



FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 24, 2021

Worship Online at 11:00am Sunday Mornings

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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 "Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling" Will L. Thompson

CALL TO WORSHIP

We come to worship the Lord our God,

Who summons us to this place, stirring in us a desire for holiness,

We come, remembering that it is not we who chose Christ,

But Christ who has chosen us.

We come, remembering that we are not justified by our goodness,

But by our faith in God's grace.

We come, remembering that we are not here to be entertained,

But to worship God with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength.

We come, carrying heavy burdens, wounds, and heartache,

And God redeems our brokenness and uses us to bring healing in the world.

God is calling,

And we have come!

HYMN OF PRAISE – No. 410 “God Is Calling Through the Whisper”

God is calling through the whisper of the Spirit’s deepest sighs, through the thrill of sudden beauties that can catch us by surprise. Flash of lighting, clash of thunder, hush of stillness, rush of wonder: God is calling – can you hear? God is calling – can you hear?

God is calling through the voices of our neighbors’ urgent prayers, through their longing for redemption and for rescue from despair. Place of hurt or face of needing; strident cry or silent pleading: God is calling – can you hear? God is calling – can you hear?

God is calling through the music of sublime and human arts, through the hymns of earth and angels, and the carols of our hearts. Lift of joy and gift of singing; days and nights our praises bringing: God is calling – and we hear! God is calling – and we hear!

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

Rev. Rebecca Luter

PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Then the word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time: “Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you.”

Jonah obeyed the word of the Lord and went to Nineveh. Now Nineveh was a very large city; it took three days to go through it. Jonah began by going a day’s journey into the city, proclaiming, “Forty more days and Nineveh will be overthrown.” The Ninevites believed God. A fast was proclaimed, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth.

When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he relented and did not bring on them the destruction he had threatened.

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SECOND READING

John 1:43-50

After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. “The time has come,” he said. “The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!”

As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. “Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.” At once they left their nets and followed him.

When he had gone a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat, preparing their nets. Without delay

he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

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Thanks be to God!

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

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SERMON “Responding to God’s Call” 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 American Folk Melody

“The Church’s One Foundation”

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in God’s excellent Word! What more can be said than to you God hath said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

“Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed, for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid; I’ll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand, upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.”

The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose, I will not, I will not desert to its foes; That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I’ll never, no, never, no, never forsake.

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. 757

Verses 1-3

“Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples”

Today we all are called to be disciples of the Lord, to help to set the captive free, make plowshare out of sword, to feed the hungry, quench their thirst, make love and peace our fast, to serve the poor and homeless first, our ease and comfort last.

God made the world and at its birth ordained our human race to live as stewards of the earth, responding to God's grace. But we are vain and sadly proud; we sow not peace but strife. Our discord spreads a deadly cloud that threatens all of life.

Pray justice may come rolling down as in a mighty stream, with righteousness in field and town to cleanse us and redeem. For God is longing to restore an earth where conflicts cease, a world that was created for a harmony of peace.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Trumpet Tune in Bb

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
Vanessa Howard, Liturgist
Rev. Rebecca Luter, 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. 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 Youth Fellowship will meet on Zoom at 2pm. Senior High and Middle school will be together for games and discussion. 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!

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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