

# Farrington Church

## *Rally Sunday!*



Sunday, September 19, 2021

# Welcome back to Farringdon Church!

**Thank you for being with us for Worship service and Rally Sunday today!**

**We have made some temporary organizational changes to our usual service in order to exercise health and safety protocols during the ongoing pandemic.**

**Pews** are marked off to enable social distancing. Please follow the direction of our deacons as you are seated. If you make use of one of our pew cushions, please leave it on the pew at the end of service so that it can be sanitized before next use.

**Hand sanitizers** are provided throughout the building. Please be sure to sanitize your hands and refrain from hand-shaking or physical contact. **Masks** are mandatory while in the building as per city bylaws at this time.

**Everything you need** for the service can be found in this booklet or on the screen at the front. Hymn books and Bibles have been temporarily removed from the pews for sanitary purposes.

**Congregational singing** is not permitted at this time for health reasons. We will provide a variety of musical accompaniment for you to enjoy throughout the service.

If you are looking for a **spiritual home**, we have a variety of services and programs to meet your needs. Please introduce yourself to the morning greeters or Rev. Mike after the service to learn more about what our church has to offer.

**Washrooms** are located on the lower level, either a barrier-free washroom below the Narthex, or in the Christian Education wing on the lower level – both are accessible via the elevator or stairs. Just ask one of the greeters for directions.

**Children** are a special part of our church family, and we do our best to make them feel at home. We have made the decision to continue including a Children's time in our Sunday morning service however, children will not be coming forward during the children's hymn. Instead, children are encouraged to stay seated with their parents.

There will be a Children's time from the front after which children will dismiss through the back Narthex doors. Children will then head downstairs to Sunday School.

**Sunday School** will be available to children ages 5-12 with a capacity of 15 children. Priority will be given to children ages 5-10. We are not providing nursery care at this time due to health precautions. If your child wishes to remain with you in service that is wonderful, feel free to pick up a copy of the "Sermon Notes" page from the narthex to help your child stay engaged. All parents must pick up their children from Sunday School. Please do so by entering through the lower narthex gym entrance.

The **offering** is a member responsibility. You are welcome to make a contribution. However, if you are visiting us for the first time, we don't expect you to donate – we'd rather ask you to pay attention to God's blessings in your life, return next week, and make your gift then if you so choose. The offering plates will not be passed but are located at the front and rear exits for you to leave your donation.

**Corporate communion** is now being held on the second Sunday of each month. This is a change from celebrating on the first Sunday of the month as in the past.

**Chancel communion** has not yet resumed. We will notify the congregation when we may resume.

Please exit at the front or rear doors following service and refrain from gathering in the Narthex or aisle at this time. Please exit at the front or rear doors following service and refrain from gathering in the Narthex or aisle at this time. Our usual coffee hour is temporarily suspended. **Today is Rally Sunday at Farringdon, so you are welcome to gather outside following the service. Today's service announcements will provide clear instructions for Rally Sunday.**

If you are **visiting for the first time**, please let us know after the service, as we have a **welcome gift** for you.

## Announcements:

WELCOME BACK!! - We are happy to be opening our doors for in-person worship at Farrington beginning Sunday, September 19. It will be so wonderful to be back together as a church family after such uncertain times. Due to the continuing concern regarding Covid cases and variants in the province, we will need to continue with precautions and restrictions in order to keep everyone safe and healthy. Please be advised of the following as we return to worship.

- Masks will be required at all times in the building, except for those speaking or singing from the chancel area. Disposable masks will be available for anyone who forgets to bring one.
- We will continue to maintain social distancing. Pews will be marked off accordingly. Those from the same households may be seated together. Once we have reached our seating capacity in the sanctuary, seating will be available in the auditorium where you may view the service live on the big screen.
- We will not resume coffee hour after church at this time. Please exit the building after worship without excessive gathering.
- We will continue to record attendance for contact tracing purposes.
- Please make use of hand sanitizing stations throughout the building.
- We will not yet be encouraging congregational singing, as this increases the spread of the virus. The choir will not yet resume. We will have weekly volunteers to lead our musical worship, with the words to the hymns available in the bulletin for you to follow along.
- We will be recording the live service each week to be posted online for anyone not yet comfortable returning to worship.

We hope that by following these guidelines, we will be able to safely worship together once again. We will keep everyone advised of any changes that may occur.

Stay safe and stay well.

