



FARMINGDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**First Sunday after Christmas Day
December 28, 2025**

Service is In-Person or on 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
Alex Swerdlin, Accompanist
John Muller, Liturgist
Madison Milhous, Lay Servant

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***PRELUDE** “Once in Royal David’s City” UMH #250 (vv. 1, 4)
+ Bringing the light of Christ into the sanctuary

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise God, all who dwell on this earth.
Praise God in the heights and depths of life.
We will recount the deeds of God.
Surely God has shown us goodness and mercy.
Praise God, sun and moon and stars.
Praise God, fire and hail, snow and frost.
Men and women, young and old, together:
Let us praise and honor our Creator.
Let God’s name be praised and exalted.
God’s glory is above heaven and earth.
By God’s steadfast love, we are drawn to worship.
Our gracious Savior leads us in new ways.

***OPENING HYMN** “Ye Who Claim the Faith of Jesus” UMH #197 (vv. 1, 4)

SHARING GOD’S BLESSINGS WITH EACH OTHER

Shanna Wurth, Lay Leader

INVOCATION

Remember all who put their trust in you, we seek your presence here. Only our own attitudes can separate us from you. Re-create us in your own image so we may be true to your intentions for us, and in tune with your purposes for our life together. In our times of distress, pour out your pity and your love that we may know we are not alone. Lift us up and carry us when our strength fails. Now, in the midst of this congregation, we would praise and honor your name. 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

Jenn Lee

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PASTORAL PRAYER

Shanna Wurth, Lay Leader

ANTHEM

"The Wexford Carol"
Madison Milhous, Soloist

v.1-3

THE LORD'S PRAYER (UNISON)

EPISTLE READING

Hebrews 2:10-18

***GOSPEL READING**

Matthew 2:13-23

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

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF PREPARATION

"Love Came Down at Christmas"

UMH #242 (vv. 1- 3)

SERMON

Madison Milhous, Lay Servant

CHORAL PRAYER RESPONSE

"Amen" – Ringwald
The Chancel Choir

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

"He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought"

UMH #128

***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.

***HYMN**

"I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"

UMH #521 (vv. 1-3)

***BENEDICTION**

Madison Milhous, Lay Servant

***POSTLUDE**

"I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"

UMH #521 (v. 1)

Our worship has ended. Our service begins.

(*) Please stand as you are able.

OUR THANKS GO TO THE FOLLOWING FOR THEIR MINISTRY:

UPCOMING LITURGISTS:

December 2025

28th Sharon

January 2026

4th Lois Muller

11th Sharon

18th Danny

25th Karen

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS:

December 2025

28th Rita & John

January 2026

4th Vicki & Annemarie

11th Lois & Kimberly S.

18th Kathy V & Amanda

25th Rita & John

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

- Trustee Meeting – Wednesday, January 7 at 7 p.m.
- Finance Committee – Tuesday, January 13 at 7:00 p.m.
- Cooking Ministry – Wednesday, January 14 at 5:30 p.m.
- Church Council – Monday, January 26 at 7:00 p.m.

OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2026

You may pick up your offering envelopes for 2026 in the back of the sanctuary. If you don't see your envelopes or if you would like to get a set of offering envelopes, please let Shanna Wurth know.

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.

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

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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