



APRIL 2021

Farmington is now worshipping in person and live-streaming from the church.
All are welcome to go to our website and sign up to attend or join us online.

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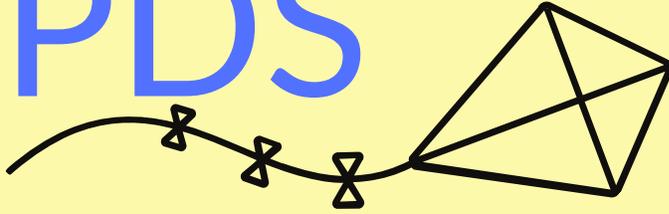
BY REV. REBECCA LUTER

As I sit in the quiet considering what to write, I notice the birds - at least three seem to be deep in conversation. Have they missed one another this long winter? Are they catching up and filling in? Are they preparing nests, comparing notes, or sharing wisdom? The breeze blows, and the wind chimes murmur in response. Early this morning it rained, but now the sun has broken through. The world is clean and new. Buds are ready to bloom. Spring is here. I am reminded of God's invitation to us in the Song of Solomon, "See! The winter is past; the rains are over and gone. Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come, the cooing of doves is heard in our land. The fig tree forms its early fruit; the blossoming vines spread their fragrance. Arise, come, my darling; my beautiful one, come with me."

It is darkest before the dawn, though, and April 1 is Maundy Thursday. As we journey through Holy Week, may we be transformed by the depth of love shown to us as Jesus humbly washed the feet and offered the bread and the cup to his betrayer; as he looked Peter in the eye and assured him that he would deny his Lord not once, not twice, but three times before the dawn broke; as he carried his cross and begged our forgiveness for we did not know what we did; and as he breathed his last. When people ask me why bad things happen to good people, I think of Holy Week and am reminded that Jesus endured the excruciating pain of betrayal, denial, abandonment and physical torture. Bad things happen to all people. Good people allow God to use bad things for good. As the Apostle Paul wrote, "All things work together for good for those who love the Lord, to those called according to his purpose."

God uses of winter and darkness, betrayal and hatred, torture and death to bring spring and light, loyalty and love, compassion and life. This is the Good News of Easter! Alleluia! Christ is risen! And we have received an invitation, "Arise, come, my darling; my beautiful one, come with me." Will you RSVP? Let us respond with joy to our Lord's invitation!

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Summer Camp is Coming!

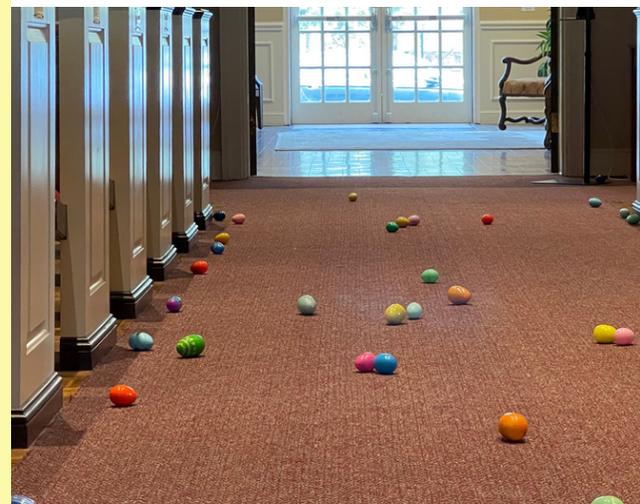
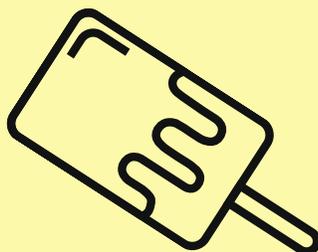
Summer Camp and 2021-22 FPDS Registration is open to the community. Be sure and share our website with your friends, family, and neighbors with children and encourage them to consider entrusting their family's children to the care of the Farmington family.

Summer Weekly Themes!

