

FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP Second Sunday of Easter April 19, 2020

Worship Online at 11:00am Sunday Mornings www.farmingtonpres.org Click "Worship with Us!"

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

O God, the peace you provide our hearts is beyond our understanding. In loving you, we have joy that overshadows our trials. Pour into our hearts assurance of your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

WELCOME

PRELUDE "The King Of Love My Shepherd Is" St. Columbia

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rejoice and be glad! Christ is risen!

The resurrection of our Lord fills us anew with hope.

We are now children of God, brothers and sisters in Christ.

Our inheritance is eternal life, imperishable and unfading.

Therefore, we rejoice even as we experience trials,

For God has been made known to us and will never abandon us. God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in times of trouble.

Rejoice and be glad! Christ is risen! Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

PROCESSIONAL HYMN – No. 275

Verses 1 & 2

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing.

Our helper he, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.

For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe.

His craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate, On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,

Were not the right man on our side, he man of God's own choosing.

Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he.

Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same,

And he must win the battle.

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We confess, O God, that as we continue to shelter in our homes, we struggle in isolation against fears and worries that threaten to overwhelm. We long for a return to "normal" and fail to see the ways you are working to use even this time of trial to bring good changes that will further your Kingdom.

Forgive us, Lord. Forgive our lack of trust and resistance to change. Transform our lives by your power and love to live as your Easter people, declaring you do not cause death and evil and sin, but you are able to bring good out of them, for they do not have the last word. The last word is yours, O God, the last word is life.

Kyrie

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Pardon

Gloria Patri – No. 581

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from A Brief Statement of

Faith

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 16:19-21

LORD, my strength and my fortress, my refuge in time of distress, to you the nations will come from the ends of the earth and say, "Our ancestors possessed nothing but false gods, worthless idols that did them no good. Do people make their own gods? Yes, but they are not gods!" "Therefore I will teach them-this time I will teach them my power and might. Then they will know that my name is the LORD.

This is the Word of the Lord! Thanks be to God!

SECOND READING

Philippians 1:1-11

Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, to all God's holy people in Christ Jesus at Philippi, together with the overseers and deacons. Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart and, whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God's grace with me. God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.

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Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

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SERMON

"All in this Together" Rev. Rebecca Luter

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please remember those on our prayer list.

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Respond to God

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY

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. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Generous God, we offer these gifts as our testimony to your glory and as our commitment to live as your disciples. Bless our gifts to your work in the world and to your reign here on

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earth for the sake of Jesus the Christ, who was dead and behold is alive forevermore. Amen.

HYMN – No. 269 "Lead On, O King Eternal!"
Lead on, O King eternal! The day of march has come; Henceforth in fields of conquest your tents shall be our home. Through days of preparation your grace has made us strong, And now, O King eternal, we lift our battle song.
Lead on, O King eternal, till sin's fierce war shall cease, And holiness shall whisper the sweet amen of peace; For not with swords' loud clashing, nor roll of stirring drums; With deeds of love and mercy the heavenly kingdom comes.
Lead on, O King eternal: we follow, not with fears, For gladness breaks like morning where-e'er your face appears; Your cross is lifted o'er us; we journey in its light. The crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might!

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Tuba Tune"

C.S. Lang

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Participating in the service today:

Rev. Rebecca Luter, Pastor Doug Barr, Director of Christian Education Jim Thrash, Director of Music Tom Bryant, Accompanist Doug Barr and Pat Sherman, Liturgists Becky Hutchins and Tucker Williams, Choir

Welcome in the name of jesus, the christ

We hope that you have sensed the presence of the Holy Spirit in this place and find here a place that feels like home. If you are interested in more information about the life of our congregation or in becoming a member, please speak with our pastor, Rev. Rebecca Luter. You may reach her by email at rluter@farmingtonpres.org or by phone in the church office, 901-754-2794.

New members are received by the Session in one of three ways: Profession of Faith for those who have not previously joined a church, Transfer of Membership for those who are moving their membership from another congregation, or Reaffirmation of Faith for those who have been inactive for some time in church or who wish to rededicate themselves to Christ and his ministry in the world through the church.

