



**FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP**

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 27, 2022

Worship Online at 11:00am Sunday Mornings

www.farmingtonpres.org

Click "Worship Together"

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 from Prodigal Son"

Debussy

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

When we stand at the edge of the crowd, wondering what is happening,

Jesus says, "Come and see."

When we are busy in our daily lives, wondering what is meaningful,

Jesus says, "Follow me."

We are not invited because we are worthy,

We are not called because of our goodness; we are chosen because of God's grace.

We come today to see God at work in our lives and the world.

We come today to follow Christ's example in our work and our leisure.

We come today to celebrate the reconciling love of God.

Today, we rejoice in hope, praising our Redeemer!

“I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art”

I greet thee, who my sure Redeemer art, my only trust and
Savior of my heart, who pain didst undergo for my poor sake;
I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.

Thou art the King of mercy and of grace, reigning omnipotent
in every place: so come, O King, and our whole being sway;
shine on us with the light of thy pure day.

Thou hast the true and perfect gentleness; no harshness hast
thou and no bitterness. O grant to us the grace we find in
thee; that we may dwell in perfect unity.

(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

Rachel Barr

*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

Isaiah 44:21-23

"Remember these things, Jacob, for you, Israel, are my servant. I have made you, you are my servant; Israel, I will not forget you. I have swept away your offenses like a cloud, your sins like the morning mist. Return to me, for I have redeemed you." Sing for joy, you heavens, for the LORD has done this; shout aloud, you earth beneath. Burst into song, you mountains, you forests and all your trees, for the LORD has redeemed Jacob, he displays his glory in Israel.

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SECOND READING

Luke 5:27-32

After this, Jesus went out and saw a tax collector by the name of Levi sitting at his tax booth. "Follow me," Jesus said to him, and Levi got up, left everything and followed him.

Then Levi held a great banquet for Jesus at his house, and a large crowd of tax collectors and others were eating with them. But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law who belonged to their sect complained to his disciples, "Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?"

Jesus answered them, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."

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 Is Invited to Dinner?"

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 "Lift Thine Eyes"

Mendelssohn

*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. 264 "At the Name of Jesus"

Verses 1, 2, & 4

At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow, every tongue confess him King of glory now; 'tis the Father's pleasure we

should call him Lord, who from the beginning was the mighty Word.

Humbled for a season to receive a name from the lips of sinners unto whom he came, faithfully he bore it spotless to the last, brought it back victorious, when from death he passed;

Christians, this Lord Jesus shall return again, with his Father's glory o'er the earth to reign; for all wreaths of empire meet upon his brow, and our hearts confess him King of glory now.

*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 “Fantasy and Fughetta”

J.K.F. Fischer

*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
Liv Palmer, Liturgist
Rachel Barr, Children's Moment
Scott Hutchins and Nadine Oest, Ushers
Delilah Davis, 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 John Hazen in memory of his brother, Robert Timm Hazen.

Join us for Fellowship Coffee immediately following the service in the Fellowship Hall. Today's refreshments are provided by Ann Erickson and Jinney Hart.

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 meets Sundays at 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall. This group is led by Cooper Patterson.

Parables of Jesus meets at 10am in the East Room and on Zoom next Sunday, April 3rd, we will be studying The Parable of the Compassionate Employer (Matthew 20:1-16). This group is led by Rev. Rebecca, and no preparation is necessary.

Youth Fellowship will meet today, March 27th from 2-4pm to begin planning the Sunrise Service.

Wednesday Night Dinner and Program Please join us for dinner as you are able to arrive between 5:15-6:15pm. 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 Spaghetti Pie and Boston Cream Cake. 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 30th, 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 calming the storm on the Sea of 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. If you have registered and wish to carpool, meet at the church at 8:15 AM.

Presbyterian Women's Annual Bake Sale returns on April 13th from 12-6pm. All members are encouraged to sign up to bake/purchase a baked good to sell on the sheet outside Fellowship Hall or on the church website. This fundraiser supports the mission projects of Presbyterian Women.

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 has returned! 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.”

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 received a card of appreciation for and greetings to the Farmington family from Jean Wiseman. The card is posted on the bulletin board outside Fellowship Hall.

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, Jamecka Donley, Ed Gallagher, Bill Harrington, Cliff Holland, Vanessa Howard, Loyd and Mary Hudson, Gary Hutchins, Louise Jacobson, 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, Dyer, TN and Presbyterian World Missions.

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