~*Cyndy Kirk* ~ Senior Elder

# Farringdon Church

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Minister: Rev. Mike Rattee  
Co-Ordinator of Youth & Family Ministries: Mrs. Katelyn Hines  
Organist and Music Director: Mr. Derek Tiller  
Administrative Coordinator: Margot Brown  
Sexton: Mrs. Annett Holyomes  
CCLI# 11085659

**Sunday, September 19, 2021**

**10:30 a.m.**

*"Blessed is the one whose sin the Lord does not count against them  
and in whose spirit is no deceit." Psalm 32:2*

The Prelude: *Trumpets*

~ Robert J. Powell

The Chimes Summon Us to Worship (stand, if able)

The Greeting: (Greet each other with a wave)

Leader: The Lord be with you

**People: And also with you**

Announcements

Prayer of Confession: (read quietly to yourself)

**Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known,  
and from you no secrets are hidden.**

**We have sinned against you in our thoughts and deeds,  
and not loved our neighbours.**

**Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
so we can perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name,  
through Christ we pray. Amen**

Opening Prayers:

The Lord's Prayer:

**Our Father, who art in heaven. Hallowed be thy Name.  
Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive them that trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen**

Assurance of Pardon:

Opening Hymn: *(feel free to follow the Hymn words silently as it is played)*

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

1. *What a fellowship, what a joy divine,  
leaning on the everlasting arms  
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,  
leaning on the everlasting arms*

Chorus: *Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms  
Leaning, leaning, Leaning on the everlasting arms*

2. *Oh how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,  
leaning on the everlasting arms  
Oh how bright the path grows from day to day,  
leaning on the everlasting arms*
3. *What have I to dread, what have I to fear,  
leaning on the everlasting arms?  
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,  
leaning on the everlasting arms*

Second Hymn:           Step by Step

*O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you   (X2)  
I will seek you in the morning and I will learn to walk in your ways  
And step by step you'll lead me, and I will follow you all of my days*

Old Testament Lesson: Ezra 3:1-3 ~ read by Katelyn Hines  
Ezra 3:10-13 ~ read by Hannah Meijerink  
(After lesson) Leader: The word of the Lord  
**People: Thanks be to God**

New Testament Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-23  
~ read by Mya Thompson  
(After lesson) Leader: The word of the Lord  
**People: Thanks be to God**

The Third Bible Lesson: John 3: 13-25

~ read by Rev. Mike Rattee  
(After lesson) Leader: The Gospel of Christ  
**People: Praise be to Thee, O Christ**

Children Hymn: (*feel free to follow the Hymn words silently as it is played*)

This is The Day

*This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made,  
that the Lord has made*

*We will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it,  
and be glad in it*

*This is the day that the Lord has made*

*We will rejoice and be glad in it*

*This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made*

Reflection/Children's Time with Katelyn Hines:

**For God So Loved**

Third Hymn: Be Still and Know

1. *Be still and know that I am God* (X3)
2. *The Lord Almighty is our God* (X3)
3. *In You, O Lord, we put our trust* (X3)

Sermon: **Praisers and Complainers**

Offertory Prayer:

Offering: Please, place your Tithes and Offerings on the offering plate at the front or back of the church as you exit at the end of service.

Offering Response: (feel free to follow the Hymn words silently as it is played)

*Praise God from Whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him, all creatures here below  
Praise Him above ye heavenly Host  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost*

Spoken Benediction

Benediction Closing Hymn: (Follow along silently)

*Go now in peace, never be afraid;  
God will go with you each hour of every day.  
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true;  
Know He will guide you in all you do.  
Go now in love, and show you believe;  
Reach out to others so all the world can see.  
God will be there watching from above.  
Go now in peace, in faith and in love.*

Three-fold Amen: (feel free to silently sing the Amen to yourself as it is played)

The Organ Postlude: *The Church*

~ Robert J. Powell

*Thank you to Dave & Helen Kennedy & Leesa Meijerink, Farringdon's  
Contemporary guitar and singing group, for today's music.*

*If you are visiting today,  
welcome and thank you for joining us in worship of God!  
We hope your experience at Farringdon is uplifting and hope to see you again very  
soon. Please, sign our guest book in the Narthex!*

*Please continue to maintain social distancing to contain the spread of COVID-19.  
We can also communicate with each other via email or telephone during this time.*





### Farrington Next Week

Meetings and events next week, September 26 – October 2, 2021

<b>Sunday Sept. 26</b>	10:30 a.m.	Farrington Church Service
<b>Tuesday Sept. 21</b>	6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.	Kids Club
<b>Thursday Sept. 23</b>	6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Jr. High Bible Study

If you want to use the church hall for an event, please complete a "Building Use Request Form" and forward it to the Board of Deacons c/o, Chair ~ Wyatt Thompson 226-922-1927. You can get this form on the CE wing bulletin board or in the Church Office during office hours.

