



**FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP**

**Epiphany Sunday
January 10, 2021**

Worship Online at 11:00am Sunday Mornings

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ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

We lift up our hearts in worship, Lord God, not because all is right with the world, but because all the world is broken and in need of your healing. We raise our hands in worship, Lord God, not because all is right in our lives, but because your light shines on even those who walk in darkness. We bow down in worship, Lord God, not because we have what we want, but because you give us what we need. Amen.

WELCOME

PRELUDE Reflection on "We Three Kings" King of Orient

CALL TO WORSHIP

Not long after Jesus was born, magi, or wise men, from the East, made their way to Jerusalem, making inquiries.

Where is this newborn, who is the King of the Jews? When we were far away in the East we saw his star, and we have followed its glisten and gleam all this way to worship him.

The chief priests and head scribes, shared where Hebrew tradition claimed the long-awaited Anointed One would be born.

An ancient Hebrew prophet, Micah, said this: But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are no poor relation—For from your people will come a Ruler who will be the shepherd of My people Israel.

The wise men continued on their journey toward Bethlehem. The star they had first seen in the East reappeared, and the wise men

were overjoyed. The star led them to the house where Jesus was with his mother, Mary.

As soon as the wise men arrived, they bowed down and worshiped him. They unpacked their satchels and gave Jesus gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Ideo Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Therefore, glory to God in the highest!

HYMN OF PRAISE – No. 141

Verses 3 & 4

“On This Day Earth Shall Ring”

**God’s bright star, o’er his head, wise men three to him led;
kneel they low by his bed, lay their gifts before him, praise
him and adore him.**

Id-eo-o-o, id-eo-o-o, id-e-o Gloria in excelsis Deo!

**On this day angels sing; with their song earth shall ring,
praising Christ, heaven’s King, born on earth to save us;
peace and love he gave us. Refrain.**

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, open our eyes to the presence of your Spirit upon us, within us, among us. For our apathy in the presence of oppression, forgive us. If we have contributed to the despair of anyone, forgive us. For our participation in systems that enslave, forgive us. When our mouths remain too tightly closed, loosen our lips with songs of grace, songs of hope, songs of justice.

KYRIE

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

GLORIA “Angels We Have Heard on High”

Verse 1

**Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o’er the plains,
and the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in God whose light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never smother it.

I believe that on a night like this night in Bethlehem there was born a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord.

I believe in the Word who has become incarnate, our very flesh and blood, yet full of grace and truth.

I believe in the blessed appearing of the salvation of our God, that is for the happiness of all people.

I believe in his name as Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of peace; of the increase of his rule and of his unique peace, there will be no end. The zeal of the God of hosts will do this.

This I surely believe!

THROUGH CHILDREN'S EYES

Bailey Wann

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Psalm 29

Ascribe to the Lord, you heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness.

The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord thunders over the mighty waters. The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is majestic. The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; the Lord breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon. He makes Lebanon leap like a calf, Sirion like a young wild ox. The voice of the Lord strikes with flashes of lightning. The voice of the Lord shakes the desert; the Lord shakes the Desert of Kadesh. The voice of the Lord twists the oaks and strips the forests bare.

And in his temple all cry, "Glory!"

The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord is enthroned as King forever. The Lord gives strength to his people; the Lord blesses his people with peace.

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SECOND READING

Ephesians 3:7-12

I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God's grace given me through the working of his power. Although I am less than the least of all the Lord's people, this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the boundless riches of Christ, and to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery, which for ages past

was kept hidden in God, who created all things. His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, according to his eternal purpose that he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord. In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence.

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 “The Light Reappeared”

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 “There’s A Song in the Air”

Karl P. Harrington

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

Celebrating your birth, we once again embrace your presence, O God, and we offer you our love. We give you thanks for the world of wonder you created – forest and field, sea and sky – and for the gift of love that you have given – a tiny babe, lying in a manger. Receive our gifts of gratitude and praise and use them for your glory, so that even though the trees are taken down and the nativities are put away, your light may continue to shine.

HYMN – No. 136 “Go, Tell It on the Mountain”

**Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere; go,
tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!**

**While shepherds kept their watching o’er silent flocks by
night, behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy
light. *Refrain.***

**The shepherds feared and trembled when lo! above the earth
rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior’s birth.
*Refrain.***

**Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born, and
God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn. *Refrain.***

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright” Nicolai/Bach

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
MaryShelley Ritchey, Liturgist
Bailey Wann, 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 understand and want to hear from you. 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 will meet on Zoom with Senior High at 2pm, Middle school at 3pm. To keep up to date with events in the youth group, text @farmyo to 81010 to join our Remind text service.

Monday Morning Zoom Bible Study Join us tomorrow morning, January 11th, at 9am as we will begin studying An Altar in the World: A Geography of Faith by Rev. Dr. Barbara Brown Taylor. In it, she shares how she learned to encounter God far beyond the walls of the church and invites us to discover God everywhere we go and in everything we do. We meet on Zoom with Meeting ID: 869 8138 8088 Passcode: Bible. All are welcome!

Worship on Wednesdays Wednesday evening service is currently online! We are now gathering on Zoom at 6pm. To receive the link to the service, register on our website www.farmingtonpres.org. It is good to interact with everyone and have this time of Scripture and prayer together.

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.

Summer Camp and 2021-22 FPDS Registration open to the community January 25th. Be sure and share our website with your friends, family, and neighbors with children and encourage them to consider entrusting their family's children to the care of the Farmington family.

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 without an appointment.** If you would like to meet with Rev. Rebecca, please call and make an appointment.

This week at Farmington...Faye McKenzie appreciates and wants to thank you for your calls and concern and for your prayers as she and her daughter, Angela Horne, have been sick with COVID-19.

Remember in Prayer...Our Farmington Family, Session and Staff; Essential workers and all affected by Covid-19; Jack Arendt, Mary Lou Barrentine, Gavin Blake, Kenny Buckner, Jelena Colasurdo, Mary Lou Collins, D.J. Davis, Lisa Dick, Jane Egan, Ed Gallagher, Rev. Jim Hamilton, Bill Harrington, Donna Hoover, Angela Horne, Gary Hutchins, Anna Leigh Jenkins, Lori Kent, Joe Knittig, Leslie Langston and family, Harland Lovell, The McDonald Family, Greg McKenna, Faye McKenzie, Beverly Ryan, Patti Simpkins, Jayden Spillman, Williams Stevens, Susan St. John, Joan Wallace, Mary Webb, Faye Woods and from our Presbytery: The Presbytery of the Mid-South, Staff & Volunteers.

Sympathy...to the family and friends of Linda Drentlaw, mother of Rhonda Byrne.

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