



**FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP**

**Palm Sunday**

**April 10, 2022**

Worship Online at 11:00am Sunday Mornings

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

Click "Worship Together"

**ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME**

PRAYER OF PREPARATION<sup>†</sup>

Gracious God, as we enter this Holy Week, strengthen us to move beyond the festive parade of palms and to follow Jesus into the way of the cross, that united with him and all the faithful, we may one day enter through the gates of righteousness into the eternal city, the New Jerusalem, where we may praise you with Christ and the Holy Spirit forever. Amen.

WELCOME

PRELUDE Processional

Mathias

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rejoice greatly; shout aloud, for your King comes to you, triumphant and victorious!

**We come with our branches, hosannas, and songs, filling the air with welcome to the Lord!**

He comes humble and riding on a donkey,

**Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE – No. 196

Verses 1, 2, & 4

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

**All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!**

**Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son, who in the Lord's name comest, the King and blessed One. Refrain.**

**The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went; our praise and prayers and anthems before thee we present. Refrain.**

**Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring,  
who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King!**

*(Please be seated.)*

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION†

**Lord Jesus, you know our hearts fully, and yet you still love us. We have denied you, and we have denied our calling to serve one another. We have betrayed you, and we have betrayed your commandment to love one another. Pour out your Spirit of grace upon us. Teach us to love and serve you faithfully and to love and serve one another according to the example you set for us.**

KYRIE

**Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PROCLAMATION OF LORDSHIP

Luke 19:28-40

After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. As he approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' say, 'The Lord needs it.'"

Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?"

They replied, "The Lord needs it."

They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it. As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road.

When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen:

"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!"

"Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!"

"I tell you," he replied, "if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out."

\*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

Charlie Smithers

*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

PROCLAMATION OF DEVOTION

John 12:1-8

Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus lived, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. Here a dinner was given in Jesus' honor. Martha served, while Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with him. Then Mary took about a pint of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

But one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, who was later to betray him, objected, "Why wasn't this perfume sold and the money given to the poor? It was worth a year's wages." He did not say this because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; as keeper of the money bag, he used to help himself to what was put into it.

“Leave her alone,” Jesus replied. “It was intended that she should save this perfume for the day of my burial. You will always have the poor among you, but you will not always have me.”

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 “How Will You Greet Him?”

Rev. Rebecca Luter

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE†

*Please remember those on our prayer list.*

Refrain:

The stone that the builders rejected,  
**has become the chief cornerstone.**

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

PROCLAMATION OF PRAISE

from Psalm 118

O give thanks to God, for God is good; God’s steadfast love endures forever!

**Let God’s people declare, “God’s mercy endures forever.”**

Open the gates of righteousness that we may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

**This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.**

We thank you, O God, that you have answered us and have become our salvation.

**The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.**

This is the Lord’s doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

**This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

O Lord, we pray, “Save us!” We pray, “May your Spirit rush mightily upon us!”

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

We praise your name from the house of the Lord.

**The Lord is God, and God has given us light.**

You are God, and we will give thanks to you; you are our God, we will celebrate you.

**O give thanks to God, for God is good; God's steadfast love endures forever.**

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Hosanna! The King Comes Today!" Lund  
Lift up your heads, ye gates open wide, that the King of Glory may come inside. Mighty and strong, holy and true! Rejoice! Your King comes to you! Hosanna, hosanna! Prepare the way! Hosanna, hosanna! The mighty King comes today!

This is the day the Lord has made, Let us rejoice, let us be glad! Blessed is he who comes in the name, the saving name of the Lord! (*inspired by Psalms 24 and 118*)

\*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. 200 "A Cheering, Chanting, Dizzy Crowd"

**A cheering, chanting, dizzy crowd had stripped the green trees bare, and hailing Christ as king aloud, waved branches in the air.**

**They laid their garments in the road and spread his path with palms and vows of lasting love bestowed with royal hymns and psalms.**

**When day dimmed down to deepening dark the crowd began to fade till only trampled leaves and bark were left from the parade.**

Lest we be fooled because our hearts have surged with passing praise, remind us, God, as this week starts where Christ has fixed his gaze.

Instead of palms, a winding sheet will have to be unrolled, a carpet much more fit to greet the king a cross will hold.

\*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 Prelude in Eb

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

Rachel Barr, Liturgist

Charlie Smithers, Children’s Moment

Charlie & Maureen Smithers, Ushers

Hadley Barr, Acolyte

Chancel Choir



THIS SERVICE IS BEING LIVE-STREAMED  
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

**The Palms** this morning are given to the glory of God by the Demaree family in memory of Leah Demaree Douglas and the **Palm Crosses** are given to the glory of God by Ann Erickson in memory of her husband, Ken Erickson.

**One Great Hour of Sharing Offering** allows Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to respond to crises. Three areas of the world where we are currently responding are the war and refugee crisis in Ukraine, typhoon in the Philippines, and tornadoes in the US. Farmington is collecting this offering during Holy Week. Please note “OGHS” on the memo section of your gift.

**Maundy Thursday and Good Friday Services** will both be in the Sanctuary and livestreamed at 6pm.

**Sunday School** will not meet on Easter Sunday morning. Please make plans to attend the Outdoor Sunrise Service led by the youth at 7am, join us for brunch at Perkins, and then attend the Sanctuary Service at 11am.

**Youth Fellowship** will meet today, April 10<sup>th</sup> from 2-4pm, to prepare for Easter Sunrise Service and packing eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt.

**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](mailto:churchoffice@farmingtonpres.org). The menu this week is Chicken Pot Pie. 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 Wednesday evening, April 13<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 will focus on Jesus's Final Week.

**Easter Egg Hunt** will be Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Presbyterian Women's Annual Bake Sale** returns on this Wednesday, April 13<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup>. 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!

**Rise Against Hunger** is scheduled for the afternoon of June 5<sup>th</sup>. We will package 20,000 meals to be distributed to shelters and schools around the world in areas of disaster or in developing countries so that hungry people are fed. The cost of 20,000 meals is \$7,500. How will we raise \$7,500? The children will be collecting in the Narthex after services each Sunday after Easter. The Service committee will hold a raffle at the Churchwide Picnic on May 11<sup>th</sup>. Tickets will be 5 for \$10 or 12 for \$20. In addition, all are encouraged to empty your change banks for the picnic to "pay" for the children to play carnival games (a quarter per game). If every family in the church gives \$15 per week, we will have enough!

**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** It is a time-honored tradition 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](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.”

**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...**the palm crosses were prepared for worship this morning by Jim and Mary Lou Collins, Nadine Oest and Myrt Saxon. As we wear the palm strips formed into crosses, may we enter this Holy Week mindful of how quickly our praise turns to silence, denial, or even condemnation.

**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, Julia Lively, Natalie Lively, Virginia Lively, Carol Lovell, Sue Odom, Meredith Oest, Nancy & Dennis Palmer, Bob Pointer, Bill Renfrow, Jonathan Riley, Jack Scherer, Mary Short, Patti Simpkins, Williams Stevens, Susan St. John, Joan Wallace, Jim Waller, Barbara Warvel, Craig Warvel, Frank Whited, Faye Woods, and from our Presbytery: Farmington Presbyterian Church, Germantown, TN and Pray for Farmer’s Struggles.

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

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