



**FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP**

**Christ the King Sunday
November 22, 2020**

Worship Online at 11:00am Sunday Mornings

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ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

We give thanks, O God, for the splendor of creation, the wonder of life, and the mystery of love. We give thanks, Lord Jesus, for the truth of your Word and the example of your life, for your sacrifice of obedience to God's Will, and for your invitation to life abundant. We give thanks, Holy One, for your Spirit with us always, gathering us to worship and sending us to serve in Jesus' name. Amen.

WELCOME

PASSING THE PEACE

PRELUDE Prelude in Bb Minor

J.S Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Psalm 95

Come, let us worship our Lord, shouting with joy to the rock of our salvation.

Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving and reverent awe.

Let us praise our Lord with music and song, for God is great and greatly to be praised.

Within God's control are the very depths of the earth; the sea, the dry land, every valley and the mountaintops too—they all belong to the Lord.

Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the LORD our Maker.

We belong to God. We are the people of God's pasture, the flock under the Lord's care.

“Now Thank We All Our God”

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices;
who, from our mothers’ arms, hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us; and
keep us in God’s grace, and guide us when perplexed, and
free us from all ills in this world and the next.

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Shepherding God, you never stop searching for your people.
We confess that we have wandered and need your forgiveness.
We confess our sins: You are the shepherd and we are your
flock, but we admit the times we have tried to take Your
place and take control ourselves. You are our shepherd and we
are your sheep, but we admit that we have not always trusted
your way to be good for us. You are the shepherd and we are
your flock, but we admit that at times we have pleaded with
you to care for us, while holding back from caring for others
and ignoring the needs of others.

Lord, have mercy upon us. Forgive us in the name of Jesus.
Loving Shepherd, teach us and empower us by the Holy Spirit
to follow you, loving and tending your sheep.

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

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of
heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from
Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one

Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THROUGH CHILDREN'S EYES

Rev. Ruth Lovell Bradham

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 34:11-16

For this is what the Sovereign LORD says: I myself will search for my sheep and look after them. As a shepherd looks after his scattered flock when he is with them, so will I look after my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places where they were scattered on a day of clouds and darkness. I will bring them out from the nations and gather them from the countries, and I will bring them into their own land. I will pasture them on the mountains of Israel, in the ravines and in all the settlements in the land. I will tend them in a good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel will be their grazing land. There they will lie down in good grazing land, and there they will feed in a rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will tend my sheep and have them lie down, declares the Sovereign LORD. I will search for the lost and bring back the strays. I will bind up the injured and strengthen the weak, but the sleek and the strong I will destroy. I will shepherd the flock with justice.

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’

Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’

The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’

Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.’

They also will answer, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?’

He will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.’

Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.”

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

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

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SERMON

“How Much Is Enough?”

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

In gratitude for the immeasurable gift of Jesus Christ, we give our tithes and offerings and our lives, praying that God would help us be the shepherds God calls us to be.

OFFERTORY “Let All Things Now Living”

Ash Grove

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

Shepherding God, dedicate our gifts and our lives to tending your sheep. May they gather your sheep from darkness, bringing your kingdom to everyone who longs for its presence in every circumstance, we pray. Amen.

HYMN – No. 187 “Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us” Verses 1 & 2

Savior, like a shepherd lead us; much we need your tender care. In your pleasant pastures feed us; for our use your fold prepare. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us: we are yours. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us: we are yours

We are yours: in love befriend us; be the guardian of our way. Keep you flock: from sin defend us; seek us when we go astray. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear your children when we pray. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear your children when we pray.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Sing to the Lord of Harvest”

Johann Steurlein

Bold Type – congregation in unison

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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

Rachel Barr, Liturgist

Rev. Ruth Lovell Bradham, Children's Moment

Chancel 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.

Happenings AT FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN

Gathered to Worship...Sent to Serve While we are not able to worship together in person, the church is still worshipping and carrying out the work and mission of God in the world. If you have made a 2021 Estimate of Giving, thank you. If you have not, please mail your pledge card to the church office. Even if you are not able to make a pledge at this time, we want to hear from you. If you are able to bring your pledge current or make an end of year offering, your gift is critical. If you are not able to give in this time, we understand. You can make your offering through the website, using a checking account, at www.farmingtonpres.org or mail your offering to Farmington Presbyterian Church, 8245 Farmington Boulevard, Germantown, TN 38139.

