



FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP
Transfiguration Sunday
February 14, 2021

Worship Online at 11:00am Sunday Mornings

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ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Eternally creating God, your imagination is vaster than the universe and your beauty beyond our imagining. Your Will is more loving than a parent for a newborn and your power beyond our comprehension. We come to worship you. May we experience your presence in this place. Refresh us; renew us; challenge us; transform us. For we seek to walk the path of discipleship, the way of Jesus. Amen.

Welcome

PRELUDE Adagio

Telemann

CALL TO WORSHIP

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Blessed is the One who comes in your name.

I was a pile of dust, and you transformed me to be a light for the world.

We were rough stones, and you transformed us to be salt for the earth.

I was a sinner, and you cleansed my heart and put a right spirit within me.

Jesus meets us here and invites us into God's glorious presence, into the mystery of darkness transformed to hope.

Let us worship from the mountain top and hear again, "This is my Son, whom I love; listen to him!"

“O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair”

O wondrous sight, O vision fair of glory that the church shall share, which Christ upon the mountain shows, where brighter than the sun he glows!

And faithful hearts are raised on high by this great vision’s mystery, for which in joyful strains we raise the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Awe-inspiring God, we confess that we rarely seek your presence. We settle for lesser joys, rather than nurturing our relationship with you. We neglect to attribute daily mercies to you. We stubbornly seek independence and try to cocoon ourselves in contentment. We fail to listen for your voice, to lead and guide us. We claim we don’t know how to pray, how to be a disciple, how to live according to your will. Yet you have already revealed yourself to us in Jesus. Forgive us. Transform us. Shine through us.

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

The Nicene Creed (Ecumenical)

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 on 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

Doug Barr

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

2 Kings 12:1-12

When the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven in a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; the Lord has sent me to Bethel." But Elisha said, "As surely as the Lord lives and as you live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel.

The company of the prophets at Bethel came out to Elisha and asked, "Do you know that the Lord is going to take your master from you today?" "Yes, I know," Elisha replied, "so be quiet." Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here, Elisha; the Lord has sent me to Jericho." And he replied, "As surely as the Lord lives and as you live, I will not leave you." So they went to Jericho.

The company of the prophets at Jericho went up to Elisha and asked him, "Do you know that the Lord is going to take your master from you today?" "Yes, I know," he replied, "so be quiet." Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." And he replied, "As surely as the Lord lives and as you live, I will not leave you." So the two of them walked on.

Fifty men from the company of the prophets went and stood at a distance, facing the place where Elijah and Elisha had stopped at the Jordan. Elijah took his cloak, rolled it up and struck the water with it. The water divided to the right and to the left, and the two of them crossed over on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me, what can I do for you before I am taken from you?" "Let me inherit a double portion of your spirit," Elisha replied. "You have asked a difficult thing," Elijah said, "yet if you

see me when I am taken from you, it will be yours—otherwise, it will not.” As they were walking along and talking together, suddenly a chariot of fire and horses of fire appeared and separated the two of them, and Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind. Elisha saw this and cried out, “My father! My father! The chariots and horsemen of Israel!” And Elisha saw him no more. Then he took hold of his garment and tore it in two.

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SECOND READING

Mark 9:2-9

After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was transfigured before them. His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus.

Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.”⁶ (He did not know what to say, they were so frightened.)

Then a cloud appeared and covered them, and a voice came from the cloud: “This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!”

Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus gave them orders not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

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

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SERMON “Promises, Promises: Time to Go”

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 “O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing” John Carter

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

God of mountaintops and valleys, we faithfully offer our gifts of thanksgiving and dedicate our lives to serving you. Bless these offerings that they may be transfigured to reveal your presence in the world. Amen.

HYMN – No. 190

Verses 1 & 2

“Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory”

Swiftly pass the clouds of glory, heaven’s voice, the dazzling light; Moses and Elijah vanish; Christ alone commands the height! Peter, James, and John fall silent, turning from the summit’s rise downward toward the shadowed valley where their Lord has fixed his eyes.

Glimpsed and gone the revelation, they shall gain and keep its truth, not by building on the mountain any shrine or sacred booth, but by following the Savior through the valley to the cross and by testing faith’s resilience through betrayal, pain, and loss.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Great is thy Faithfulness” William M. Runyan

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
Laurinda Ingram, Liturgist
Doug Barr, 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 (Sunday, Feb. 14th) with High School 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 15, at 9am as we discuss Chapter 5, "The Practice of Getting Lost: Wilderness" 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!

Ash Wednesday Worship will be held, weather permitting, at 5:30pm in the lower back parking lot. Please park in the upper lot for the service. Drive-by imposition of ashes will be available from 6-6:30pm in the front circle drive. **If the weather is inclement**, we will instead have Zoom worship at 6:00pm; you are encouraged to have a bit of oil available for marking the sign of the cross. If you have not already registered for Zoom worship, go to our homepage at www.farmingtonpres.org and click to register by filling in your name

and email address. A link will be sent to your email for you to click at 5:30pm.

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.

Presbyterian Women will meet Sunday, February 28th, at 2pm on Zoom. The Meeting ID is 527 795 3657 and the password is grace. All women are encouraged to participate as we discuss how laments lead us to find hope.

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.

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 a double order of These Days Devotionals for January-March because of USPS delays. If you would like a copy, please email church@farmingtonpres.org.

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, Gary Hutchins, Anna Leigh Jenkins, Joe Knittig, Harland Lovell, Faye McKenzie, Dennis Peeples, Beverly Ryan, Patti Simpkins, Williams Stevens, Susan St. John, Joan Wallace, Mary Webb, Faye Woods and from our Presbytery: Bethel Springs Presbyterian Church, Bethel Springs, TN.

Sympathy... to the family and friends of Mitch Major, friend of Rev. Rebecca Luter.

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