For any Bulletin News or Announcements please contact Margot at the Church Office by Thursday mornings at: [secretary@farringtonchurch.com](mailto:secretary@farringtonchurch.com) or 519 759-2495

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the family of Linda Osborne, who passed away September 2. We extend our prayers to Linda's husband Al, their daughter Summer, and their extended family. Linda, Al and Summer were long-time active members of Farrington Church. A donation has been made to the Kidney Foundation from our church family.



**LAY READERS NEEDED** - With our reopening planned for September, we will be once again inviting members of the congregation to participate in the service as lay readers. You would be scheduled approximately once every 2-3 months to read one of the scriptures during the service. Rev. Mike will provide you with the reading in advance. You will also receive a readers' schedule so that you can trade dates with someone if you know you will be away on a given Sunday. If you would like to be added to the lay readers' list, or if you are currently on the list and are unable to continue, please contact Cyndy Kirk.



**SINGERS NEEDED!** – Although we are reopening for worship on September 19, due to pandemic precautions we will not yet be resuming our choir or congregational singing. Therefore, we would like to have two or three volunteer singers each week to lead the hymns from the chancel area. You would only need to volunteer occasionally depending on the number of volunteers we have. You do not need to be a choir member. Derek will arrange a time to rehearse the hymns with you prior to the service. If you would like to volunteer for this music ministry, please contact Derek.

It is with regret that the Farrington Joint Board has accepted the resignation of our administrative assistant, Margot Brown. Margot's last day in the office will be November 19. Margot and Rick have purchased a lakeside home on Rice Lake where they have decided to begin their retirement dream. We wish Margot and Rick all the best as they begin this next chapter in their lives. We have begun the process of seeking potential candidates to fill this position at Farrington. The job posting is printed below.

**Farrington Church and Burial Ground**  
**Office Administrator/Secretary**

We are an independent Christian congregation seeking an individual with general office experience, preferably in a religious, charitable, or non-profit organization. You must possess excellent organizational skills, a working knowledge of accounting processes, proficiency with Microsoft Office applications including Excel and Word, proficiency with electronic meeting software such as Zoom and proficiency with web-based applications such as email and YouTube. We value interpersonal skills, tact and confidentiality, positivity and a willingness and ability to learn and innovate.

The position is daily part time with a usual 25-hour work week with occasional need for additional hours. The position reports to the Senior Elder with regular working relationships with other board, congregation, and staff members.

The current salary range for the position is \$21 to \$25 per hour.

Please submit your resume to the attention of Cyndy Kirk, Senior Elder via email david.cyndy.kirk@gmail.com not later than 5 p.m. Friday, September 24, 2021.

We thank all applicants for their interest. We will be contacting only those candidates to be interviewed at this time. A detailed job description will be provided ahead of scheduled interviews.

*Dear Farrington Family,*

*As posted above, I regretfully have to leave my job at Farrington. My Husband Rick & I decided that he could retire early, as we have realized just how short and precious life is. We have been unexpectantly given the gift of a wonderful opportunity of our dream to buy a house on a lake and start a new chapter of our lives and so, it couldn't be passed up. I had expected to be here at Farrington for another decade and so this unexpected decision, as exciting as it is, leaves a sad, little hole in having to leave Farrington. I have been so happy here.*

*I hope to return on an occasional Sunday for a visit so this is only farewell for now. Thank you to everyone for your kindness and generosity with me throughout the last 4½ years.*

*Sincerely, with love,*

*Margot* 

**Farringdon Church regular office hours Sept. 5 - Sept. 11, 2021**

<i>Monday</i>	<i>~ Closed ~Labour Day</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>~ 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>~ 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>~ 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>~ 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.</i>

**Office: 519 759-2495**

**If calling after hours, please leave a message and your call will be returned the next business day.**

**Rev. Mike can be contacted on his cell phone when the office is closed at 1-226-339-4340**

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