



FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP
Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 22, 2022

Worship Online at 11:00am Sunday Mornings

www.farmingtonpres.org

Click "Worship Together"

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Lord God, we come to worship you, our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. When we look around, we see you: within ourselves, beyond ourselves, in the eyes of another. When we listen, we hear you: in the words of children, the rush of the wind, the music of life, the babbling of a stream, the rhythm of a heartbeat. When we cry, you cry with us. When we rejoice, you rejoice with us. When we gather, you are with us. As we worship, may you be glorified. Amen.

WELCOME

PRELUDE "Prayer"

Asper

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise be to the Lord, the Creator of heaven and earth!
We sing songs of joy with gratitude to God, the giver of all good gifts.

Our help is in the name of the Lord, the Redeemer who has saved us.

We bring our sighs and heavy burdens to God, the giver of rest.

As we come into God's presence, we pray for our burdens to be lifted and our songs of praise to be received.

Come, Holy Spirit, bind us together, removing all that separates us from one another and from God.

The love of God for us is from everlasting to everlasting,

Come, let us worship the Lord with gladness!

“We Come to You for Healing, Lord”

We come to you for healing, Lord, of body, mind, and soul, and pray that by your Spirit’s touch we may again be whole.

As once you walked through ancient streets and reached toward those in pain, we know you come among us still with power to heal again.

(Please be seated.)

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of world leaders and neighborhood children, we hear your words every day, but we rarely live them out. Our anger easily surges like a flooded creek, but our forgiveness drips like a rusty faucet. Words of judgement rush to our lips, while words of hope get diverted by rocks of objectivity. We hear the cries of the poor as though, like the roar of the ocean, they are unable to be quieted.

Living Water, may your mercy fall on us like a summer shower on parched grass; may your hope overflow the banks of our hearts. Risen Son, speak to us and call us to life.

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 Second Helvetic Confession

Faith is a pure gift of God, given by the Holy Spirit, by means of the preaching of the Gospel and steadfast prayer. Our salvation is not a result of our good works, rather works necessarily proceed from faith. For good works grow out of a living faith by the Holy Spirit and are done by the faithful according to the will or rule of God’s Word. These works are not done that we may earn eternal life by them, for eternal life is the gift of God, but they are done for the glory of God and the profit of the neighbor. For our Lord says, “Let your light

so shine before others, that they may see your good works and give glory to God.”

THROUGH CHILDREN’S EYES

Shelley Wann

*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 OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Psalms 124

If the Lord had not been on our side—let Israel say—if the Lord had not been on our side when people attacked us, they would have swallowed us alive when their anger flared against us; the flood would have engulfed us, the torrent would have swept over us, the raging waters would have swept us away. Praise be to the Lord, who has not let us be torn by their teeth. We have escaped like a bird from the fowler’s snare; the snare has been broken, and we have escaped. Our help is in the name of the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SECOND READING

James 5:13-20

Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven. Therefore, confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

Elijah was a human being, even as we are. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years. Again, he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops.

My brothers and sisters, if one of you should wander from the truth and someone should bring that person back, remember this: Whoever turns a sinner from the error of their way will save them from death and cover over a multitude of sins.

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 “In All Things, Pray”

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

James Biery

“Let This Day Be Filled with Wonder”

Living God, we praise you for the day that you have made; for the life that you have given, for the church that you have called, Alleluia!

Let this day be filled with wonder; let our lives proclaim the message; let your church sing out the news that Christ, our Lord and Savior is risen from the dead! (*David Gambrell*)

*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.

*HYMN No. 800 “Sometimes a Light Surprises” Verses 1, 2, & 3

Sometimes a light surprises the child of God who sings; it is the Lord who rises with healing in his wings; when comforts are declining, he grants the soul again a season of clear shining to cheer it after rain.

In holy contemplation we sweetly then pursue the theme of God’s salvation and find it ever new; set free from present sorrow, we cheerfully can say, “Let the unknown tomorrow bring with it what it may.”

