



**FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP**

**Palm Sunday
March 28, 2021**

Worship Online at 11:00am Sunday Mornings

www.farmingtonpres.org

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ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

God of hope, this is the day that you have made. We remember your presence in outward signs of inward grace: rainbows of mercy, waters of belonging, food for the journey, and King Jesus riding a donkey into Jerusalem. Your Holy Spirit gathers us together, present digitally and physically. As Jesus entered Jerusalem, followers waved palm branches and lined his path with their coats. So may we welcome Jesus into our lives and glorify your holy name. Amen.

WELCOME

PRELUDE "The Holy City"

Stephen Adams

CALL TO WORSHIP

We come to prepare for the holiest of weeks.

We will journey through praise, with joy on our lips; we will travel through betrayal and death, cradling hope deep in our hearts.

Jesus leads us through this week, and we will follow, for he is the life we long for, he is the Word who sustains us.

We wave palm branches in anticipation, we lay our love before him, to cushion his walk.

Setting aside all power, glory, and might, he comes: modeling humility and obedience for all of us.

Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is the One who brings us the kingdom of God.

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

All glory, laud and honor to thee, Redeemer, King, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!

Thou art the King of Israel, thou David’s royal Son, who in the Lord’s name comest, the King and blessed One. *Refrain.*

To thee, before thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise; to thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise. *Refrain.*

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Patient God, we confess that we love a parade: palm branches waving, children darting here and there, ...shouts of Hosanna! We imagine the scene eagerly, but we fail to see the sadness on the face of our Savior. He comes to us as King, and we expect that royal treatment will follow. We do not and cannot believe that in a few days we will either be among the silent who turn our backs or the crowds who shout “Crucify him!” How fickle we are, O Lord. Yet you continually forgive us and call us to turn our lives around--to see the sadness on the face of our neighbor, our enemy, and the stranger and recognize Christ. Heal our hearts and give us courage for the days ahead.

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

Apostles’ Creed

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.

THROUGH CHILDREN'S EYES

Rachel Barr

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Come, Holy Spirit. Fill us and transform us by your Word, and fix our eyes on you. Amen.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 42:1-9

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him, and he will bring justice to the nations. He will not shout or cry out, or raise his voice in the streets. A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out. In faithfulness he will bring forth justice; he will not falter or be discouraged till he establishes justice on earth. In his teaching the islands will put their hope." This is what God the LORD says—the Creator of the heavens, who stretches them out, who spreads out the earth with all that springs from it, who gives breath to its people, and life to those who walk on it: "I, the LORD, have called you in righteousness; I will take hold of your hand. I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles, to open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness. "I am the LORD; that is my name! I will not yield my glory to another or my praise to idols. See, the former things have taken place, and new things I declare; before they spring into being I announce them to you."

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SECOND READING

John 12:20-30

Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the festival. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, with a request. "Sir," they said, "we would like to see Jesus." Philip went to tell Andrew; Andrew and Philip in turn told Jesus.

Jesus replied, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me.

“Now my soul is troubled, and what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour?’ No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name!”

Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and will glorify it again.” The crowd that was there and heard it said it had thundered; others said an angel had spoken to him.

Jesus said, “This voice was for your benefit, not mine.

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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

“He Set His Face”

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

John D. Horman

“A Sower Came from Ancient Hills”

A Sower came from ancient hills and cast good seed abroad: his field, ten thousand human hearts; his seed, the word of God. And some who listened would not hear, and some who heard forgot. But some received in fertile soil the truth the Sower taught.

A Sower walked throughout the land and, everywhere he trod, he sowed his life because he was himself the Seed of God. But then, atop a barren hill, beneath a darkening sky, they threw God's Seed on stony ground and left it there to die.
(Herman G. Stuempfle, Jr.)

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

Holy God, in humility you set your face toward Jerusalem to show us the depth of your love. Humble us, now, to share that love. Accept and dedicate this offering and our lives that we may truly be the body of Christ in this world. Amen.

HYMN – No. 286 “Breathe on Me, Breath of God” Verses 1 & 3

Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life anew, that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am wholly thine, until this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine.

BENEDICTION

“Jesus set his face toward Jerusalem.”

Our Lord is on a journey, and the way leads through resistance, misunderstanding, and opposition.

Jesus invites us to follow him.

This journey leads through the shadows of betrayal, prayer in Gethsemane, the darkness of Golgotha.

“Jesus told his disciples, ‘If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.’”

Our Lord has set his face and is on a journey,

May we have the grace to follow and to be his Body in the world.

