



**FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP**

**First Sunday in Lent  
March 6, 2022**

Worship Online at 11:00am Sunday Mornings

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

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**ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME**

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

God Most High, in this season of Lent, we remember and give thanks for your power and grace shown to us, even in the wilderness places and trying times of our lives. You have been our shelter and our refuge, our protection in the storms of life. We place our trust in you, for we have heard your promise, "When my people call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble; I will show them my salvation" and have experienced it to be true. Surround us now with your glory as we praise and call upon your holy name. Amen.

WELCOME

PRELUDE Prelude in G

Harris

\* CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>†</sup>

The season of Lent sets us on a journey.

**The journey begins in the wilderness.**

We follow the way of Jesus, who faced trials, trouble, temptation, and testing.

**Like Jesus, we are not alone. The Holy Spirit is with us.**

**God's Word is on our lips.**

Our call is to trust in God alone, to do God's will in all things.

**For God leads us not only into the wilderness, but also through the wilderness.**

\* HYMN OF PRAISE – No. 65 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

**Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land. I am weak, but thou art mighty. Hold me with thy**

powerful hand. Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow. Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through. Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside. Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side. Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to thee; I will ever give to thee.

*(Please be seated.)*

#### CALL TO RECONCILIATION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we are wilderness dwellers, thirsty for your grace and hungry for your salvation. You made a way for us in the wilderness, and still we foolishly go astray. We avert our eyes from suffering. We remain silent when we could speak your grace. We turn up our earbuds, refusing to hear the cries of the oppressed. We choose our comfort over offering comfort. We choose our gain over offering the abundant generosity you intend, and it is our loss. Forgive us. Allow us to drink from the waters of justice and be satisfied by your harvest of righteousness.

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                      from The Belhar Confession  
We believe that God has revealed himself as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people; that God, in a world full of injustice and hostility, is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor and the wronged, that God calls the church to follow him in this; for God brings justice to the oppressed and gives bread to the

hungry; that God frees the prisoner and restores sight to the blind; that God supports the downtrodden, protects the stranger, helps orphans and widows and blocks the path of the ungodly; that God wishes to teach the church to do what is good and to seek the right; that the church must therefore stand by people where the Lord stands, namely against injustice and with the wronged; that in following Christ the church must witness against all the powerful and privileged who selfishly seek their own interests and thus control and harm others.

THROUGH CHILDREN'S EYES

Sandy Hilliard

*All children are invited to come to the Chancel steps.*

*Afterward, young children may remain or proceed to the nursery.*

*Worship bags are available beside the entrance to the Sanctuary.*

## PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

When you have entered the land the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance and have taken possession of it and settled in it, take some of the firstfruits of all that you produce from the soil of the land the LORD your God is giving you and put them in a basket. Then go to the place the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his Name and say to the priest in office at the time, "I declare today to the LORD your God that I have come to the land the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us." The priest shall take the basket from your hands and set it down in front of the altar of the LORD your God. Then you shall declare before the LORD your God: "My father was a wandering Aramean, and he went down into Egypt with a few people and lived there and became a great nation, powerful and numerous. But the Egyptians mistreated us and made us suffer, subjecting us to harsh labor. Then we cried out to the LORD, the God of our ancestors, and the LORD heard our voice and saw our misery, toil and oppression. So the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great terror and with signs and wonders. He brought us to this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey; and now I bring the firstfruits of the soil that you, LORD, have given me." Place the basket before the LORD your God and bow down before him. Then you and the Levites and the

foreigners residing among you shall rejoice in all the good things the LORD your God has given to you and your household.

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

SECOND READING

Luke 4:1-13

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry.

The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread.”

Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone.’”

The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And he said to him, “I will give you all their authority and splendor; it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. If you worship me, it will all be yours.”

Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.’”

The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. “If you are the Son of God,” he said, “throw yourself down from here. For it is written: “‘He will command his angels concerning you to guard you carefully; they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.’”

Jesus answered, “It is said: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time.

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 “He Was Hungry”

Rev. Rebecca Luter

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Please remember those on our prayer list.*

**RESPOND TO GOD**

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM “On Eagle’s Wings”

Michael Joncas

\* 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, even in days we experienced as wilderness you have never abandoned us. We offer our gifts of thanksgiving to provide food for the hungry, good news for the oppressed, safe haven for the refugee, and welcome to those who are wandering. Use them and send us to console and comfort, to heal hurts and meet needs, to listen and sit beside your children everywhere at the one Table you have set, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks for the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

SUNG RESPONSES – No. 552, 553, & 554

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.**

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

*The Communion elements we share this morning are gluten, sugar, nut, and dairy-free bread and white grape juice.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

\* HYMN No. 496 “Bread of Heaven, on Thee We Feed”

**Bread of heaven, on thee we feed, for thou art our food indeed. Ever may our souls be fed with this true and living Bread, day by day with strength supplied through the life of Christ who died.**

Vine of heaven, thy love supplies this blest cup of sacrifice.  
'Tis thy wounds our healing give; to thy cross we look and  
live. Thou our life! O let us be rooted, grafted, built on thee.

