



**FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP**

Christ the King Sunday

November 20, 2022

Worship Online at 11:00am Sunday Mornings

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ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PRAYER OF PREPARATION[†]

God of all times and all places, be with us in this time and this place. Just as you have spoken to your people through prophets and poets, we pray that we might hear the Word you speak to us today. Just as you have spoken to your people through deeds and miracles, we pray that we might have eyes to see the Word you speak to us today. Just as you have called our people to act in the midst of your creation, we pray that we might have feet to walk and hands to reach out; for the sake of your Son, in whose name we pray. Amen.

WELCOME

PRELUDE "In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful"

J. Berthier

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us praise the Lord our God,

for God has come to help and deliver God's people.

Let us exalt the Lord God of Israel,

for God has remembered and kept the promise of the covenant.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God,

For God has rescued us from the power of our enemies, so that we can serve God without fear.

Let us rejoice in the light granted to God's holy people,

For in Christ, God rescued us from the control of darkness; he set us free through the Son and forgave our sins.

Because of God's deep compassion, the dawn will break upon us, to give light to who are sitting in darkness and in the shadow of death,
and to guide us in God's righteousness and path of peace.

*HYMN OF PRAISE – No. 643 “Now Thank We All Our God”

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices;
who, from our mothers’ arms, hath blessed us on our way with
countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us, with
ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us; and keep us in
God’s grace and guide us when perplexed, and free us from all
ills in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven, to
Father and to Son and Spirit now be given: the one eternal God,
whom heaven and earth adore, the God who was, and is, and
shall be evermore.

(Please be seated.)

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION[†]

Holy God, we confess that we have neglected to declare Jesus
the king and model for our lives. We have been quick to call on
others to follow the ways of Christ yet slow to do the same. We
have been bold in demanding generosity, mercy, and
forgiveness yet quiet when it comes to offering inclusion, love,
and compassion. Forgive us, O God. Restore in us, yet again,
the commitment to be more Christlike in word, in deed, and in
spirit. Amen.

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 Confession of 1967

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus
Christ has set the pattern for the church’s mission. His life as
man involves the church in the common life of men. His
service to men commits the church to work for every form of
human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to
all the sufferings of mankind so that it sees the face of Christ in

the faces of men in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on man's inhumanity to man and the awful consequences of its own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of man's life in society and of God's victory over all wrong.

THROUGH CHILDREN'S EYES

Elizabeth Demaree

*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

Jeremiah 23:1-6

"Woe to the shepherds who are destroying and scattering the sheep of my pasture!" declares the LORD. Therefore this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says to the shepherds who tend my people: "Because you have scattered my flock and driven them away and have not bestowed care on them, I will bestow punishment on you for the evil you have done," declares the LORD. "I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them and will bring them back to their pasture, where they will be fruitful and increase in number. I will place shepherds over them who will tend them, and they will no longer be afraid or terrified, nor will any be missing," declares the LORD.

"The days are coming," declares the LORD, "when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. This is the name by which he will be called: The LORD Our Righteous Savior.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SECOND READING

Luke 23:1-25, 32-34

Then the whole assembly rose and led him off to Pilate. And they began to accuse him, saying, "We have found this man subverting our nation. He opposes payment of taxes to Caesar and claims to be Messiah, a king."

So Pilate asked Jesus, "Are you the king of the Jews?"

"You have said so," Jesus replied.

Then Pilate announced to the chief priests and the crowd, “I find no basis for a charge against this man.”

But they insisted, “He stirs up the people all over Judea by his teaching. He started in Galilee and has come all the way here.”

On hearing this, Pilate asked if the man was a Galilean. When he learned that Jesus was under Herod’s jurisdiction, he sent him to Herod, who was also in Jerusalem at that time.

When Herod saw Jesus, he was greatly pleased, because for a long time he had been wanting to see him. From what he had heard about him, he hoped to see him perform a sign of some sort. He plied him with many questions, but Jesus gave him no answer. The chief priests and the teachers of the law were standing there, vehemently accusing him. Then Herod and his soldiers ridiculed and mocked him. Dressing him in an elegant robe, they sent him back to Pilate. That day Herod and Pilate became friends—before this they had been enemies.

Pilate called together the chief priests, the rulers and the people, and said to them, “You brought me this man as one who was inciting the people to rebellion. I have examined him in your presence and have found no basis for your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us; as you can see, he has done nothing to deserve death. Therefore, I will punish him and then release him.”