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| May 24- May 31 | Closed |
| June 1- 4 Week 1 | Explode Into Summer |
| June 7- 11 Week 2 | ARTastic |
| June 14- 18 Week 3 | Full S.T.E.A.M Ahead |
| June 21- 25 Week 4 | Splish Splash |
| June 28- July 2 Week 5 | Spirit Week |
| July 5 | Closed |
| July 6- 9 Week 6 | Out of This World |
| July 12- 16 Week 7 | Ready Chef Go |
| July 19- 23 Week 8 | Music & Motion |
| July 26- 30 Week 9 | V.B.S. (Vacation Bible School) - Knights, Princesses and Dragons |
| August 2- 6 Closed- | Closed- Teacher In-Service |
| August 9 | First Day of Preschool Classes |

The cost is \$40 per day for children entering Kindergarten through 14 years old with a 3 day minimum within that week.

The cost is \$200 per week for Preschool Age children. There is a minimum attendance of two weeks of summer camp for all ages.



HOLY WEEK SERVICES

March 28 - Palm Sunday - Sanctuary
In-person and live-streamed @ 11am

April 1 - Maundy Thursday - Outdoor Chapel
In person w/ Communion & Live-streamed @ 6pm
 (YouTube Premiere only)

April 2 - Good Friday - Outdoor Chapel
In-person & Live-streamed @ 6pm
 (YouTube Premiere only)

April 3 - Easter Egg Hunt - Back Parking Lot @ 10am. Bring a picnic lunch

April 4 - Easter

- Sunrise Service - Outdoor Chapel - 7am
- In-person Worship - Sanctuary - 9am
- In-person Worship & Live-streamed - Sanctuary 11am

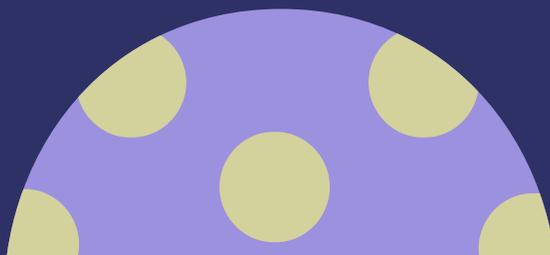
Register for In-Person Worship Attendance in the Sanctuary on our
website:

www.farmingtonpres.org

LET'S GO EGG HUNTING!

Bring a picnic lunch and join us for the hunt. The Easter Bunny will be available for pictures.

APRIL 3, SATURDAY | 10 AM | PARKING LOT



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

In a world of disaster, hunger, and oppression, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity.

Three programs are supported by One Great Hour of Sharing:

- Presbyterian Disaster Assistance
- Presbyterian Hunger Program
- Self-Development of People

These organizations within the Presbyterian Church work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

On Easter Sunday, we celebrate that Christ is risen, that we are given new life, and that we are a people of hope! We will receive the One Great Hour of Sharing offering on Easter Sunday to share that hope with our brothers and sisters in need.

To give, make your check out to Farmington Presbyterian and indicate OGHS on the memo line.



MEETUPS!

Each week there are opportunities to touch base with the Farmington Family. If you have not already connected with us, consider logging into one of our Zoom events. Download the app and use the codes below! Direct links are available in the Happenings.