\* 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 Fugue in g minor

Bach

\* Stand as able.

**Bold Type** – congregation in unison

by Jeffery Tribble, “Pastoral Perspective”

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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, Liturgist  
Sandy Hilliard, Children’s Moment  
Mia Mittag and Roland Mittag, 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](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 Merry Bonner, in loving memory of her husband, Joe.

**Join us for Fellowship Coffee** immediately following the service in the Fellowship Hall. Today's refreshments are provided by Shelley Wann.

**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** will be taking a 2 week break as Rev. Rebecca is on vacation. We will meet again at 10am in the East Room and on Zoom on March 27<sup>th</sup> to study the Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector (Luke 18:9-14). No preparation is necessary.

**Youth Fellowship** will be going to the Escape Room this afternoon, Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup> from 3:30-5:30pm. Please bring \$25 for cost of event.

**Wednesday Night Dinner and Program** Thank you to all who completed the survey regarding Wednesday Night Dinners. We will be gathering for dinner in the Fellowship Hall beginning at 5:15pm. The program will begin at 6:15pm in the Sanctuary and on Zoom (Meeting ID 871 7636 8648, Passcode: Lent). You do not have to RSVP for the program. However, you do need to RSVP for dinner by Monday at noon to [churchoffice@farmingtonpres.org](mailto:churchoffice@farmingtonpres.org). The menu this week is Pasta Jambalaya. The cost of dinner is \$8 per adult and \$4 per child (12 and under) with a \$25 family maximum. Scott and Becky Hutchins (Firehutch Fine Foods) will continue 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).

**The Way: Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus** Rev. Rebecca Luter will be teaching this study by Adam Hamilton on Wednesday evenings March 9<sup>th</sup>-April 20<sup>th</sup> in a hybrid fashion from the Sanctuary. So, we will gather in person and on Zoom. The book can be purchased from Amazon, if you would like to read along. It is not required. This week we begin with Jesus' baptism in the Jordan River and temptation in the wilderness.

**Presbyterian Women** will meet March 20<sup>th</sup> on Zoom to study Mary, the mother of Jesus. All women are invited to join the meeting (Meeting ID: 527 795 3657, Password: grace).

**Presbyterian Women 2022 Annual Gathering** The women of the Presbytery of the Mid-South will gather April 2<sup>nd</sup> at First Presbyterian, Jackson, TN. The women of Farmington are planning to carpool. More information will be forthcoming.

**Summer Mission Trip** The dates are set! A team will travel June 21-26 to Xpujil, Mexico to build cisterns. If you can shovel gravel or sand, consider this faith-enriching experience assisting members of our partner church and working alongside the homeowners to provide year-round access to water.

**First Presbyterian Soup Kitchen** We have received the terrific news that the Clothes Closet currently is well-stocked and does not need additional donations at this time. Thank you to all who have contributed!

**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 returning! 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.

**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.

**This week at Farmington...**we began the journey to Easter by remembering that God formed us from the dust and to dust we shall return.



**Remember in Prayer...**Our Farmington Family, Session and Staff; Robert Applewhite, Jack Arendt, Bruce Bennett, Bonnie Blair, John & Nancy Blair-Bonk, Bill Brown, Renee Canter, Ralph Carr, Jelena Colasurdo, Mary Lou Collins, Ed Gallagher, Bill Harrington, Cliff Holland, Vanessa Howard, Loyd and Mary Hudson, Gary Hutchins, Carol Lovell, Sue Odom, Meredith Oest, Nancy & Dennis Palmer, G.W. Patterson, Bob Pointer, Bill Renfrow, Jonathan Riley, Jack Scherer, Mary Short, Patti Simpkins, Williams Stevens, Susan St. John, Joan Wallace, Frank Whited, Faye Woods, and from our Presbytery: First Presbyterian Church, Brownsville, TN and Health Awareness & Prayers for Healing & Wholeness.

**Sympathies...**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 and to the family and friends of Helmut Weber, father of Tanja Mittag and grandfather of Olivia and Mia Mittag.

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