



FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
January 30, 2022

Worship Online at 11:00am Sunday Mornings

www.farmingtonpres.org

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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 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" Converse

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We come to worship the Lord with gratitude and awe.

The Lord's wisdom is beyond what our minds can comprehend.

We come to worship the Lord who showed us the ways of truth and life abundant through the life and teaching of Jesus.

The Lord's love surpasses what our hearts can fathom.

We come to worship the Lord who demonstrated the depths of love through the humility, compassion, and suffering of Jesus.

The Lord's majesty is beyond what our mouths can proclaim.

We come to worship the Lord whose power and glory are revealed in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

With all that we are and all that we have, we worship the Lord with gladness!

*HYMN OF PRAISE – No. 41

Verses 1, 4, & 5

"O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!"

O worship the King; all glorious above! O gratefully sing
God's power and God's love: our shield and defender, the
Ancient of Days, pavilioned in splendor and girded with
praise.

Your bountiful care what tongue can recite? It breathes in the
air; it shines in the light; it streams from the hills; it descends
to the plain, and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail, in you do we trust,
nor find you to fail; your mercies, how tender, how firm to the
end, our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

(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 harm others
and hurt 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.

THROUGH CHILDREN'S EYES

Rachel Barr

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 36:1-7

I have a message from God in my heart concerning the sinfulness of the wicked: There is no fear of God before their eyes. In their own eyes they flatter themselves too much to detect or hate their sin. The words of their mouths are wicked and deceitful; they fail to act wisely or do good. Even on their beds they plot evil; they commit themselves to a sinful course and do not reject what is wrong. Your love, LORD, reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness to the skies. Your righteousness is like the highest mountains, your justice like the great deep. You, LORD, preserve both people and animals. How priceless is your unfailing love, O God! People take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SECOND READING

I Corinthians 6:12-17; 10:23-33

"I have the right to do anything," you say—but not everything is beneficial. "I have the right to do anything"—but I will not be mastered by anything. You say, "Food for the stomach and the stomach for food, and God will destroy them both." The body, however, is not meant for sexual immorality but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. By his power God raised the Lord from the dead, and he will raise us also. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ himself? Shall I then take the members of Christ and unite them with a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that he who unites himself with a prostitute is one with her in body? For it is said, "The two will become one flesh." But whoever is united with the Lord is one with him in spirit.

"I have the right to do anything," you say—but not everything is beneficial. "I have the right to do anything"—but not everything is

constructive. No one should seek their own good, but the good of others.

Eat anything sold in the meat market without raising questions of conscience, for, “The earth is the Lord’s, and everything in it.”

If an unbeliever invites you to a meal and you want to go, eat whatever is put before you without raising questions of conscience. But if someone says to you, “This has been offered in sacrifice,” then do not eat it, both for the sake of the one who told you and for the sake of conscience. I am referring to the other person’s conscience, not yours. For why is my freedom being judged by another’s conscience? If I take part in the meal with thankfulness, why am I denounced because of something I thank God for?

So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God. Do not cause anyone to stumble, whether Jews, Greeks or the church of God—even as I try to please everyone in every way. For I am not seeking my own good but the good of many, so that they may be saved.

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

“Rules and Rights”

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

Swedish Folk Tune

“Children of the Heavenly Father”

*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. 722

Verses 1, 3, & 4

“Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak”

Lord, speak to me that I may speak in living echoes of your tone. As you have sought, so let me seek your erring children, lost and lone.

O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the precious truths which you impart. And wing my words that they may reach the hidden depths of many a heart.

O fill me with your fullness, Lord, until my very heart o’erflow in kindling thought and glowing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.

* BENEDICTION

*SENDING FORTH HYMN NO. 543

Verses 4 & 5

“God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me”

(Choir Sings Verse 4.)

Walking behind to hem my journey, going ahead to light my way, and from beneath, above, and all ways: O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.

(Congregation Joins for Verse 5.)

Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me: O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.

* POSTLUDE “Choral Song”

Charles Wesley

* 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
Elizabeth Demaree, Liturgist
Rachel Barr, Children's Moment
Jinney Hart and MaryShelley Ritchey, Ushers
Hadley Barr, 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 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

Flowers this morning are given to the glory of God by Pat Sherman in loving memory of her husband, Neil.

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

The Men's Sunday School Class has temporarily suspended meeting.

Parables of Jesus Sunday mornings at 10am in the East Room and on Zoom (Meeting ID: 889 8485 9604, Passcode: Farmington); led by Rev. Rebecca. How would the people following Jesus have understood his teaching? Come explore the Parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37) on February 6th. No preparation necessary.

Youth Fellowship will meet today January 30th from 2-4pm in the Youth Room. Let's talk about clothes!

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 13th. Purchase your chili and dessert for the Superbowl and support the Soup Kitchen. Preorder only by February 9th by email at church@farmingtonpres.org and pick up after church on Sunday, February 13th. 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 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.

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."

Worshiping 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).

This week at Farmington...the Youth Fellowship discussed how the church is more than a building to them. How is Farmington Presbyterian more than a building to you? We invite you to email your responses to church@farmingtonpres.org.

Remember in Prayer...Our Farmington Family, Session and Staff; Jack Arendt, Mary Lou Barrentine, Bruce Bennett, Bonnie Blair, Bill Brown, Kenny Buckner, Renee Cantor, Ralph Carr, Judith Cassidy, Jelena Colasurdo, Mary Lou Collins, D.J. Davis, Ed Gallagher, Rev. Jim Hamilton, Bill Harrington, Mary Hasemeier, Martha Noble Hathcock, Cliff Holland, Vanessa Howard, Gary Hutchins, Sue Odom, Meredith Oest, Nancy & Dennis Palmer, Rit Pangburn, Bob 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: World Hunger.

Sympathies...to family and friends of Jane Egan, member of Farmington Presbyterian Church.

Congratulations...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, son of Ben & Courtney Still.

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