



**FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP**  
**Seventh Sunday after Epiphany**  
**February 20, 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 Andante (from Sonata I)

Mendelssohn

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let joy cascade from the faithful; let them rejoice in God's extraordinary love.

**Let everything that draws breath praise the Lord!**

Praise the Lord in this Sanctuary and throughout the vastness of the universe.

**Let everything that draws breath sing of the Lord's greatness!**

Praise the Lord with horns and strings, drums and dancing, soft piano chords and thundering organ,

**For we have experienced God's mighty acts and seen the Lord's greatness!**

Praise God with hands that offer comfort, hearts broken by injustice, and feet that deliver hope.

**Let us all, with every breath we draw, worship the Lord our God, for the Holy Spirit has bound us together in love, as the body of Christ.**

“Praise the Lord! God’s Glories Show”

**Praise the Lord! God’s glories show, Alleluia! saints within  
God’s courts below, Alleluia! angels round the throne above,  
Alleluia! all who see and share God’s love. Alleluia!**

**Strings and voices, hands and hearts, Alleluia! in the concert,  
bear your parts, Alleluia! All that breathes, your Lord adore,  
Alleluia! singing praise forevermore, Alleluia!**

*(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.**

*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

Luke 6:27-35a

“But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. If someone slaps you on one cheek, turn to them the other also. If someone takes your coat, do not withhold your shirt from them. Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

“If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do that. And if you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, expecting to be repaid in full. But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back.

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

#### SECOND READING

I Corinthians 13:1-13

If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when completeness comes, what is in part

disappears. When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

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

“A New Kind of Love”

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 “O Lord, Have Mercy”

Handel

O Lord, have mercy, you are my comfort. Lead me, my foes are near.

O Lord, have mercy, you are my comfort. Your love is near.

In times of darkness, Lord, be my light; In times of sorrow, O Lord be my comfort. Be my shield and hope. (adapted from Psalm 5)

\*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. 693 “Though I May Speak”

Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire, and have not love, my words are vain, as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess, but not be given by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control; our spirits long to be made whole. Let inward love guide every deed; by this we worship, and are freed.

\* BENEDICTION

\*SENDING FORTH HYMN NO. 543

Verses 4 & 5

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

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.

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 Allegro (from Sonata VI)

Mendelssohn

\* 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

Liv Palmer, Children’s Moment

Jackie Hall and Sandy Wann, Ushers

Abigail Palmer, 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

**Congregational Meeting** Session has called a Congregational Meeting following worship Sunday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, for the purposes of receiving the 2021 Annual Report and electing the 2022 Nominating Committee.

**Presbyterian Women** All women are invited to attend today, February 20<sup>th</sup>, at 2pm as we study the story of Jesus' ancestor, Bathsheba. Zoom.com; Meeting ID: 527 795 3657; Password: grace

**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.com (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 Two Builders (Luke 6:46-49) on February 27<sup>th</sup>. No preparation necessary.

**Youth Fellowship** will be going today, February 20<sup>th</sup> to Parkway Gardens Presbyterian Church for the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday and Black History Celebration. We will be leaving at 2:30pm and returning around 5pm.

**Ash Wednesday Service** We will observe an evening service with imposition of ashes on Wednesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 6pm. If you would like to receive ashes at home with a porch visit from Rev. Rebecca on Ash Wednesday, please email [church@farmingtonpres.org](mailto:church@farmingtonpres.org).

**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.

**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.

**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 Chili Fundraiser raised \$1355 for First Presbyterian Soup Kitchen. Thank you to Scott Hutchins and FireHutch Fine Foods for providing the chili, to the Service Committee for making the

cornbread and brownies, and to all who purchased and donated to the Soup Kitchen!

**Remember in Prayer...**Our Farmington Family, Session and Staff; Robert Applewhite, Jack Arendt, Bruce Bennett, Bonnie Blair, Bill Brown, Kitty Cannon, Renee Cantor, Ralph Carr, Judith Cassidy, Jelena Colasurdo, Mary Lou Collins, Ed Gallagher, Bill Harrington, Mary Hasemeier, Cliff Holland, Vanessa Howard, Loyd and Mary Hudson, Gary Hutchins, Carol Lovell, Leslie McNamara, Sue Odom, Meredith Oest, Nancy & Dennis Palmer, G.W. Patterson, Bob Pointer, Bill Renfrow, Jonathan Riley, Jimmy Robinson, Hannah Rose, Jack Scherer, Mary Short, Patti Simpkins, Williams Stevens, Susan St. John, Joan Wallace, Jim Waller, Frank Whited, Faye Woods, and from our Presbytery: Purdy Presbyterian Church, Bethel Springs, TN

**Sympathy...**to the family and friends of Mary Lou Barrentine. Cards and letters may be sent to Leigh Doerr, 10009 Calley Circle, Garden Ridge, TX 78266.

**Memorial Service** for Jane Egan is scheduled for Monday, February 28<sup>th</sup> in the Sanctuary at 10:30am.

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