



FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 31, 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 Andante (from Organ Sonata No. 1) Mendelssohn

CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather once again to hear you teach, O Lord, and to be healed of our diseases.

Be present among us, God of Love.

We gather aware of our fullness – our attachments to worldly ideals, our hope in human constructs, and our dedication to idols of our own making.

Empty us, God of mercy.

We gather to worship aware of our hunger in this barren land of temptations and transgressions.

Fill us, Mighty God, so that our lips and our lives overflow with your praises.

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land, I am weak, but thou art mighty. Hold me with thy powerful hand. Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more

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.

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Proverbs 3:1-3, 5-7, 9-10, 13-14

My son, do not forget my teaching, but keep my commands in your heart, for they will prolong your life many years and bring you peace and prosperity. Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight. Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD and shun evil. Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine. Blessed are those who find wisdom, those who gain understanding, for she is more profitable than silver and yields better returns than gold.

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SECOND READING

Luke 6:17-26

He went down with them and stood on a level place. A large crowd of his disciples was there and a great number of people from all over Judea, from Jerusalem, and from the coastal region around Tyre and Sidon, who had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. Those troubled by impure spirits were cured, and the people all tried to touch him, because power was coming from him and healing them all. Looking at his disciples, he said:

“Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who hunger now, for you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you when they exclude you and insult you and reject your name as evil, because of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven. For that is how their ancestors treated the prophets. But woe to you who are rich, for you have already received your comfort. Woe to you who are well fed now, for you will go hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you will mourn and weep. Woe to you when everyone speaks well of you, for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.”

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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 “When the Bowl Is Empty”

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 Sarabande in G Major

J.S. Bach

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. 697 “Take My Life”

Verses 1, 4, & 5

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee; take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise; let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold; take my intellect and use every power as thou shalt choose, every power as thou shalt choose.

**Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne, it
shall be thy royal throne.**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Toccata in e minor

Pachelbel

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

Bonnie Blair, Liturgist

Olivia Mittag, 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 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, February 1, at 9am as we discuss Chapter 3, “The Practice of Wearing Skin: Incarnation” 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 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.

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 5:30pm. 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 is open to the community. 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 Monday, 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 received the January Newsletter of Mission Haven, a ministry of Presbyterian Women of our Synod. What a joy to read that 4 of the 11 gifts over \$50 since October were from individual Farmington Presbyterian Women and our Presbyterian Women donated collectively \$490 in 2020! Don’t know about Mission Haven? Visit their website at www.missionhaven.net.

Remember in Prayer...Our Farmington Family, Session and Staff; Essential workers and all affected by Covid-19; Jack Arendt, Mary Lou Barrentine, Kenny Buckner, Jelena Colasurdo, Mary Lou Collins, D.J. Davis, Lisa Dick, Jane Egan, Sandy Franks, Ed Gallagher, Rev. Jim Hamilton, Bill Harrington, Martha Hart, Donna Hoover, Angela Horne, Gary Hutchins, Anna Leigh Jenkins, Lori Kent, Joe Knittig, Leslie Langston, Harland Lovell, Faye McKenzie, Beverly Ryan, Skip Shropshire, Patti Simpkins, Williams Stevens, Susan St. John, Joan Wallace, Mary Webb, Faye Woods and from our Presbytery: World Hunger.

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