



FARMINGDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**Bulletin for
2nd Sunday after the Epiphany
January 19, 2025**

Service is In-Person or on Zoom

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WELCOME TO FARMINGDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

GATHERING “We Are One in the Spirit” - Scholtes

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***PRELUDE** “Come, Christians, Join to Sing” UMH #158 (vv. 1, 3)
+ Bringing the light of Christ into the sanctuary

*CALL TO WORSHIP

With steadfast love, God calls our names.

Come to find refuge in the shelter of God’s ways.

We long to be recognized and affirmed.

We are eager for a place of shelter and security.

Feast on the abundance of God’s house.

Come to drink deeply from the fountain of life.

We are ready to hear the Word of God.

We want to be guided by eternal truth.

Reach out to claim the gifts God pours out on us.

The Spirit is eager to inspire and empower each one.

When God calls us, we cannot remain silent.

When Christ is real to us, we accept our discipleship.

***HYMN** “Lift Every Voice and Sing” UMH #519 (vv. 1, 3)

SHARING GOD’S BLESSINGS WITH EACH OTHER

INVOCATION

How awesome it is that you care for us, God of all life! Your delight in us brings out our best. When you rejoice in us, we come to believe in our capacity for goodness. When your light and salvation dawn in our lives, we want to share the joy. Remind us now of the gifts you so freely bestow. Help us to recognize them in ourselves and in one another, that we may use them to serve people in need and give glory to your name. Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI** “Glory Be to the Father” UMH #71

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of the heathen and the righteous, we confess that we have moved away from our commitment to Christ. We have denied your gifts, ignored your inspiration, and wandered from your healing presence. Yet we cannot escape your claim on us, for wherever we go, you are there. How precious is your steadfast love that saves us from our selfish desires so that we may live for higher values! Strengthen us to do as you tell us, as Christ demonstrated among us. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God does not treat us as heathens, forsaken and desolate. We are welcomed with rejoicing, enfolded by love, celebrated as persons of beauty in whose salvation God delights. Let your hearts be lifted up. We are not bound to our old ways but are freed for a new identity. God's benevolent gifts are apportioned to each of us in abundance.

CHANGE THE WORLD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (UNISON)

ANTHEM "Hope of the World" - Copes
The Chancel Choir

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 8

NEW TESTAMENT READING Ephesians 4:10-20

HYMN OF PREPARATION "I'm Goin' a Sing When the Spirit Says Sing" UMH #333 (vv. 1, 2, 4)

SERMON Pastor Claire Wu

CHORAL PRAYER RESPONSE "Amen" - Ringwald

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY SONG "We Sing to You, O God" FWS #2001
The Chancel Choir & Congregation

***DOXOLOGY** UMH #95

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (UNISON)**

God of our baptism, whose Holy Spirit fires our imaginations and fills our lives with purpose, we rejoice to commit ourselves anew with our gifts. May what we share strengthen your children spiritually, inspiring each person to invest fully in the work you set before us. The varieties of gifts you entrust to us can be realized only if they are used. Thank you for granting us this joy. Amen.

***HYMN** "They'll Know We Are Christians" FWS #2223 (vv. 1, 2, 3)

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** "They'll Know We Are Christians" FWS #2223 (Refrain)

Our worship has ended. Our service begins.

(* Please stand as you are able.

OUR THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING FOR THEIR MINISTRY:

UPCOMING LITURGISTS:

January 2025

26th – Sherry Tuscano

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS:

January 2025

26th – Rita & John

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, located next to the Sanctuary, to pick up a welcome packet and a gift! If you would like to leave your contact information or subscribe to our newsletter, simply scan the QR code below or stop by the Visitor Center to sign the guest book.



UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- Church Council Meeting – Monday, January 27th at 7 p.m.
- Worship Committee Meeting – Thursday, January 30th at 6:30 p.m.

LAY SERVANT MINISTRIES

Spring 2025 Lay Servant Ministry Zoom Class Schedule is now available. Please refer to the flyer for more details.

OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2025

You may pick up your offering envelopes for 2025 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 or Pastor know.

COMMITTEE REPORTS DUE

Committee chairs – The annual committee reports are due for inclusion in the church Annual Report. Please submit your reports to the office by Sunday, February 2nd, 2025.

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 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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