



**FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP**

**Third Sunday of Epiphany**

**January 23, 2022**

Worship Online at 11:00am Sunday Mornings

[www.farmingtonpres.org](http://www.farmingtonpres.org)

Click "Worship Together"

**ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME**

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Holy God, we come together to worship in response to your Spirit's calling. We come from North, South, East, and West literally and figuratively, gathered from the ends of every spectrum to dwell together for your glory. Increase our faith, sustain our hope, and fill us with love that we might live according to your will. We pray in the name of Jesus, Amen.

WELCOME

PRELUDE

\*CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>†</sup>

God built the heavens, the earth, and everything in them.

**God calls us to be builders as well.**

God calls us to build our lives:

**To restore broken places and continue to grow.**

God calls us to build our faith:

**To study the Word and ponder its interpretation.**

God calls us to build our community:

**To build bridges of understanding and systems of justice.**

God calls us to build history by fulfilling the promises of Scripture:

**To preach the good news of God's love and liberation for all people.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE – No. 24

Verses 1 & 4

“God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens”

**God, who stretched the spangled heavens infinite in time and place, flung the suns in burning radiance through the silent**

fields of space, we, your children in your likeness, share inventive powers with you. Great Creator, still creating, show us what we yet may do.

As each far horizon beckons, may it challenge us anew, children of creative purpose, serving others, honoring you. May our dreams prove rich with promise, each endeavor well begun. Great Creator, give us guidance till our goals and yours are one.

*(Please be seated.)*

#### CALL TO RECONCILIATION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that our love is fickle. We act selfishly and deny that our actions and way of life harms others and hurts your world. Forgive our disobedience: our lack of trust, our lack of hope, and our lack of love. Help us be the people you created us to be. Create in us a clean heart, provoke in us a craving to serve others with humility and gratitude, and instill in us a desire to love as we have been loved.

#### 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 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.

*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.*

## PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### FIRST READING

Psalm 27:1, 4-9

The LORD is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid? One thing I ask from the LORD, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple. For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling; he will hide me in the shelter of his sacred tent and set me high upon a rock. Then my head will be exalted above the enemies who surround me; at his sacred tent I will sacrifice with shouts of joy; I will sing and make music to the LORD. Hear my voice when I call, LORD; be merciful to me and answer me. My heart says of you, “Seek his face!” Your face, LORD, I will seek. Do not hide your face from me, do not turn your servant away in anger; you have been my helper. Do not reject me or forsake me, God my Savior.

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

#### SECOND READING

I Corinthians 1:10-18

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought. My brothers and sisters, some from Chloe's household have informed me that there are quarrels among you. What I mean is this: One of you says, “I follow Paul”; another, “I follow Apollos”; another, “I follow Cephas”; still another, “I follow Christ.”

Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I did not baptize any of you except Crispus and Gaius, so no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (Yes, I also baptized the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I don't remember if I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the

gospel—not with wisdom and eloquence, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

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

SERMON

“Is Christ Divided?”

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 “Lord, I Trust Thee”

Handel

\*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

**Faithful and loving God, receive and dedicate our gifts of time, talent, and treasure. They have belonged to you from our very beginning. We give them gratefully and joyfully, praying that they may bring faith to those who doubt, hope to those who despair, and love to all, and so honor and glorify you. Amen.**

\* HYMN NO. 749 “Come! Live in the Light!”

Verses 1 & 2

**Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord! We are called to be light for the kingdom, to live in the freedom of the city of God.**

*We are called to act with justice; we are called to love tenderly; we are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.*

**Come! Open your heart! Show your mercy to all those in fear! We are called to be hope for the hopeless so hatred and violence will be no more. *Refrain.***

\* BENEDICTION

\*SENDING FORTH HYMN NO. 749 “Come! Live in the Light!” Verse 3  
**Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be one! God will reign, and we’ll walk with each other as sisters and brothers united in love.**

*We are called to act with justice; we are called to love tenderly; we are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.*

\* 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  
Rebecca Hutchins, Liturgist  
Doug Barr, Children’s Moment  
Ann Erickson and Scott Hutchins, Ushers  
Delilah Davis, Acolyte  
Chancel Choir



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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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:church@farmingtonpres.org)

## Happenings AT FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN

**Flowers** this morning are given to the glory of God by Iris Lawing in celebration of her sister's birthday.

**Children's Sunday School** All ages meet each Sunday morning at 10am for study and fellowship. Elementary in A6, youth in the Youth Room.

