



**FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP**

Third Sunday of Easter

May 1, 2022

Worship Online at 11:00am Sunday Mornings

www.farmingtonpres.org

Click "Worship Together"

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Holy God, we come to worship and praise you, for you are the one true God. There is none other like you. You give strength to the weak and break the power of the mighty. You raise up the poor and humble the rich. You bolster the timid and chasten the arrogant. You taught us that the least shall be greatest, and the greatest least, in your kingdom. Speak your Word to us once again, and let us welcome its direction in our lives. Let it change our mentality and our ways. Through us, may others see your power and glory and join us in offering you our praise. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WELCOME

PRELUDE "Arioso"

J.S. Bach

*CALL TO WORSHIP

based on I Samuel 2:1-10

My heart exults in God; my strength is exalted in my God.

There is no one holier than you. There is no Rock like our God.

God raises up the poor from the dust; God lifts the needy from the ash heap, to place them among the mighty and promotes them to seats of honor.

God judges the ends of the earth. God will endow the ruler with strength and exalt the head of the anointed one.

*HYMN OF PRAISE – No. 611

Verses 1 & 3

"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.

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

Loving God, we confess that we criticize and pass judgment
on others. We have sought to control the way they live their
lives of service to you. Forgive us for our shortsightedness and
sin. Help us to understand, appreciate and love our siblings
in Christ, who have diverse experiences and life challenges.
Help us to recognize the variety of ways we can express our
faithfulness and love to you.

KYRIE

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

based on Galatians 4:4-7

God sent Christ, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem
those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as
God's children.

**And because we are God's children, God sent the Spirit into
our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba, Father!"**

So you are no longer a servant of God, but a child of God; God
has made you God's heir.

Thanks be to God.

*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

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and
earth;**

And in Jesus Christ, His Only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 29:4-14

This is what the LORD Almighty, the God of Israel, says to all those I carried into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: "Build houses and settle down; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Marry and have sons and daughters; find wives for your sons and give your daughters in marriage, so that they too may have sons and daughters. Increase in number there; do not decrease. Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the LORD for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper." Yes, this is what the LORD Almighty, the God of Israel, says: "Do not let the prophets and diviners among you deceive you. Do not listen to the dreams you encourage them to have. They are prophesying lies to you in my name. I have not sent them," declares the LORD.

This is what the LORD says: "When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will come to you and fulfill my good promise to bring you back to this place. For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you," declares the LORD, "and will bring you back from captivity. I will gather you from all the nations and places where I have banished you," declares the LORD, "and will bring you back to the place from which I carried you into exile."

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SECOND READING

Philippians 4:4-9

Rejoice in the Lord always! And again, I say rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable, if anything is excellent or praiseworthy, think on these things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me, put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

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 "It's Just Different"

Susan Bryant

ANTHEM "You Say" by Lauren Daigle

Sam Bryant

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please remember those on our prayer list.

God of Grace, thank you for tranquil, reflective moments when we are able to recognize you in the world. For all your beauty and your wonder, we give you thanks.

For the breath in our bodies, for our hearts and souls, for our connections with one another, we give you thanks and praise.

God of Reconciliation, be present with us when conflicts arise. Remind us that we have a higher calling, to forgive those who wrong us, to pray for those who persecute us, and to seek peace in the midst of strife.

For women who have survived challenging circumstances, for the faith and witness they have shared with us, we give you thanks and praise.

God of Love, we offer our gratitude to you for siblings in Christ who have comforted us and carried us in their hearts in prayer.

For our adoption – regardless of gender, age, race, or culture – as children of God and heirs to your promise, O God, we give you thanks and praise.

God of Creation, be present among us as we witness and serve, remember and reflect, sing and celebrate those, who with your help, guide the way for lives filled with gratitude. Amen.

RESPOND TO GOD

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

arr. Larson

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

*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

God of Resurrection, you transform darkness to light, death to life, despair to hope. Every element of our lives that is good is a gift from you. How can we possibly respond? We offer you our lives and our resources. Show your compassion through us. Tell your story through us. Reveal your love through us. Transform this world through us. In Jesus’s name. 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

Individually packaged Communion elements that are

*gluten, sugar, nut, and dairy-free bread and white grape juice
are available at the small table to the right of the pulpit.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

RECOGNITION AND APPRECIATION

*HYMN No. 815 “Give to the Winds Thy Fears” Verses 1 & 2
**Give to the winds thy fears; hope, and be undismayed. God
hears thy sighs and counts thy tears; God shall lift up thy
head.**

