



FARMINGDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**Christ the King/Reign of Christ/Thanksgiving Sunday
November 23, 2025**

Service is In-Person or on Zoom

ZOOM:

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WELCOME TO FARMINGDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Rev. Dr. Claire Hojung Wu, Pastor
David Majoros, D.M.A., Director of Music
Susan Chung, Accompanist
John Muller, Liturgist

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We dwell in a land God has loaned to us.

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth.

We come with gladness to worship God.

We enter God's presence with joyous song.

The first fruits of our labor belong to God.

Rejoice in the privilege of sharing God's bounty.

God has made us, and we belong to God.

We are the sheep of God's pasture.

The God of peace greets us in this time of worship.

Enter with thanksgiving and heartfelt praise.

We thank God for steadfast love to sustain us.

We praise God for faithfulness to all generations.

***OPENING HYMN** “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come” UMH #694 (vv. 1, 2, 4)

SHARING GOD’S BLESSINGS WITH EACH OTHER

INVOCATION

Our baskets are full, gracious God, with the bounty you have provided. Our hearts are full of thanksgiving and praise. We are eager to meet you here, to learn from you, to be changed. by you, to become more fully the people that you intend for us to be. Show us how to do the work you have planned for us. Equip us as your faithful stewards. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

UMH #71

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, we like to think we have nothing to confess. If our thoughts are pure, our actions kind, and our thanksgiving genuine, have we not lived up to your standards? Yet you call us to put you first in all things, and we have not done that. You call us to be peacemakers, but we do little more than try to avoid conflict. You call us to a passionate faith and compassionate sacrifice, and both are difficult for us. Feed us, God, with food that endures for eternal life, and answer our thirst with life-giving water. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Do not worry. The God of peace will be with you, guarding your hearts and minds. Let your thoughts center on all that is true, honorable, just, pure, and commendable. Keep on doing the things you have learned. God's transforming spirit dwells with those who seek to be faithful.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (UNISON)

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 107:1-9, 33-43

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN OF PREPARATION "Just a Closer Walk with Thee" FWS #2158 (v. 1)

SERMON Pastor Claire Wu

CHORAL PRAYER RESPONSE "Amen" – Ringwald
The Chancel Choir

ANNUAL THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY "Shout to the Lord" (Zach Carle)

***DOXOLOGY** UMH #95

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

We rejoice in this opportunity to thank you, gracious God, with a portion of the bounty that you provide for our use. We reach out for meaning and purpose in our unsatisfying lives. As we share materially in the work of your church, we are on a spiritual quest to discern your will for us and our world. Thank you for pointing us beyond food that perishes, to feed on the bread of life. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN** "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" UMH #89 (vv. 1, 2)

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" UMH #89 (v. 3)

Our worship has ended. Our service begins.

(*) Please stand as you are able.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING:

We hope you and your family have a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday!

OUR THANKS GO TO THE FOLLOWING FOR THEIR MINISTRY:

UPCOMING LITURGISTS:

November
3rd John Muller
30th Betty Gastelua

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS:

November
23rd Rita & John
30th UWF

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.



2026 COMMITMENT PLEDGE CARDS – Thank you for faithfully submitting your 2026 commitment pledges. Your commitment helps strengthen our mission and ministry to God and others. If you have not already submitted your pledge card, they will gladly be accepted until December 14th.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- **Church Council** – Monday, Nov 24 at 7:00 pm

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **UMW CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON – SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6th AT 12:30 P.M.** – Join us at Tres Scalini. Advanced payment of \$44 per person (includes tax & tip) is required. We will again have a gift exchange with spending limit of \$5 (be creative) and collect 2026 Pledges and vote on Slate and Budget.
- **L.I.E. DISTRICT, FAMILY CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL FOR CHILDREN - SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13th, 3 - 5 PM** at Hicksville UMC. Fun & games, food, and a special Christmas message for ages 3-11! Please see the flyer.
- **GIVING TREE:** Our Giving Tree once again bears ornaments with items requested by local organizations that serve the needy. Gift cards to general retailers (Target, Walmart, etc.) are also appreciated as they can be used for specific needs or emergencies. **Please put all gifts unwrapped under our tree by December 14th.** Should you prefer that we shop for you, checks can be made payable to FUMW and given to Karen Gierie Newman. Please find the flyer at the south transept.

TODAY IS THE LAST DAY FOR THE ANNUAL THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

The Farmingdale UMC Food Ministry is holding a food drive through today. Please bring your canned goods and non-perishables to church and help us serve those in need. Thank you!

SUPPORTING OUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED

The Long Island Coalition for the Homeless is seeking our support. Despite their name, the organization provides essential assistance—including food, toiletries, and cleaning supplies—to **anyone in need across Long Island**, not only individuals experiencing homelessness.

Their current greatest need is for shelf-stable protein items, including: Canned tuna and chicken, Pasta, Rice and beans, and Peanut butter. For your convenience, donations may be made directly through their **[Amazon Wishlist - https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/guest-view/2CXXJFQN0RC4V?ref=cm_sw_r_apin_ggr-subnav-share_3APETJNEMQAF0ANM1&language=en-US]**, or you are welcome to bring items to the church.

If you have any questions, please contact Mary Bing. Thank you for helping to share God's love through your generosity and compassion.

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SEASON:

(Flyers are available at the south transept bulletin board for detailed information)

ADVENT BEGINS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30 at 9:30 AM - “HANGING OF THE GREENS” SERVICE

Join us for one of the year’s most meaningful worship services as we begin the Advent season: the Hanging of the Greens. On Sunday, November 30th at 9:30 a.m., in our sanctuary, we will gather for a joyful celebration of preparation as we decorate the church for the Advent and Christmas season.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14th 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 EVE SERVICES: TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24th:

- 7:00 PM – Family Service
- 10:30 PM - Candlelight Service (In person only)
- INVITE & BRING OTHERS TO WORSHIP CHRIST!

ADVENT STUDY - “ADVENT: THE BIRTH OF JESUS”: SUNDAYS, NOV. 30, DEC. 1, DEC. 21, 11 AM in FELLOWSHIP HALL

A journey through Advent with a focused, three-week study on the coming of Jesus, centered on the opening chapters of Matthew, Luke, and John. Together we’ll explore Matthew’s genealogy and nativity, Luke’s annunciation and manger scenes, and John’s profound reframing of the Christmas story as both cosmic and intimate. Each session weaves together Scripture reading, historical insight, and prayerful questions that invite both personal reflection and shared conversation.

SPIRITUAL FORMATION MINISTRIES

- Friday Ladies Small Group Meets at 7:30 pm Via Zoom
- Saturday Men’s Bible Study Meets at 8:00 am-9:00 am 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 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!

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Church Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

For a link to view the service via on-line please visit www.farmingdaleumc.org