



**FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP**

**Christ the King Sunday
November 21, 2021**

Worship Online at 11:00am Sunday Mornings

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ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Holy God, we gather here to worship and to recall your many blessings in our lives. We assemble in person and online to sing our praise together, joining our voices with all the saints from east and west, north and south, in heaven and on earth. We give thanks to you and rejoice, for your steadfast love endures forever! You are our strength, our salvation, and our hope. Amen.

WELCOME

PRELUDE "We Are One in the Spirit"

P. Scholtes

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather to proclaim the reign of Christ, the very Word of God who is the Breath of Life was born in Bethlehem.

His mother named him Jesus and wrapped him snugly to sleep cradled in a manger.

In time, he learned to crawl and then walk; he learned to talk and then teach.

So transformative was his teaching that the establishment attempted to silence him, taking away his breath.

He was crucified. He died. He was buried. On the third day, he rose from the dead. The Breath of Life breathed once more.

Through him God and human history are intertwined, his Spirit fills our lungs and our lives.

On this last Sunday of the Church year, we affirm the mystery of our faith: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Speak to us, living God, as you have spoken to our ancestors: through the voices of your prophets, the breath of your Spirit,

and the life of your Son, so that we may live according to your word, in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

ADVENT

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 11:1-3

A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit. The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him—the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of might, the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the LORD—and he will delight in the fear of the LORD.

HYMN No. 82 “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” Verse 1

**Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.
Israel’s strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou
art; dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.**

CHRISTMAS

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 2:4-11

Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.

*HYMN No. 119 “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” Verse 1

**Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn king.
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!”
Joyful, all ye nations rise; join the triumph of the skies; with
the angelic host proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”**

EPIPHANY

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 2:1-12

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”

When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. When he had called together all the people’s chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. “In Bethlehem in Judea,” they replied, “for this is what the prophet has written:

“But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.”

Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.”

After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

HYMN NO. 127 “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

Verse 4

Chancel Choir

Hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Jesus, the light of the world.
Hail, the Sun of righteousness! Jesus the light of the world. We’ll
walk in the light, beautiful light. Come where the dewdrops of
mercy shine bright. O, shine all around us by day and by night.
Jesus, the light of the world.

LENT

LITANY OF CONFESSION

from Psalm 51

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy blot out our transgressions.

Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin! For we know our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us.

Against you, you only, have we sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.

Hide your face from our sins, and blot out all our iniquities. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us.

Cast us not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from us.

Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and uphold us with a willing spirit.

For you will not delight in sacrifice, or we would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering.

Our sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit;

a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

HYMN No. 187 “Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us” Verse 1

Savior, like a shepherd lead us; much we need your tender care. In your pleasant pastures feed us; for our use your fold prepare. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us: we are yours. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us: we are yours.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

THROUGH CHILDREN’S EYES

Rebecca Hutchins

All children are invited to come to the Chancel steps.

Afterward, young children may return to their seat.

Worship bags are available beside the entrance to the Sanctuary.

PALM SUNDAY

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 21:1-11

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, “Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away.”

This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet: “Say to Daughter Zion, ‘See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.’”

The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, “Who is this?” The crowds answered, “This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.”

*HYMN No. 197 “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna” Verse 3

“Hosanna in the highest!” That ancient song we sing, for Christ is our Redeemer; the Lord of heaven, our King. O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice, and in his blissful presence eternally rejoice.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 13:1-5; Matthew 26:26-29

It was just before the Passover Festival. Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.

The evening meal was in progress, and the devil had already prompted Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus. Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples’ feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my body.”

Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you. This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, I will not drink from this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father’s kingdom.”

HYMN No. 203 “Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love” Verses 1 & 4

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love; show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet, Master who acts as a slave to them. *Refrain.*

Loving puts us on our knees, willing to wash others' feet; this is the way we should live like you. *Refrain.*

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.

GOOD FRIDAY

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 23:44-46

It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, for the sun stopped shining. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit." When he had said this, he breathed his last.

HYMN No. 215 "What Wondrous Love Is This"

Verse 1

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, what wondrous love is this, O my soul! What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul, to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

EASTER

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 24:1-9

On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: 'The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.'" Then they remembered his words.

When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others.

*HYMN No. 246 “Christ Is Alive!”

Verse 5

Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and every age, till earth and sky and ocean ring with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

SERVICE OF CONFIRMATION

ELIZABETH LUTER

COLE RITCHEY

JACK RITCHEY

BAILEY WANN

KENNETH WILLIAMS

*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 on 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.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you to share with us in the ministry of Christ, for in Christ we all are one.

PENTECOST

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 2:1-4

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY “We Are One in the Spirit”

* 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

Almighty and merciful God, you break the power of sin and death and make all things new in your Son Jesus Christ, the King of the universe. Receive our offerings of praise and thanksgiving and dedicate them to your glory. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

CHRIST THE KING

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 18:33-37

Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus and asked him, “Are you the king of the Jews?”

“Is that your own idea,” Jesus asked, “or did others talk to you about me?”

“Am I a Jew?” Pilate replied. “Your own people and chief priests handed you over to me. What is it you have done?”

Jesus said, “My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place.”

“You are a king, then!” said Pilate.

Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. In fact, the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears my voice.”

*HYMN No. 264 “At the Name of Jesus”

**At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow, every tongue
confess him King of glory now; 'tis the Father's pleasure we
should call him Lord, who from the beginning was the mighty
word.**

**Humbled for a season to receive a name from the lips of
sinners unto whom he came, faithfully he bore it spotless to
the last, brought it back victorious, when from death he
passed;**

**Bore it up triumphant, with its human light, through all ranks
of creatures, to the central height, to the throne of Godhead,**

to the Father's breast, filled it with the glory of that perfect rest.

