



FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP
Third Sunday in Lent
March 7, 2021

Worship Online at 11:00am Sunday Mornings

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ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Holy God, we see your fingerprints in the predictability and variety of creation. We come in awe to worship you. Help us in this time to look and listen for your presence and your voice. Remind us of your faithfulness to your covenant, a covenant made not only with people named in Scripture, but with us. As we sing and speak, listen and pray in our worship, may these actions become more than tasks of our bodies and our minds; may they be expressions of the seeking of our souls for you. And as we long for you, O God, may we realize that you lovingly hold us in the palm of your hand. Amen.

Welcome

PRELUDE Adagio

Mozart

CALL TO WORSHIP

Creating God, we hear the birds sing and the winds whisper your glory.

We are reminded of your steadfast faithfulness.

We open our mouths to pronounce God's glory, but our words stumble and trip.

Our songs and our actions are tuned more to our own concerns than to God's Will.

Come, let us worship God, who will refresh our souls and give joy to our hearts.

We enter this holy space to worship. Let the words of our mouths and the whispering of our hearts be pleasing to you, O Lord, our Rock and our Redeemer.

HYMN OF PRAISE – No. 13 “The Mighty God with Power Speaks”

The Mighty God with power speaks, and all the world obeys;
from dawn until the setting sun, God’s wonder earth displays.
The perfect beauty all around from Zion’s height shines forth;
and stars across the firmament so brightly beam their worth.

God comes not with a silent form, but riding on the winds;
before God’s face, the raging storm its blast of thunder sends.
All hail the Judge, in bold array, whose promise is to bless;
who sees out sins, yet also feels our thirst for righteousness.

The heavens declare your justice, Lord, as endless as the sky;
against the taunts of disbelief, our God will testify. Receive
my heartfelt gift of thanks, as honor to your might; refresh my
faith with each new day; protect me through the night.

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgiving Lord, we have fallen short time and time again.
You have given us your Word, both in Scripture and in Son,
you have promised us your presence, both in Spirit and in
community, and you have graced us with your kingdom, both
in teaching and in service. Even so, we neglect, ignore, and
reject your purposes for us. We do not love what you love.
We do not embrace what you embrace. We do not defend
what you have called us to defend. Have mercy on us, O God
of all ages past and all hope for years to come. Forgive us for
what we do and what we fail to do. And with your gifts,
promises, and grace, continue working in our lives that we
might receive full life in Jesus Christ, now and forevermore.

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.

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ, His Only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

John 2:13-22

When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple courts he found people selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money. So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple courts, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. To those who sold doves he said, "Get these out of here! Stop turning my Father's house into a market!" His disciples remembered that it is written: "Zeal for your house will consume me."

The Jews then responded to him, "What sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?"

Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days."

They replied, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?" But the temple he had spoken of was his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken.

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge. They have no speech, they use no words; no sound is heard from them. Yet their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world. In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the sun. It is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, like a champion rejoicing to run his course. It rises at one end of the heavens and makes its circuit to the other; nothing is deprived of its warmth. The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul. The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple. The precepts of the LORD are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the LORD are radiant, giving light to the eyes. The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever. The decrees of the LORD are firm, and all of them are righteous. They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the honeycomb. By them your servant is warned; in keeping them there is great reward. But who can discern their own errors? Forgive my hidden faults. Keep your servant also from willful sins; may they not rule over me. Then I will be blameless, innocent of great transgression. May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.

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SERMON

Rev. Rebecca Luter

“Promises, Promises: Well-Loved”

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 “Change My Heart, O God” Eddie Espinosa

Change my heart, O God; make it ever true. Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.

You are the Potter; I am the clay. Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.

Change my heart, O God; make it ever true. Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.

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

Eternal God, we give our tithes and offerings with thanksgiving that your covenant with us is everlasting; your faithfulness is never-ending. You are bringing about your Kingdom - this world living in community with justice, peace, and righteousness. As your people, you call us to follow the example of your Son, who was so filled with compassion for those in need, even us, that he sacrificed to bring the healing and wholeness necessary to bring about your Kingdom. Bless and dedicate our offerings and our lives to your purposes in the world, in Christ’s name. Amen.

HYMN – No. 415

Verses 1 & 4

“Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy”

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore; Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love, and power.

I will arise and go to Jesus; he will embrace me in his arms. In the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms.

Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream; all the fitness he requireth is to feel your need of him.

Refrain.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Nocturne in E Minor

Chopin

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
Ann Erickson, Liturgist
Erin Webb, 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 in person this Sunday (March 7th) at 2pm. Wear your mask and keep your distance but let's have fun together.

Monday Morning Zoom Bible Study Join us tomorrow morning, March 8th, at 9am as we discuss Chapter 8, “The Practice of Saying No: Sabbath” 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!

Wednesday Night Service is moving! We are regathering in the backyard this Wednesday night, March 10th, at 5:30pm. The service will also be live-streamed on our Facebook page. Bring your lawn chair and set up early to enjoy some fellowship before the service!

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 between 5:00-5:30pm. 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.

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 looking for volunteers who will help us re-gather for worship! Are you willing to be on the sanitizing crew or to help on the tech crew? Email church@farmingtonpres.org and let us know!

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, Nadine Oest, Dennis Peeples, Jonathan Riley, Beverly Ryan,

Patti Simpkins, Martha Sorce, Williams Stevens, Susan St. John, Joan Wallace, Mary Webb, Faye Woods and from our Presbytery: First Presbyterian Church, Brownsville, TN.

Sympathies...to the family and friends of Sharon Thrash, wife of Jim Thrash, passed away February 25 and to the family and friends of OJ Casoli, friend of Jackie Hall.

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