**Through waves and clouds and storms God gently clears the
way. Wait patiently; so shall this night soon end in joyous day.**

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING FORTH HYMN No. 826 Verse 4
“Lift High the Cross”

***Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the
world adore his sacred name.***

**So shall our song of triumph ever be: praise to the Crucified
for victory. Refrain.**

*POSTLUDE Fugue in C Major J.S. Bach

*Stand as able. **Bold Type** – congregation in unison

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Participating in the service today:

Rev. Rebecca Luter, Pastor

Speaker, Susan Bryant

Doug Barr, Director of Christian Education

Jim Thrash, Director of Music

Tom Bryant, Accompanist

Jinney Hart, Liturgist

Rachel Barr, Children’s Moment

Paula Patterson and Melissa Still, Ushers

Susan Bryant, Ann Erickson, Jinney Hart, Pat Sherman, Melissa Still,
Communion Servers

Hadley Barr, Acolyte

Chancel Choir

Sam Bryant, Interpretive Signing

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

Join us for Fellowship Coffee immediately following the service in the Fellowship Hall. Today's refreshments are provided by Merry Bonner, Mary Lou Collins and Paula Patterson.

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, May 1st, we will be studying The Parable of The Noble Vineyard Owner and His Son (Luke 20:9-18). This group is led by Rev. Rebecca, and no preparation is necessary.

Youth Fellowship VBS is right around the corner! Let's start putting together an awesome week by creating decorations. Join us today, May 1st, from 2-4pm.

Wednesday Night Dinner 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.

Churchwide Spring Picnic May 11th at Johnson Road Park pavilion. 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! It's \$8 for adults, \$4 for children (12 and under), \$25 max for families.

In the event of inclement weather, we will have dinner, fun, and games at the church.

Fun for Funds at the Picnic! The Service committee will be raising funds for Rise Against Hunger at the Churchwide Picnic on May 11th. We will have items to raffle with tickets available for purchase - 5 for \$10 or 12 for \$20. Items in the raffle include donations from More Than Words, Gift Horse and fine jewelry (silver and diamonds)! Must be present to win!

In addition, all are encouraged "Chunk Your Change" - empty your change banks and bring your coins to the picnic to "pay" for the children to play carnival-type games (a quarter per game).

Rise Against Hunger is scheduled for the afternoon of June 5th. 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. The children will be collecting in the Narthex after service today. In addition, you may purchase a card sharing that you have given in honor of your mother or father or a person who is special to you! The cards are \$20 each and are being sold after Sunday services in the Narthex.

VBS is June 13-17, 9am-noon. Registration forms available outside the sanctuary or on our website. Those attending FPDS summer camp will be attending without registration.

Summer Mission Trip The dates are set! A team will travel June 21-26 to Xpujil, Mexico to build cisterns. So far, Charlie Smithers, Steve and Carolyn Demaree, and John Hazen are signed up to go. If you can shovel gravel or sand, consider this faith-enriching experience assisting members of our partner church in Mexico 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 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...the children presented their Spring Program and Art Show in person and on livestream. They welcomed their families with a song from their Spanish classes, "Buenos Dias." The theme of the Music Program was Springtime with songs about flowers and raindrops. The clear favorite song of the children was from Chapel with Mr. Doug, "I Just Wanna Be a Sheep." The Art Show theme was "Under the Sea" and is still hanging in the Fellowship Hall for your enjoyment during Fellowship Coffee. We are so proud of all of our students for their hard work and growth throughout the school year. If you know a member of the staff, please thank them for all they do to help these children blossom. If you know a Day School family, please thank them for letting us be a part of nurturing their child(ren) and for being a part of the Farmington family!

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, Pat Rush Davis, Jamecka Donley, Bill Dyer, Ed Gallagher, Bill Harrington, Cliff Holland, Vanessa Howard, Loyd Hudson, Gary Hutchins, Louise Jacobson, Micci Leake, Julia Lively, Natalie Lively, Virginia Lively, Carol Lovell, Sue Odom, Meredith Oest, Nancy & Dennis Palmer, Bob Plotner, Bob Pointer, Bill Renfrow, Jonathan Riley, Jack Scherer, JoAnne Simpkins, Patti Simpkins, Mary Elizabeth Simpson, Williams Stevens, Susan St. John, Joan Wallace, Jim Waller, Barbara Warvel, Craig Warvel, Frank Whited, Faye Woods, and from our Presbytery: First Presbyterian Church, Huntingdon, TN.

Congratulations...to Cydnee Young and Parker Brown on their engagement.



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

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