It can bring with it nothing but he will bear us through; who gives the lilies clothing will clothe his people, too; beneath the spreading heavens no creature but is fed; and he who feeds the ravens will give his children bread.

*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 Allegro Moderato (from Sonata VI) Mendelssohn

*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
Laurinda Ingram, Liturgist
Shelley Wann, Children’s Moment
Jackie Hall and Jennifer Young, Ushers
Hudson 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. We are grateful for the visitors and friends of the Farmington family who add to our community each week.

Curious to know what church membership means? Wonder why a person would want to join or how a person joins? Our pastor, Rev. Rebecca Luter, would love to talk with you. You may reach her by email at rluter@farmingtonpres.org or by phone in the church office, 901-754-2794. She'll answer questions you may have about Farmington or Presbyterianism and walk you through meeting our leadership and making your spot in our family official. Just let us know if this feels like the right step for you, or if you are curious to learn more.

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 Sara Millar in loving memory of her son, David Millar (aka Zeke Logan).

Join us for Fellowship Coffee immediately following the service in the Fellowship Hall. Refreshments have been provided by Roland Mittag.

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.

VBS Training Day is today, Sunday, May 22 from 2–4pm for all station leaders to learn about the week's activities, voice any concerns, and to iron out any issues prior to VBS. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall. If you are interested in helping with VBS, please let Doug Barr know. There is always room for more help!

Memorial Weekend Worship Next Sunday, May 29th, recent Columbia Seminary graduate and Candidate for ordained ministry, Kirsten King, will be preaching.

Rise Against Hunger Packaging Event is June 5th at 1pm. A pizza lunch will be served for those who stay after worship. 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.

Vitality Educational Event is June 4th from 9am - 1pm at Farmington. This is an opportunity to imagine the church in a post-pandemic world. All are invited to explore these questions. How have we changed? What stays the same? How can we better serve our congregations? Register online at www.farmingtonpres.org. Cost is \$25 and includes lunch provided by FireHutch catering.

Congregational Meeting Session has called a Congregational Meeting following worship on Sunday, June 12th for the purpose of receiving the Nominating Committee Report and electing Ruling Elders to the Class of 2025. The slate of nominees is: Doug Barr, Ann Erickson, and Jinney Hart. Any member may be nominated by you are the Congregational Meeting. We do ask that you have agreement from the member to serve, if elected, prior to nominating that person.

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. Adults and youth are encouraged to let Doug know if you are interested in helping!

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.

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.

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 celebrated 50 FPDS students who are ready to begin Kindergarten this fall! We pray God's blessings on them as they spread their wings and look forward to seeing them soar.

Remember in Prayer...Our Farmington Family, Session and Staff; Those impacted by war, Irvine Taiwanese Presbyterian Church family, Jack Arendt, Bruce Bennett, Bonnie Blair, Bill Brown, Renee Canter, Martha Carr, Ralph Carr, Jelena Colasurdo, Mary Lou Collins, Pat Rush Davis, Jamecka Donley, Bill Dyer, Bill Harrington, Vanessa Howard, Loyd Hudson, Gary Hutchins, Louise Jacobson, Micci Leake, Julia Lively, Virginia Lively, Carol Lovell, Sue Odom, Meredith Oest, Nancy & Dennis Palmer, Bob Pointer, Bill Renfrow, Jonathan Riley, Jack Scherer, JoAnne Simpkins, Patti Simpkins, Mary Elizabeth Simpson, Williams Stevens, Susan St. John, Joan Wallace, Jim Waller, Frank Whited, Faye Woods, and from our Presbytery: Campers & Staff at Pinecrest and NaCoMe Camp & Retreat Center.

Sympathies...to the family and friends of Bette Marie Calhoun Whited, mother of Barbara Whited, FPDS employee and to the family and friends of Ed Gallagher, friend of John Hazen.

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