believe that God knows and welcomes us?
God reaches out to rescue all who have strayed.
Scattered, weak, and injured ones are drawn to God.
We come, in need of healing, seeking a blessing.
Our faith draws us here, in spite of our doubts.
Come, above all else, to worship and give thanks.
Make a joyful noise to the Creator of all worlds.
God’s steadfast love becomes real to us here.
We are reminded of God’s immeasurable greatness.

***OPENING HYMN** “O Worship the King” UMH #73 (VV 1, 2, 4)

SHARING GOD’S BLESSINGS WITH EACH OTHER

INVOCATION

We come with gladness, loving God, drawn by our need and by a desire to praise you and give thanks. Enlighten the eyes of our hearts that we may be full of hope. Enlarge the circle of our concern that we may see the stranger as next of kin, the hungry person as part of our own family, the one who is sick as a whole individual deserving of our care. Grant us the presence of Christ that we may learn more fully to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All-knowing God, you are aware of our comfort-seeking weakness. We ignore strangers in need as if they were no concern of ours. We resist programs that might threaten our privileges. We do only enough good to keep us from feeling guilty. We give grudgingly of our time and resources, instead of overflowing with thanksgiving and joyous sharing. We treat the church as our possession rather than letting Christ rule as head of the body. O God, we pray we have not wandered beyond your reach. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God says, I will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep, between the sheep who respond to the needs of others with compassion, and the goats who pretend that everything is fine. God judges because God loves, and we are invited to share in loving acts that reveal God's care. God is good and is faithful in steadfast love to all generations.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (UNISON)

ANTHEM "Credo" - Marchall
The Chancel Choir

OLD TESTAMENT READING Genesis 14:17-24

NEW TESTAMENT READING Hebrews 7:1-10

HYMN OF PREPARATION "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" UMH #557 (VV 1 & 3)

SERMON Pastor Wu

PRAYER RESPONSE "Amen, Amen" UMH #897

PRESENTATION OF COMMITMENTS

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY "The Family Prayer Song" FWS #2188
The Chancel Choir & Congregation

***DOXOLOGY** UMH #95

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (UNISON)**

God of steadfast love, receive these expressions of our thanks for the glorious inheritance entrusted to us. We hereby enlist ourselves and our resources toward the realization of your eternal purpose for all humanity. May this congregation become more and more a source of hope for each of us and for all we meet. Amen.

***HYMN** "King of Kings" FWS #2075 (3X)

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** "The Family Prayer Song" FWS #2188 (Refrain)

Our worship has ended. Our service begins.

(* Please stand as you are able.

OUR THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING FOR THEIR MINISTRY:

UPCOMING LITURGISTS:

December 2023

3rd – Betty Gastelua

10th – Lois Muller

17th – Faustina Geydu

24th – Christmas Eve

- 9:30 a.m. – Debbie Cala
- 7:30 p.m. – Karen Gierie Newman
- 10:30 p.m. – Danny Gastelua

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS:

December 2023

3rd – Faustina & Vicki

10th – Smith/Muller

17th – Jayme & Diane

24th – Rita & John

31st - UWF

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME, VISITORS!

We are delighted that you have chosen to worship with us today! If this is your first time with us, be sure to stop by the Visitor Center, in the room to the side of the Sanctuary, for a welcome packet and a gift! If you wish to receive our newsletter, please send us your contact information to office@farmingdaleumc.org and visit our website farmingdaleumc.org.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Church Council Meeting – Monday, November 27th, 2023 at 7 p.m.

Vision Bearers Meeting – Sunday, December 3rd, 2023 at 11 a.m.

Trustees Meeting – Tuesday, December 5th, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Food Outreach Ministry/Cooking Night** – Wednesday, December 13th, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. Please join our cooking night to support those in need. Please see Mary Ann Nataro for more information.

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SEASON:



BEGINNING SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3rd at 9:30 AM

In-person and Live Streamed at 9:30 am. Each week's service will include music, carols, and Advent candle lighting.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10th at 9:30 AM

Our Annual Christmas Pageant is one of the most popular events of the year as we watch and learn from our children and adults. Please don't miss out!

CHRISTMAS CANTATA: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17th at 9:30 AM

This year, our chancel choir will offer their gifts in worship. Join us in worship for this creative and musical retelling of the Christmas story and Christ's miraculous birth.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24th:

- 9:30 AM - Sunday Worship Service
- 7:00 PM – Family Service
- 10:30 PM - Candlelight Service
- INVITE & BRING OTHERS TO WORSHIP CHRIST!

2024 Commitment Pledge Cards will gladly be accepted until December 3

SPIRITUAL FORMATION MINISTRIES

- FRIDAY LADIES SMALL GROUP MEETS AT 7:30 PM VIA ZOOM
- SATURDAY MEN'S BIBLE STUDY MEETS AT 8:00 AM-9:00AM VIA ZOOM
- WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY MEETS AT 10:30 AM VIA ZOOM

CONCERNS & COMMITMENTS:

Whenever the gospel of Jesus Christ is proclaimed, the Spirit of God is at work. If you have been touched by God and desire to make a commitment to Christ and to His Church or you would like to have the pastor pray with/for you, please *come to the Altar after worship*, the pastor will meet with you for prayer.

PRAYER CONCERNS AND JOYS

We are changing our prayer request format. We will share prayer requests as part of our regular service. Please raise your hand for the microphone to share your prayer concerns and joys with the congregation. If you have private prayer requests, please write your prayer request upon your arrival at the sanctuary, and then pass it to the offering basket during the offertory time. Thank you!

OFFERING ENVELOPES

If you need offering envelopes, please contact the church office.

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