Large print hymnals and hearing assistance devices are available from the ushers.

Happenings at farmington presbyterian

Youth Group will meet at 2pm this afternoon (April 19th) via Zoom. If you don't have the link, please email Doug at doug@farmingtonpres.org.

Rev. Rebecca's Zoom Bible Study will meet at 9am Monday morning to discuss the resurrection from Matthew's point of view. Go to Zoom.com (or download the app), the meeting ID is 864-2083-7859 and the Password is 466493. No preparation needed – you don't even have to leave home!

Rise Against Hunger packaging event that was scheduled for April 26th has been postponed.

Summer Mission Trip has been postponed.

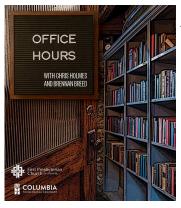
Fellowship Coffee Calendar Sign up to provide refreshments following worship outside the Fellowship Hall. Please keep it simple – something sweet and something salty is plenty.

Flower Calendar The 2020 flower calendar is on a bulletin board outside Fellowship Hall. Giving flowers for worship in memory or in honor of loved ones brings beauty to our worship throughout the year. The cost is \$60.00. If you have questions, please see Iris Lawing.

This week... there will be no meetings or gatherings at Farmington Presbyterian. Please practice social distancing and remain healthy.

This week at Farmington...the care that the Farmington family shows one another is a bright spot in the midst of challenging times. If you are feeling lonely, call one of your brothers or sisters in Christ in the Farmington family. You are not alone, and they may need to hear from you as much as you need to hear from them.

Remember in Prayer... Our Farmington Family, Session and Staff; the Junn Family in Asia; Jack Arendt, Mary Lou Barrentine, Bonnie Blair, Paul Bourassa, Dorothy Chambers, Jelena Colasurdo, Mary Lou Collins, Jennifer Cottam, D.J. Davis, Lisa Dick, Jane Egan, Ed Gallagher, Rev. Jim Hamilton, Bill Harrington, Adrian Heinz, Gary Hutchins, Joe Knittig, Jane and David Mayo, Lori Millar, Eddie,



Heather & Abby Patterson, Beverly Ryan, JoAnne Simpkins, Patti Simpkins, Nancy Smith, William Stevens, Susan St. John, Suzanne Thomas, Willard Williams, Jane & Scott Witt, Faye Woods, Christy Renee Wright and from our Presbytery: Germantown Presbyterian Church, Germantown, TN.

Sympathies... to the family and friends of Ed Patterson, husband of Paula Patterson. A celebration of Ed's life will be held at Farmington at a later date and to the families and friends of Frances

"Fran" Parks Hilliard, mother of Rebecca Hilliard Hutchins and Sandy Hilliard.

Office Hours: a Pop-Up Online Bible Study This is a great opportunity to hear from some of the foremost Biblical scholars on Paul's letter to the Philippians in a relaxed, conversational setting. Offered through Columbia Theological Seminary, you are welcome to

the free, hour-long conversation livestreamed to Facebook every Sunday morning from 9:30AM to 10:30AM EST, beginning THIS SUNDAY, April 19th to May 17th

Brennan Breed, from Columbia Theological Seminary, and Chris Holmes, from First Presbyterian Church of Atlanta, are teaming up with guest professors to offer an in-depth, spontaneous and unrehearsed five-week study of Paul's letter to the Philippians. During the study, we will engage with scholars such as Beverly Gaventa from Baylor University, Eric Barreto from Princeton Theological Seminary, Shively Smith from Boston University, and Janette Ok from Azusa Pacific Seminary

To join this study, please join the Facebook group, "Office Hours Bible Study" here: <u>https://bit.ly/CTSofficehours</u>. If you are not on facebook, you can still enjoy the videos on our <u>youtube channel</u>. Videos will be posted after the Facebook livestreams. Participants who want a deeper experience may also register at <u>https://www.ctsnet.edu/connect/alumni/</u> to receive free access to course material, complete with syllabus, downloadable readings, and audio-video links for further study.

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