POSTLUDE Recessional

Gordon Young

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
Erin Webb, Liturgist
Rachel Barr, Children's Moment
Jackie Hall and Suzanne Thomas, Ushers
Charlotte Moots, Acolyte
Chancel Choir



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AND RECORDED. ATTENDEES
IMPLICITLY AGREE THAT THEY, AND
ANY CHILDREN ACCOMPANYING
THEM, MAY BE ON CAMERA.

Nomination of Elders

Please prayerfully consider nominations for the next class of church officers. These are very important roles of service and responsibility. You can submit your nomination directly to the church office, in the offering plate, or via email to church@farmingtonpres.org. Nominations can be made through April 11th.

Consider the following qualifications:

Church Involvement

- Regular attendance at Sunday worship and participation in church activities
- Areas of service in church ministries
- Demonstration of commitment to the church and its mission

Christian Living

- Love of Jesus Christ and dedication to Christ as Lord and Savior
- Strong faith
- Demonstration of grace and compassion in common life (family, work, community)
- Spiritual maturity
- Acceptance of the Bible as the unique and authoritative witness to God's work in the world and guide for Christian living

Personal Characteristics and Skills

- Cooperativeness; willingness to learn and listen
- Ability to follow through on assignments
- Openness to new ideas

Elders exhibit

- Gifts of good judgment, fair-mindedness
- Spiritual leadership with a vision to provide oversight and direction for the congregation
- Willingness to teach and preach

I suggest _____ for nomination for the office of Elder.

Submitted by _____
(Please print or type.)

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

The Palm Branches were given to welcome our Lord by Steve and Carolyn Demaree in memory of Leah Demaree Douglas.

The Palm Crosses were given to journey with us this Holy Week by Brandon and Shelley Wann.

Gathered to Worship...Sent to Serve 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 Fellowship will meet from 2 - 3:30 this Sunday, March 28th to pack Easter eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt. Wear your mask and keep your distance.

Presbyterian Women will meet this Sunday, March 28th, at 2pm on Zoom to continue its study of Into the Light Finding Hope Through Prayers of Lament. Kirsten King will lead us through Lesson 8. All ladies are welcome! The Meeting ID is 527 795 3657 and the password is grace.

Save the Date! Presbyterian Women Spring Gathering April 10th on Zoom with Synod Moderator Jan Albert.

Monday Morning Zoom Bible Study will not meet this week.

No Wednesday Night Service this week.

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 will not meet this week.

Maundy Thursday Communion and Good Friday Tenebrae Services will take place in the Outdoor Chapel at 6pm and will be live-streamed on YouTube. In case of inclement weather, they will be live-streamed only.

Easter Egg Hunt is on! Saturday April 3rd at 10am. Join us in the parking lot, bring a picnic lunch, get your picture with the Easter Bunny, hear the resurrection story, and join in the hunt! Candy for the hunt can be donated at the west doors under the porte cochere. Individually wrapped candies only.

Regathering for Worship in the Sanctuary! As we regather, we need persons willing to help with set up and clean up. If you are willing to help, please email church@farmingtonpres.org.

Easter Sunday worship either in person or online. If you are at home, there will be no change in how you receive the online service. Seating in the Sanctuary will be assigned and limited so that 6' distancing is maintained. Masks will be required while inside the building. You may register for worship at www.farmingtonpres.org.

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering will be received on Easter Sunday. Through your gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing, you can serve people in your community and around the world by helping to alleviate hunger, rebuild after a crisis or catastrophic events, and work with communities to overcome injustice and oppression. Please make your check payable Farmington Presbyterian and notate in the memo portion OGH. Thank you!

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.

Communications from the Church If you do not get emails weekly with the Happenings and reminders about Worship and Bible study, please email church@farmingtonpres.org and let us know. We will research and ensure that you are included! We also send text reminders about upcoming Farmington events. You can get those by texting "@farmpres" to "81010."

This week at Farmington...we are excited to regather in the Sanctuary for Palm Sunday worship, welcoming Christ with shouts of "Hosanna!"

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, Jane Egan, Sandy Franks, Ed Gallagher, Rev. Jim Hamilton, Bill Harrington, Donna Hoover, Gary Hutchins, Anna Leigh Jenkins, Joe Knittig, Harland Lovell, 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, Dyer, TN.

Congratulations...to Charlie and Maureen Smithers on the birth of their granddaughter, Autumn Marie Mason, and parents Liz and Erik Mason and big brother Xavier.

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