**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.

**Youth Fellowship** will meet today January 23<sup>rd</sup> from 2-4pm in the Youth Room.

**First Presbyterian Soup Kitchen** Do you have any blankets or men's coats/jackets that you are not using? Consider donating them to those who need them. Simply place them in the bin in the hallway outside the Youth Room marked Soup Kitchen.

**“Souper Bowl” Sunday Fundraiser** Sunday, February 13<sup>th</sup>. Purchase your chili and dessert for the Superbowl and support the Soup Kitchen. Preorder only by February 9<sup>th</sup> by email at [church@farmingtonpres.org](mailto:church@farmingtonpres.org) and pick up after church on Sunday, February 13<sup>th</sup>. A quart of chili and dessert for two is \$20.

**Flowers for Worship** as we regather for worship, we once again have the opportunity to give flowers to grace the Sanctuary in honor or memory of our loved ones. The cost for the flowers is \$60. The Flower Calendar is located on our website and is posted on the bulletin board near Fellowship Hall.

**Fellowship Coffee** is currently suspended as a precaution during this time. Sign up on our website to provide refreshments following worship, [www.farmingtonpres.org](http://www.farmingtonpres.org) Please keep it simple-something sweet and something salty.

**Vitality: Church in Post-Pandemic Life** Mid-South Presbytery Education Day has been postponed as a result of the current COVID-19 prevalence.

**Wednesday Night Dinners** Scott and Becky Hutchins (Fine Foods) are 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](mailto:hutchinsathome@gmail.com).

**Bulletin Mailing List** While we were all worshipping 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](mailto: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 highly recommended but not required for Vaccinated individuals.

**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](mailto:rluter@farmingtonpres.org)).

**This week at Farmington...**the FPDS preschoolers had a great time learning about volcanos and making one erupt in science class!

**Remember in Prayer...**Our Farmington Family, Session and Staff; Jack Arendt, Mary Lou Barrentine, Bruce Bennett, Bonnie Blair, Bill Brown, Kenny Buckner, Kitty Canon, Renee Cantor, Glenn Carr, Ralph Carr, Judith Cassidy, Jelena Colasurdo, Mary Lou Collins, Rev. Rodais Cox, D.J. Davis, Ed Gallagher, Rev. Jim Hamilton, Bill Harrington, Mary Hasemeier, Martha Noble Hathcock, Vanessa Howard, Gary Hutchins, Gene King, Carol Lovell, Sue Odom, Meredith Oest, Nancy & Dennis Palmer, Rit Pangburn, Michael Plotner, Bob Pointer, Michelle Pointer, Bill Renfrow, Jonathan Riley, Jimmy Robinson, Jack Scherer, Mary Short, Patti Simpkins, Williams Stevens, Susan St. John, Joan Wallace, Faye Woods, and from our Presbytery: Synod of Living Waters, Staff & Volunteers.

**Sympathies...**to the family and friends of Jeromy Bledsoe, nephew-in-law of Paula Patterson (49 years old, wife Christy and 7 year old son Alex) and to the family and friends of Jane Egan, member of Farmington Presbyterian Church.

**Congratulations...**to Jim and Mary Lou Collins on the birth of their first great-grandchild, Emery Annette Collins, to John Hazen on the birth of his grandson, Sonny Fitzpatrick and to Jon and Charlene Still on the birth of their great-grandson, Nick Benson Still.

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