



FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP
Fifth Sunday in Lent
April 3, 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 *Elegy*

William Walton

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We come to church today and feast at our Lord's Table.

Some of us sit down at the table eagerly, because we are hungry for God; some of us have come because we know we should eat, even though we don't feel like it; and some of us have lost our appetite, and we don't even know why.

This is a place for those who are hungry and thirsty in spirit. This is a place for those who ache and yearn for something more.

God has drawn us this place to feast at Christ's Table, welcoming one and all with arms open to embrace us just as we are.

So let us come here today with our hunger and thirst, our unsatisfied longings, our heart-felt yearnings, and let the God of life satisfy our souls.

As we settle in this morning, Holy God, fill us with your presence so that when we leave today, we can leave saying, “That is exactly what I needed!”

*HYMN OF PRAISE – No. 504 “We Come as Guests Invited”

We come as guests invited when Jesus bids us dine, his friends on earth united to share the bread and wine; the bread of life is broken; the wine is freely poured for us, in solemn token of Christ our dying Lord.

We eat and drink, receiving from Christ the grace we need, and in our hearts believing on him by faith we feed; with wonder and thanksgiving for love that knows no end, we find in Jesus living our ever-present friend.

One bread is ours for sharing, one single fruitful vine, our fellowship declaring renewed in bread and wine: renewed, sustained, and given by token, sign, and word, the pledge and seal of heaven, the love of Christ our Lord.

(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

Jinney Hart

*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 :1-9

“Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters, and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost. Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and you will delight in the richest of fare. Give ear and come to me; listen, that you may live. I will make an everlasting covenant with you, my faithful love promised to David. See, I have made him a witness to the peoples, a ruler and commander of the peoples. Surely you will summon nations you know not, and nations you do not know will come running to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has endowed you with splendor.”

Seek the LORD while he may be found; call on him while he is near. Let the wicked forsake their ways and the unrighteous their thoughts. Let them turn to the LORD, and he will have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will freely pardon.

“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,” declares the LORD. “As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SECOND READING

Luke 9:10-17

When the apostles returned, they reported to Jesus what they had done. Then he took them with him and they withdrew by themselves to a town called Bethsaida, but the crowds learned about it and followed him. He welcomed them and spoke to them about the kingdom of God, and healed those who needed healing.

Late in the afternoon the Twelve came to him and said, “Send the crowd away so they can go to the surrounding villages and countryside and find food and lodging, because we are in a remote place here.”

He replied, “You give them something to eat.”

They answered, “We have only five loaves of bread and two fish—unless we go and buy food for all this crowd.” (About five thousand men were there.)

But he said to his disciples, “Have them sit down in groups of about fifty each.” The disciples did so, and everyone sat down. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke them. Then he gave them to the disciples to distribute to the people. They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over.

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 “Giving Thanks...They Were Satisfied” Rev. Rebecca Luter

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please remember those on our prayer list.

RESPOND TO GOD

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Michael Head

“Acquaint Now Thyself with Him”

William Compton, tenor

*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. 694 “Great God of Every Blessing”

Great God of every blessing, of faithful, loving care, you are the fount of goodness, the daily bread we share. How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start: sincerely and completely, I offer you my heart

Your Word is our salvation, the source of endless grace, in death and life extending your covenant embrace. In Christ we are one body; each member has a part: sincerely and completely, I offer you my heart.

Your Spirit is our teacher, the light that guides our search, transporting broken people into the holy church. For feeding us with mercy, for wisdom you impart: sincerely and completely, I offer you my heart.

*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 Chorale

Karg-Elert

*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

Susan Bryant, Liturgist

Jinney Hart, Children’s Moment

Billy and Sandy Wann, Ushers

Ann Erickson, Jackie Hall, John Hazen, Sandy Wann,

Communion Ushers

Hudson Barr, Acolyte

Chancel Choir

William Compton, tenor

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 Darlis Scobey in memory of her husband, Chaplain James R. Scobey.

Join us for Fellowship Coffee immediately following the service in the Fellowship Hall. Today's refreshments are provided by Elizabeth Demaree.

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 10th, we will be studying The Parable of the Serving Master (Luke 12:35-38). This group is led by Rev. Rebecca, and no preparation is necessary.

Youth Fellowship will go today, April 3 to Houston High School to see "Fiddler on the Roof". Olivia Mittag is running front of house and Mia Mittag is running backstage. Gather at the church at 2pm for the bus. The play is from 2:30-4pm. Tickets are \$10.

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, April 6th, 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.

Palm Crosses Those who would like to participate in making the palm crosses for Palm Sunday are encouraged to gather at 10am Wednesday, April 6th, in the Youth Room. Not to worry if you don't know how. We will teach you.

Easter Egg Hunt will be Saturday, April 16th from 10am-11am. Bring your friends and celebrate the resurrection with the Farmington Family. Candy may be donated at the west doors (porte cochere) by April 10th.

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'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 are thankful for Olivia Mittag, who has chosen Farmington Presbyterian Online Worship as her internship for school. Olivia not only is running the stream along with a volunteer to run cameras, she is also creating the slides of responses and lyrics.

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, Micci Leake, 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, Jim Waller, Frank Whited, Faye Woods, and from our Presbytery: Grace Presbyterian Church, Dyersburg, TN.

Sympathy...to the family and friends of John Walt, friend of Pat Sherman.



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IMPLICITLY AGREE THAT THEY, AND
ANY CHILDREN ACCOMPANYING
THEM, MAY BE ON CAMERA.

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