Youth Group...we are returning to Zoom this week to discuss the "pursuit of happiness". Join us here at 2pm for an ALL YOUTH ZOOM. High School and Middle School together.

Presbyterian Women will meet this afternoon, November 22nd at 2pm on Zoom. Kirsten King will be leading our study on *Horizon's* Into the Light,

Lesson 4. The Meeting ID is 527 795 3657 and the passcode: grace. All women are encouraged to join us.

Outdoor Nativity Scene All are encouraged to meet at the church to set up the Outdoor Nativity Scene on Saturday, November 28th at 10am. Email Roland at roland.mittag@gmail.com to let him know you are planning to come so he can have plenty of donuts for the crew!

Worship on Wednesdays Wednesday evenings have moved online! We are now gathering on Zoom at 6pm. You should have received an email invitation to register (one-time only) to the Zoom group. If you have not, please email churchoffice@farmingtonpres.org and we will make sure you are able to join in worship. It is good to SEE everyone and have this time of Scripture and prayer together.

The Church Office and FPDS will be closed November 25-27 for the Thanksgiving Holiday. Please contact Rev. Rebecca with any pastoral concerns.

No Worship on Wednesday on November 25th. Happy Thanksgiving! Be still and be thankful for God's many blessings.

Wednesday Night Dinners Scott and Becky Hutchins (Firehutch Fine Foods) are now catering to-go orders for dinner to be picked up on Wednesday evenings at the church at 5:45pm. They are donating 10% back to Farmington. If you would like to order, please contact them at hutchinsathome@gmail.com.

Young Adult Bible Study Each week a group of young people gather for a drop in Bible Study. No prep is necessary. It is a time to check in, chill out, and see how the book of Mark speaks to our current events. 6:00pm on Thursday evenings via Zoom. Contact Doug Barr for more information, doug@farmingtonpres.org.

Saturday Morning Small Group Now studying Luke's Gospel on Saturday mornings at 9am. Ann Erickson and Jinney Hart lead this group in discussion and study.

Two Sunday Morning Classes: November 29- December 20

Office Hours: An Online Pop-Up Bible Study offered by Columbia Seminary, 8:30-9:30 am, "Mary in the New Testament and Beyond." Topics include Mary in early Christian thought, Mary in the Qu'ran and Islam, and Mary in Orthodox Christianity and in Christian Art. Register at: ctsnet.edu/connect/alumni/

Sunday Morning Seminary offered by Memphis Theological Seminary, 9-10am, "They Still Spark Wonder: New Light on the New Testament Christmas Stories." Dr. Mitzi Minor will lead this look at aspects of the familiar Christmas stories which are often overlooked. When we do so, we often find new light shed on these beloved stories which can spark new wonder for us. Register at: memphisseminary.edu/sundayseminary/

FPDS is open and offers a Virtual Preschool Option! We are thankful to be able to serve our community as parents return to work. **Unless you are a staff member or a student, you will not be admitted into the building.** If you would like to meet with Rev. Rebecca, please call and make an appointment.

This week at Farmington...we held our Thanksgiving Worship service on Wednesday night on Zoom. We are thankful for the many ways that technology allows us to continue to gather and worship safely.

Remember in Prayer...Our Farmington Family, Session and Staff; Essential workers and all affected by Covid-19; Jack Arendt, Mary Lou Barrentine, Kenny Buckner, Jeremy Bukauskas, Jelena Colasurdo, Mary Lou Collins, D.J. Davis, Lisa Dick, Jane Egan, Ed Gallagher, Rev. Jim Hamilton, Bill Harrington, John Hazen, Gary Hutchins, Lori Kent, Joe Knittig, Ashley & Kevin Lewis, Harland Lovell, The McDonald Family, Greg McKenna, Beverly Ryan, Patti Simpkins, Williams Stevens, Susan St. John, Joan Wallace, Mary Webb, Lewis Weiss and Gloria, Jean Wiseman, Faye Woods and from our Presbytery: First Presbyterian Church, Caruthersville, MO.

Sympathies...to the family and friends of Joe Emrich, grandfather of Katie Conner (FPDS employee) and to the family and friends of John David Kauffman, father-in-law of Jennifer Kauffman (FPDS employee).

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