Youth Fellowship

Led by Doug Barr

Sundays @ 2pm - 4pm

Meeting ID: 122 607 840

Password: Farmyo

Adult Bible Study

Led by Rev. Rebecca

Mondays @ 9am

Meeting ID: 869 8138 8088

Password: Bible

Young Adult Study

Led by Doug Barr & Madison Lewis

Thursday @ 6pm

Meeting ID: 769 5579 3868

Passcode: Psalms

Weekday Worship

Led by Rev. Rebecca Luter & Doug Barr

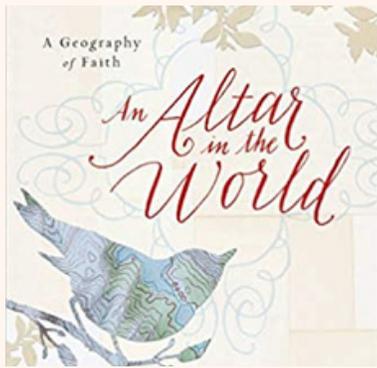
Wednesday @ 6pm

Meeting ID: 843 7787 5851

Passcode: Worship

Register at

www.farmingtonpres.org/weekday-worship



In 2021, would you like to learn to live with purpose, pay attention, slow down, and revere the world we live in? Rev. Dr. Barbara Brown Taylor's *An Altar in the World: A Geography of Faith* has as its goal to guide us in practices that will help us do just this as we incorporate them into our daily lives.

Monday mornings at 9am

Zoom Meeting ID 869 8138 8088

Passcode: Bible

Weekday Worship

The Farmington Family gathers for vesper services Wednesday nights in the outdoor chapel at 5:30pm.

If the weather does not permit us to gather outside, worship is presented on zoom at 6pm.

Simply register with your name and email at

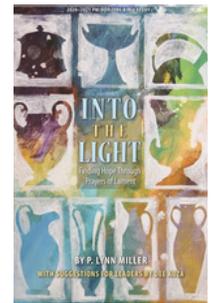
www.farmingtonpres.org/weekday-worship to join us on Zoom.

Outdoor worship services are live-streamed to our YouTube page.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Farmington Presbyterian Women's Circle continues to meet by Zoom to discuss Lynn Miller's Horizon Bible study *Into the Light*. All women of the church are welcome to join us Sunday, April 25 at 1:00 pm.



Session Report

Session received the February financial report and financial projections for the coming months are positive. They will be presented with a revised budget for second quarter reflecting the positive financial outlook and increased ministry opportunities as we are able to regather. Job descriptions for Farmington Presbyterian Day School Director and Assistant Director were approved. A search to fill these positions will begin in April.

Motions were approved to regather for worship Palm Sunday in the Sanctuary with a hybrid, live-streamed worship service. Wednesday night worship will continue in the Outdoor Chapel at 5:30pm and will be live-streamed. Inclement weather will move the Wednesday worship to Zoom. Communion will be served on the first Sundays beginning Easter Sunday at both the 9am and 11am services. Communion will also be served at the Maundy Thursday service. Both the Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services will be held in the Outdoor Chapel at 6pm. Inclement weather will move the services to live-stream only at 6pm. Easter 11am service will be live-streamed. Indoor worship services will follow CDC guidelines for masking, social distancing, contact tracing, and will require RSVPs due to limited seating capacity. Proposals for audio/visual upgrades in the Sanctuary to support live-streamed worship are in progress.

Jinney Hart gave the Commissioner's Report from the March 6th Presbytery meeting. Two items were shared for information at the Presbytery meeting: the Task Force on Racial and Ethnic Justice shared a proposed Statement and Action Plan and a Covenant and Lease Agreement between the Presbyterian of the Mid-South and Pinecrest Camp and Retreat Center was presented for later action. Two ministers were accepted into the membership of the Presbytery: Rev. David Powers to serve as Pastor of Idlewild Presbyterian and Rev. Michael Lyle to serve as Associate Pastor for Evangelism and Discipleship at Germantown Presbyterian.

Gifts of Women Sunday

In Matthew 25:35-36, we hear that Christ is thirsty, stranger, naked, sick and imprisoned. Poverty is most often the tangle of those very things. On gifts of women Sunday, we celebrate the story of women who have disrupted poverty by providing drink to those who were thirsty, welcoming strangers, clothing the naked, tending the sick, and visiting the imprisoned for as they have done it to these who are considered by society to be the least, they have done it to Jesus.

Becky Hutchins, who is known in our congregation for her soprano voice and for assisting her caterer husband Scott in feeding us, will be preaching. Becky is a family lawyer with the Liddy Law Firm in Marshall and Desoto County. She serves as Youth Court Prosecutor for Tippah and Benton Counties and acts as guardian ad litem (best interest attorney) for children throughout North Mississippi. Becky represents families, children and vulnerable adults in divorce, custody, guardianship, adoption, termination of parental rights, and child abuse and neglect cases.

