



FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 17, 2021

Worship Online at 11:00am Sunday Mornings

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Click "Worship with Us!"

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Creating God, we gather to worship, giving thanks that you formed us in your image, and to nurture your likeness in us from a small spark to a flame of love. Redeeming God, we gather to worship, giving thanks that you came to live among us, and to respond to your call to come and follow. Sustaining God, we gather to worship, rejoicing in your presence among us, and to cleanse and transform our hearts and our lives. Amen.

WELCOME

PRELUDE “Morning Has Broken”

arr. Tom Bryant

CALL TO WORSHIP

We've come to worship God,

Who inhabits our world and indwells our lives.

We need not look up to find God,

We need only look around: within ourselves, beyond ourselves, into the eyes of another.

We need not listen for distant thunder to find God,

Who speaks in the words of children, the questions of the curious, the rhythm of a heartbeat.

We gather to worship God,

Who knows us better than we know ourselves, who indwells our lives, whose presence never leaves us, and whose love for us never ceases.

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

Come, thou almighty King, help us thy name to sing; help us to praise: Father, all glorious, o'er all victorious, come, and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

Come, thou incarnate Word, merciful mighty Lord, our prayer attend. Come, and thy people bless, and give thy word success; Spirit of holiness, on us descend.

Come, holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear in this glad hour. Thou who almighty art, now rule in every heart, and ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power.

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSON

Holy God, we confess that we do not always love our neighbor. We confess that we have judged, we have criticized, and we have allowed hatred and contempt to settle in our hearts. We confess that forgiveness and reconciliation at times seem impossible. We know that nothing is impossible in you, O God, and nothing is hidden from you. We come to you, seeking healing and wholeness. Cleanse our hearts and our ways. Replace our impulses and desires with those of Christ, for we seek to become like him in our lives and follow his ways in our relationships.

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

Philippians 2:5-11

We believe in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name,

so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord!
Amen.

THROUGH CHILDREN'S EYES

Doug Barr

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

You have searched me, LORD, and you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways. Before a word is on my tongue you, LORD, know it completely. You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain.

For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be. How precious to me are your thoughts, God! How vast is the sum of them! Were I to count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand—when I awake, I am still with you.

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SECOND READING

John 1:43-50

The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, "Follow me."

Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida. Philip found Nathanael and told him, "We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."

"Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?" Nathanael asked.

"Come and see," said Philip.

When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, "Here truly is an Israelite in whom there is no deceit."

"How do you know me?" Nathanael asked.

Jesus answered, “I saw you while you were still under the fig tree before Philip called you.”

Then Nathanael declared, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the king of Israel.”

Jesus said, “You believe because I told you I saw you under the fig tree. You will see greater things than that.”

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 Power of Being Known” 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 ANTHEM

Bernadette Farrell

“O God, You Search Me and You Know Me”

O God, you search me and you know me. All my thoughts lie open to your gaze. When I walk or lie down you are before me; ever the maker of life or death, you are.

You know my resting and my rising. You discern my purpose from afar, and with love everlasting you besiege me: In every moment of life or death, you are.

Before a word is on my tongue, Lord, you have known its meaning through and through. You are with me beyond my understanding: God of my present, my past, and future, too.

For you created me and shaped me, gave me life within my mother’s womb. For the wonder of who I am, I praise you: save in your hands, all creation is made new.

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

We give you thanks, O God, for the world you formed with creatures, plants, water, air, and fire. We give you thanks for Jesus' life, death and resurrection. We give you thanks for the breath of life and that by your Holy Spirit you are closer to us than our next breath. Accept and dedicate our offerings and our lives to be used for good wherever there is need that your Kingdom may come. Amen.

HYMN – No. 450 “Be Thou My Vision”

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art; thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou my soul's shelter and thou my high tower; raise thou me heaven-ward, O Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor vail, empty praise; thou mine inheritance, now and always; thou and thou only, first in my heart, High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Postlude in D Major”

Flor Peeters

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

Charlie Smithers, Liturgist

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 rutzer@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 worshiping and carrying out the work and mission of God in the world. In response to God's blessings and to support what God is doing through the Farmington family, 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 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 18th, at 9am as we discuss Chapter 1, "The Practice of Waking Up to God: Vision" of An Altar in the World: A Geography of Faith by Rev. Dr. Barbara Brown Taylor. We meet on Zoom with Meeting ID: 811 5596 9116 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.

First Presbyterian Clothes Closet We received the following update and have placed a plastic bin outside the Youth Room door at Farmington to collect clothing donations until February 1st.

During the pandemic, First Pres has been able to give clean, gently used clothes and new underwear to 30-40 neighbors in need every Sunday afternoon. As cold weather sets in, we are already blessed with lots of hats, gloves and socks, but are **very low on men's pants (except sizes 36 and 38); coats, sweaters and sweatshirts (especially XL and larger); and women's pants (size 16 and larger)**. If you question whether to donate something, please consider: Is the item comfortable and appropriate for spending the night outdoors...our guests do not choose suits, suit pants, or other "dress" items. Is the item clean...our guests do not have access to washing machines. If you don't have clothes to share, but still want to help, please consider purchasing men's XL (waist 40-42) underwear in any style and donating them. We can only use new underwear. We are so appreciative of your desire to help! Financial gifts to the Soup Kitchen can also be made by indicating "Soup Kitchen" in the memo line of your check to Farmington

Lenten Study Groups Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 17. Lenten study groups will be engaging in a Testimony: A Vocabulary of Faith as we wrestle with the language of faith and its relevance today and consider ways of living that reflect our faith beyond the church doors. If you are interested in leading a group, please email Rev. Rebecca and let her know so that we can set times and places. It may be possible that we will be able to have some in-person groups as the COVID vaccine is delivered!

Text "@farmpres" to "81010" to receive text messages about upcoming Farmington events.

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...we are grateful for the technology of Zoom that allows us to connect with one another on Wednesday evenings. If you have internet or a smart phone, you can Zoom! It is free and easy! Go to our homepage at www.farmingtonpres.org and click to register for Weekday Worship. Fill in your name and email address and a link will be sent to your email for you to click at 6pm on Wednesday. Come see your friends and share in a brief service of worship with Scripture and prayer.

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, Gretchen Burch, Jelena Colasurdo, Mary Lou Collins, D.J. Davis, Lisa Dick, Jane Egan, Ed Gallagher, Rev. Jim Hamilton, Bill Harrington, Martha Hart, 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: Race Relations/Racial Intercultural Justice.

Sympathies...to Mary Helen Bobo, friend of FPDS staff member Kerry Bailey, in the death of her fiancé, Jonathan Wintterowd and to Cristaldawn Smith, FPDS staff member, in the death of her uncle and aunt, Jimmie and Sandra McCulley.

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