



**FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP**

Third Sunday in Lent

March 20, 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 Moderato from Sonata, Op. 110

Beethoven

***CALL TO WORSHIP[†]**

Pilgrims, we are invited to journey through this season of Lent

Towards the One who calls us each by a new name.

Disciples, we walk with Jesus wherever he leads us,

Pulling our fears, our doubts, our longings behind us.

Believers, we seek to trust the God who always surprises us,

Whose promises take on flesh and blood in the good news called Jesus.

***HYMN OF PRAISE – No. 611 "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"**

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!

Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of

doubt away. Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee; earth and heaven reflect thy rays; stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise. Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea, chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning stars began. Love divine is reigning o'er us, joining all in heaven's plan. Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife. Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

(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

Becky Hutchins

*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

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to him and said, "I am God Almighty; walk before me faithfully and be blameless. Then I will make my covenant between me and you and will greatly increase your numbers."

Abram fell facedown, and God said to him, "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You will be the father of many nations. No longer will you be called Abram; your name will be Abraham, for I have made you a father of many nations. I will make you very fruitful; I will make nations of you, and kings will come from you. I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you.

God also said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you are no longer to call her Sarai; her name will be Sarah. I will bless her and will surely give you a son by her. I will bless her so that she will be the mother of nations; kings of peoples will come from her."

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SECOND READING

Mark 8:27-38

Jesus and his disciples went on to the villages around Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked them, "Who do people say I am?"

They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets."

"But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?"

Peter answered, "You are the Messiah."

Jesus warned them not to tell anyone about him. He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. "Get behind me, Satan!" he said. "You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns."

Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels."

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 "Who Do You Say I Am?"

Rev. James Gale

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

“A Time for All Things”

*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. 757 “Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples”

Today we all are called to be disciples of the Lord, to help to set the captive free, make plowshare out of sword, to feed the hungry, quench their thirst, make love and peace our fast, to serve the poor and homeless first, our ease and comfort last.

God made the world and at its birth ordained our human race to live as stewards of the earth, responding to God’s grace. But we are vain and sadly proud; we sow not peace but strife. Our discord spreads a deadly cloud that threatens all of life.

Pray justice may come rolling down as in a mighty stream, with righteousness in field and town to cleanse us and redeem. For God is longing to restore an earth where conflicts cease, a world that was created for a harmony of peace.

May we in service to our God act out the living word, and walk the road the saints have trod till all have seen and heard. As stewards of the earth may we give thanks in one accord to God who calls us all to be disciples of the Lord.

*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 F Minor

Bach

*Stand as able.

Bold Type – congregation in unison

†Call to Worship by Rev. Thom Shuman

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Participating in the service today:

Rev. Rebecca Luter, Pastor

Rev. James Gale, Guest Speaker

Doug Barr, Director of Christian Education

Jim Thrash, Director of Music

Tom Bryant, Accompanist

Mike Schneider, Liturgist

Becky Hutchins, Children's Moment

Gerry and Gerrie Wilder, 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 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 today.

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 will resume meeting next Sunday, March 27th, at 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall. This group is led by Cooper Patterson.

Parables of Jesus will be meet again at 10am in the East Room and on Zoom next Sunday, March 27th to study the Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector (Luke 18:9-14). No preparation is necessary.

Youth Fellowship will meet today, March 20th at Shelby Farms disc golf course from 2-4pm. Contact Doug Barr for directions.

Presbyterian Women will meet today, March 20th, at 2pm on Zoom to study Mary, the mother of Jesus. All women are invited to join the meeting (Meeting ID: 527 795 3657, Password: grace).

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 Pancakes, Sausage and Fruit. 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 Rev. Rebecca Luter will be teaching this Wednesday evening, March 23rd, 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 will focus on Jesus's teachings on life in the Kingdom of God from the mountainside in Galilee.

Easter Lilies We will be decorating the Sanctuary with Easter Lilies this year. To honor or remember a loved one this Easter Sunday, please email churchoffice@farmingtonpres.org with name, how many lilies, honoree or memorial. The lilies will be \$15 each, checks can be made payable to Farmington Presbyterian Church with "Easter Lilies" noted on memo line.

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...Children of all ages enjoyed beautiful weather during FPDS Spring Break Holiday Care.

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: Cordova Presbyterian Church, Cordova TN and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Ministry.

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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