In addition, each year on Gifts of Women Sunday a member is recognized with Honorary Life Membership to honor their faithful service to Presbyterian Women and to the church. All who have received this recognition in previous years choose the next person to receive the honor. Men and women are both eligible to be honored. It is always fun to watch as the person realizes that they are the one being described!

The Birthday Offering of Presbyterian Women is also received. Your gift to the Birthday Offering will help fund real solutions in the areas of health, education, economic development and the needs of women and children. The three recipients of this year's offering are: Garden Gate Ranch, a transitional home in Iowa for sexually-exploited women and their children; Memorial Drive Ministries in Georgia, a Presbyterian program in a gymnasium offering after-school enrichment and community services in a diverse neighborhood; and Nkhoma Mission Hospital in Malawi to build an obstetrics and gynecology-specific operating room to help reduce maternal deaths in childbirth. Please plan to give generously to this offering. Make your check to Farmington Presbyterian and indicate "Birthday Offering" on the memo line.

Gifts of Women Sunday will be April 11th.



Clean up Campus

The grass is growing...and so are the weeds! Come out for a morning of donuts and coffee, fellowship with friends, and spring gardening. We will weed the front beds (should be quick and easy since we weeded them this fall), rake up the last of the fall leaves, spread some pre-emergent, and plant spring flowers in the planters!

Saturday, April 24th
9am-12pm

Bring the whole family, your rake and/or your spade, and your gardening gloves!



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 _____.



Wednesday Dinners

Scott and Becky Hutchins (Firehutch Fine Foods) catering to-go orders for dinner to be picked up on Wednesday evenings at the church from 5 - 5:30 pm. They are donating 10% back to Farmington. If you would like to order, please contact them at hutchinsathome@gmail.com.

MENU

- 4/7 – Chicken Spaghetti
- 4/14 – Four Cheese & Sausage Baked Rigatoni
- 4/21 – Chicken & Spinach White Lasagna
- 4/28 – NO DINNER PICKUPS

Homemade Pizza is available each week as an alternative.



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Bailey Wann
- 3 Wendy Korner
- 9 Charlotte Moots
- 13 Jack Ingram
- 15 Kasi Wann
- 18 Henry Webb
- 19 Angela Rutland
- 20 Gavin Perkins
- 22 Maureen (Mo) Smithers
- 23 Emily Rhodes
- 24 John Perkins
- 27 Elizabeth Williams
- 29 Ann Erickson

Sunday Worship Online

Join us, Sunday mornings for worship on YouTube. You can find us through our website, www.Farmingtonpres.org, or on YouTube at www.youtube.com/c/farmingtonpresbyterian. Don't forget to subscribe so you never miss our services or video events.

And don't forget to like, share, and hit that subscribe button!



Staff Extensions

Rev. Rebecca Luter, Pastor, Ext. 3134
 Doug Barr, Director of Christian Education, Ext. 3130
 Polly Knight, Financial Records Keeper, Ext. 3136
 Shelley Wann, Church Office Administrator, Ext. 3131
 Gretchen Burch, Program Director of Day School, Ext. 3132
 Anthony Jones, Maintenance Technician

Session Members

Moderator - Rev. Rebecca Luter
 Administration – Ann Erickson
 Christian Education – Doug Barr
 Clerk – Laurinda Ingram
 Congregational Care – MaryShelley Ritchey
 Fellowship – Becky Hutchins & Suzanne Thomas
 Property and Grounds – Roland Mittag
 School Board – Susan Bryant
 Service – Jinney Hart
 Treasurer—Melissa Still
 Worship – Paul King



Content for the May New Vision newsletter is due Monday, April 19. Email articles and event information to Shelley Wann at Shelley@farmingtonpres.org



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