



FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP
Epiphany and Baptism of the Lord
January 9, 2022

Worship Online at 11:00am Sunday Mornings

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ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PRAYER OF PREPARATION[†]

Holy God of glory and majesty, you have called us by name. We pray in this moment for the courage and the strength to answer your call. As we open our ears to hear the story of your Son's baptism, open our hearts also, that we may experience again the renewing power of rebirth in the Holy Spirit. Inspire us in this time of worship, that we may claim our own identity as your beloved children. We pray in the name of our brother, Jesus Christ. Amen.

WELCOME

PRELUDE "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright" P. Nicolai

*CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 29 and Isaiah 43

This is what the Lord, who created you, who formed you, says: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you to me by name; you are mine."

We saw Jesus's star, the light where once it was dark, and have come to worship him.

This is the promise of the Lord, "When you have to cross dangerous waters, I will be with you, they will not sweep you away."

We heard Jesus's voice echoing; over places of deep emptiness, God's magnificence roars like thunder, and we have come to proclaim, "Glory!"

This is the invitation of the Lord, "See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland to give drink to my people,

my chosen, the people I formed for myself that they may proclaim my praise.

We received Jesus's invitation and are witnesses to his life, the life of the One who reveals God to us, and through whom we are saved; and we have come to bear witness so that others may hear and say, "It is true."

*HYMN OF PRAISE – No. 151 “We Three Kings of Orient Are”

**We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.**

*O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!*

**Born a King on Bethlehem's plain, gold I bring to crown him again,
King forever, ceasing never over us all to reign. *Refrain.***

**Frankincense to offer have I; incense owns a deity nigh;
prayer and praising gladly raising, worshipping God Most High. *Refrain.***

**Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom;
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone-cold tomb. *Refrain.***

**Glorious now behold him arise, King and God and Sacrifice:
Alleluia! Alleluia! sounds through the earth and skies. *Refrain.***

(Please be seated.)

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We are incredibly self-centered, O Lord. We celebrate that the Light of the World has come, revealing your love, pouring out your blessings with his life, and yet all we can think about is our interests, our wants, our desires. Turn our attention to you, Lord, and focus us on your ways. Make us thirsty for your presence. Wash away our self-pity and arrogance, our jealousy, greed, negative thoughts and sinful behaviors. Cleanse us from all that stands in the way of our truly being the people you have called us to be.

KYRIE

**Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of righteousness! Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings. Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die, born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth. Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in Jesus Christ, born to us all so long ago in Bethlehem of Judea.

We believe in Him whose birth glorified Bethlehem, but for whom there was no room in the inn.

We believe in Him whose guiding star can bring together the humble and wise everywhere.

We believe in Him who walked among the common people, and was welcomed by those with open minds and yearning hearts.

We believe in Him whose life changed the course of history, over whom kings had no power, whose life humbled the proud, toppled the mighty, and elevated those of low degree.

We believe in Him whose love changed human hearts, and whose life and death on the cross proved that it is more important to serve than to be served.

We believe in Him who is the Prince of Peace, whose spirit makes for justice and peace among all peoples.

We believe in Him who is Emmanuel, whose presence changes the world through the power of love, faith and hope.

THROUGH CHILDREN’S EYES

Charlie Smithers

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

READING OF SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:21-38, Matthew 2:1-2, 11-15a, Luke 2:39-52, 3:15-17, 21-23a

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.

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 “Sing of God Made Manifest” Jacob Hintze

*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†

God of new beginnings, as we move into this new year, stir in us the feelings of expectation! Kindle our hearts and minds to see possibilities for our world and for your kingdom. Help us to believe that the world we have can be better: more loving, more just, more compassionate, and looking much more like the world you've imagined for us. Lord, help us to give generously this day to empower that to happen. In the name of Christ, Savior and Redeemer, we pray. Amen.

* HYMN NO. 159 “O Sing a Song of Bethlehem” Verses 1 & 3

O sing a song of Bethlehem, of shepherds watching there, and of the news that came to them from angels in the air. The light that shone of Bethlehem fills all the world today. Of Jesus' birth and peace on earth the angels sing always.

O sing a song of Galilee, of lake and woods and hill, of him who walked upon the sea and bade its waves be still. For though, like waves on Galilee, dark seas of trouble roll, when faith has heard the Master's word, falls peace upon the soul.

* INVITATION, CHARGE AND BLESSING

* 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
Rachel Barr, Liturgist
Charlie Smithers, Children's Moment
Charlie and Mo Smithers, Ushers
Hudson Barr, 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

Flowers this morning are given to the glory of God by Jinney Hart for blessings in 2022.

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 9th from 2-4pm in the Youth Room.

First Presbyterian Soup Kitchen Do you have any men's coats or 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.

Advent in Plain Sight We will not meet next Sunday, Jan. 16th. Join us on the 23rd at 10am as we consider how God is at work in the ordinary stuff of life. We will meet in the East Room and on Zoom Meeting ID 889 8485 9604; Passcode Farmington.

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 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 is January 29th from 9am-2pm with Keynote Speaker, Rev. Jan Edmiston, Co-Moderator of the 222nd General Assembly (2016). We are hosting the event at Farmington Presbyterian. Registration and lunch is \$25 for participants. Greeters and helping hands are needed! Sign up to attend and/or help on our website.

Wednesday Night Dinners Scott and Becky Hutchins (Firehutch 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 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 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).

This week at Farmington...we want to thank all who watered the poinsettias throughout the Advent and Christmas seasons and those who took down the Chrismon tree and decorations and Outdoor Nativity this week.

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

Congratulations...to Jim and Mary Lou Collins on the birth of their first great-grandchild, Emery Annette Collins.

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