Christians, this Lord Jesus shall return again, with his Father's glory o'er the earth to reign; for all wreaths of empire meet upon his brow, and our hearts confess him King of glory now.

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

* Stand as able.

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

Jackie Hall and Nicholas Luter, Liturgists

Rebecca Hutchins, Children's Moment

Shelley Wann and Jennifer Young, Ushers

Abigail Palmer, Acolyte



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

Welcome IN THE NAME OF JESUS, THE CHRIST

We hope that you will sense 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.

Need more information? Want to sign up for something? Looking for the livestream of worship? Go to our website: www.farmingtonpres.org

Need to give us information? Want to ask a question? Looking for assistance with signing up? Email us at: church@farmingtonpres.org

Happenings AT FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN

Sanctuary Flowers this morning are given to the glory of God by Kay Patterson and Rev. Rebecca Luter in celebration of the birthdays of Dee Scobey, Cooper Patterson, Chris Luter, Nicholas Luter and Elizabeth Luter.

Sunday School All ages meet each Sunday morning at 10am for study and fellowship. Elementary in A6, youth in the Youth Room, and adults have the option of a Men's Bible Study in Fellowship Hall or a study with Rev. Rebecca in the East Room.

Youth Fellowship will gather today (Nov. 21st) from 2-4 pm to decorate the youth room for the Christmas season.

Presbyterian Women How have artists portrayed Rahab through time? Join us as we continue to explore insights of Jesus' genealogy and share our visio divina images or lectio divina reflections on her story (Lesson 3). We will meet today, November 21, at 2pm on Zoom. Meeting ID: 527 795 3657
Passcode: grace

Adult Sunday School All men are invited to attend the Men's Bible Study in Fellowship Hall on Sunday mornings at 9:30am. The hybrid (Zoom and in-person) class taught by Rev. Rebecca Luter meets at 10am in the East Room.

Advent in Plain Sight Make plans to attend this six-week study, November 28th-January 2nd at 10am as we consider how God is at work in the ordinary stuff of life. The book, by Rev. Jill Duffield, is available on Amazon but not necessary for participation in the class. We will meet in the East Room and on Zoom Meeting ID 889 8485 9604; Passcode Farmington.

Mid-Day Connection Throughout Advent, every day at 11am you are invited to worship with the Farmington family! Monday through Saturday, you are invited to join a short time of devotion on Zoom. Sundays you are encouraged to worship either in person or on the livestream from our website. What is this new Mid-Day Connection? Rev. Rebecca will be facilitating a time of gathering that incorporates Scripture, a music video of a favorite Christmas song or carol sung by a variety of artists, a chance to respond, and a prayer for our day. You are encouraged to share the link with friends and family via email and social media! The devotions will also be available on our Facebook page if you can't attend at 11am. Go to www.Zoom.com and enter Meeting ID: 862 7770 2431 with Passcode: Connect. If you have any trouble, please let Rev. Rebecca know.

Caroling Caravan Each year we visit those who are not able to come to worship at Christmastime and sing a few favorite carols together. You will not want to miss this time of fellowship and service that blesses both the givers and the receivers. Mark your calendars to meet in the back parking lot of the church to leave at 9:30am Saturday, December 18th! We will be finished by noon.

Poinsettias The sanctuary will be decorated with poinsettias this year. Please consider honoring or remembering a loved one. Poinsettias are \$10 each. Email church@farmingtonpres.org with your information.

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.

Bulletin Mailing List While we were all worshiping on YouTube Premier, we sent a bulletin weekly to every household. If you are returning to worship in the Sanctuary and would like to be removed from the weekly mailing, please email us at church@farmingtonpres.org and let us know.

Communications from the Church If you do not get the Happenings email each week and would like to, please email and let us know. We also send text reminders about upcoming Farmington events. You can get those by texting "@farmpres" to "81010."

Worshipping in the Sanctuary Please be mindful of social distancing. Unvaccinated individuals are required to continue to wear masks. Masks are recommended but not required for Vaccinated individuals and children 13 and under.

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, or mail your offering to Farmington Presbyterian Church, 8245 Farmington Boulevard, Germantown, TN 38139.

Summer Mission Trip Service Committee invites you to join the mission team traveling to Mexico June/July 2022 to build cisterns. We are in the process of setting the dates and want to include you if you are interested. For more info, contact Rev. Rebecca (rluter@farmingtonpres.org).

This week at Farmington...the congregation gathered to offer our thanksgiving for God's many blessings at our Service of Gratitude. The cornucopia in the Sanctuary is filled with gourds on which we offered our prayers. We received \$377 for the Presbyterian Womens Thank Offering.

Remember in Prayer...Our Farmington Family, Session and Staff; Essential workers and all affected by Covid-19; those impacted by the floods of Waverly, TN and Hurricane Ida, Daysi Alda, Ryan Andrews, Robert Applewhite, Jack Arendt, Mary Lou Barrentine, Bonnie Blair, Bill Brown, Kenny Buckner, Renee Cantor, Ralph Carr, Jelena Colasurdo, Mary Lou Collins, D.J. Davis, Bethany Dodd, Jane Egan, Ed Gallagher, Rev. Jim Hamilton, Bill Harrington, Mary Hasemeier, Martha Noble Hathcock, Gary Hutchins, Meredith Oest, Nancy & Dennis Palmer, Rit Pangburn, Steve Patterson, Bob Pointer, Jonathan Riley, Jimmy Robinson, Patti Simpkins, Williams Stevens, Susan St. John, Mary Thrash, Beth Tobey, Judy Tobey, Joan Wallace, Rob Wentzel, Faye Woods, and from our Presbytery: Cistern Project/Clear Water for the World.

Sympathy...to the family and friends of Dennis Peoples, father of Lane Steen.

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