



FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP
Second Sunday in Lent
March 13, 2022

Worship Online at 11:00am Sunday Mornings

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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 "Hymn of Promise"

Natalie Sleeth

*CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Psalm 27

As we follow the example of Jesus in our lives, the Lord is our help, shining light so that we can see the way.

What do we have to fear?

The Lord is our fortress and refuge in life;

What do we have to dread?

There is only one thing we need in life, only one thing we seek:

To contemplate the beauty of the Lord; to ponder God's ways in the company of God's people.

We come into the presence of the Lord rejoicing and singing praises.

Our hearts cry out, "Teach me your way, O Lord, and lead me in an undeviating path."

*HYMN OF PRAISE – No. 35 “Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”

Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation! All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near; join me in glad adoration!

Praise ye the Lord, who o’er all things so wondrously reigneth, shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth! Hast thou not seen how thy desires e’er have been granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him! Let the amen sound from his people again; gladly for aye we adore him.

(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

Elizabeth Demaree

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

Psalm 27

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? When the wicked advance against me to devour me, it is my enemies and my foes who will stumble and fall. Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear; though war break out against me, even then I will be confident. 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. Though my father and mother forsake me, the LORD will receive me. Teach me your way, LORD; lead me in a straight path because of my oppressors. Do not turn me over to the desire of my foes, for false witnesses rise up against me, spouting malicious accusations. I remain confident of this: I will see the

goodness of the LORD in the land of the living. Wait for the LORD; be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD.

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SECOND READING

Luke 13:31-35

At that time some Pharisees came to Jesus and said to him, "Leave this place and go somewhere else. Herod wants to kill you."

He replied, "Go tell that fox, 'I will keep on driving out demons and healing people today and tomorrow, and on the third day I will reach my goal.' In any case, I must press on today and tomorrow and the next day—for surely no prophet can die outside Jerusalem!

"Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing. Look, your house is left to you desolate. I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

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 "The Fox and the Hen"

Mr. Doug Barr

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 "People of the Lord"

Greg Scheer

People of the Lord, listen to my voice. Hear the ancient words.
Once again rejoice!

What we have heard, what we have known, let our tongues tell our sons and daughters the wonders of our living God, that they may join us in the chorus.

Tell of God's great deeds. Teach God's loving law that faith's precious seed in each heart may grow.

May we trust in God, rest in God's strong hand, live in God's strong love, follow God commands.

***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.

***HYMN No. 432 "How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord"**

How clear is our vocation, Lord, when once we heed your call to live according to your word and daily learn, refreshed, restored, that you are Lord of all and will not let us fall.

But if, forgetful, we should find your yoke is hard to bear; if worldly pressures fray the mind and love itself cannot unwind its tangled skein of care: our inward life repair.

We marvel how your saints became in hindrances more sure: whose joyful virtues put to shame the casual way we wear your name, and by our faults obscure your power to cleanse and cure.

In what you give us, Lord, to do, together or alone, in old routines or ventures new, may we not cease to look to you: the cross you hung upon, all you endeavored, done.

***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 “Bouree”

J.S. Bach

*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

Ann Erickson, Liturgist

Elizabeth Demaree, Children’s Moment

Elizabeth Demaree and Jennifer Young, Ushers

Charlotte Moots, 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

No Fellowship Coffee this morning. Enjoy Spring Break!

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 27th to study the Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector (Luke 18:9-14). No preparation is necessary.

No Youth Fellowship this afternoon. Enjoy Spring Break!

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. The menu this week is Shepherd's Pie, salad and brownies. 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.

The Way: Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus Kirsten King will be teaching this Wednesday evening, March 16th, 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 explore Jesus' healing ministry and time in Capernaum.

Presbyterian Women will meet March 20th 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 2nd at First Presbyterian, Jackson, TN. The women of Farmington are planning to carpool. More information will be forthcoming.

Mark your calendars! The churchwide Spring Picnic will be held at the Johnson Road Park pavilion on May 11th. The setting is private, fully accessible with no stairs required and a pond and playground nearby. Plan to bring your lawn chair and enjoy the evening with friends!

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 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 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.

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...15 members of Youth Fellowship enjoyed escaping together at Memphis Escape Rooms! It is a joy to be able to gather and fellowship once again. If your youth hasn't ventured back yet, or been part of youth in the past, make plans to come at 2pm next Sunday afternoon (March 20th)!

Remember in Prayer...Our Farmington Family, Session and Staff; Those impacted by war, Robert Applewhite, Jack Arendt, Bruce Bennett, Bonnie Blair, 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: Collierville Presbyterian Church, Collierville, TN and Pray for Justice.

Sympathies...to the family and friends of Helmut Weber, father of Tanja Mittag and grandfather of Olivia and Mia Mittag and to the family and friends of Jim Mitchell, former Farmington Presbyterian member.

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