But the whole crowd shouted, “Away with this man! Release Barabbas to us!” (Barabbas had been thrown into prison for an insurrection in the city, and for murder.)

Wanting to release Jesus, Pilate appealed to them again. But they kept shouting, “Crucify him! Crucify him!”

For the third time he spoke to them: “Why? What crime has this man committed? I have found in him no grounds for the death penalty. Therefore, I will have him punished and then release him.”

But with loud shouts they insistently demanded that he be crucified, and their shouts prevailed. So Pilate decided to grant their demand. He released the man who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and murder, the one they asked for, and surrendered Jesus to their will.

Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with him to be executed. When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.” And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

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

“A Gift from the King”

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

Eugene Butler

“The Abundance of God’s House”

Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens and your faithfulness to the clouds. Your righteousness is like strong mountains and your justice like the deep. How priceless is your love, O God. Your people take refuge under the shadow of your wings. They feast upon the abundance of your house! You give them drink from the river of your delights. For with you is the well of life, in your light we see light. Continue your loving kindness, to those who know you, and your favor to those who are true of heart. (Psalm 136: 5-9)

*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†

Holy God, you have looked upon your people with mercy, generosity, and love. You have granted your favor to your people, offering them redemption, salvation, and wisdom. And so we offer these gifts for your hurting and broken world. May they be multiplied to do your service. May we be strengthened to do your work. In the name of Jesus the Christ, who multiplied small gifts and fed multitudes. Amen.

*HYMN - No. 327 “From All That Dwell Below the Skies”

From all that dwell below the skies let the Creator’s praise arise: Alleluia! Alleluia! Let the Redeemer’s name be sung through every land, in every tongue. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

In every land begin the song; to every land the strains belong: Alleluia! Alleluia! In cheerful sound all voices raise and fill the world with joyful praise. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Eternal are thy mercies, Lord; eternal truth attends thy word: Alleluia! Alleluia! Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore, till suns shall rise and set no more. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING FORTH HYMN “All Is Gift, All Is Grace”

All is gift and all is grace: joys that we treasure, sorrows we must face. Blessed the pilgrim who learns to embrace that all is gift and all is grace.

*POSTLUDE “Sinfonia – We Thank Thee, God” J.S. 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
Pat Sherman, Liturgist
Elizabeth Demaree, Children’s Moment
Nadine Oest and Charlie Smithers, Ushers
Delilah Davis, Acolyte
Chancel Choir

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 Rebecca Luter in celebration of the birthdays of Chris, Nichols & Elizabeth Luter, Cooper Patterson and Dee Scobey.

Join us for Fellowship Coffee immediately following the service in the Fellowship Hall. Refreshments provided by the Fellowship Committee. Sign up to host Fellowship Coffee on our website to provide refreshments following worship, www.farmingtonpres.org Please keep it simple-something sweet and something salty.

Hanging of the Greens is today, November 20th from 2-4pm. Get in the holiday spirit as we deck the halls, doors, and Sanctuary for the Advent and Christmas season. All ages are encouraged to participate!

Youth Fellowship Please join us as we participate in Hanging of the Greens from 2-4pm and decorate the Youth Room for the Advent Season.

Outdoor Nativity Set-up will be 9am on Saturday, November 26th. The men of the church will gather for coffee and donuts and assemble the stable for the manger scene.

Children & Youth Sunday School The Children and Youth will begin practicing for the Christmas Pageant from 10-10:45am. The Pageant will during worship on December 11th.

Adult Sunday School Classes Cooper Patterson is leading a study of the book of Acts for men in the Fellowship Hall from 9:30-10:30am. Rev. Rebecca leads a class for anyone interested in the East Room from 10-10:45am. Topics are chosen by participants. We will be discussing C.S. Lewis's *The Great Divorce*, an

allegory about visiting heaven and hell. Join us as we discuss the story and dig into what the Bible teaches us about good and evil.

No Wednesday Night Dinner and Program this week. Happy Thanksgiving!

Thanksgiving Lunch at Pinecrest Thursday, November 24 from 11:30am-1pm. A traditional lunch will be served along with hikes, bonfires, and hayrides. \$25 (adults), \$15 (4-11 years), 3 and under free. Email amanda@camppinecrest.org to make your reservations.

Advent Service of Hope and Remembrance If you find that the holiday season is approaching with a sense of dread, or the last year has been difficult, or you are coping with a loss, this time of worship on Monday evening, November 28th at 6pm in the Sanctuary is for you.

Adult Ministries Luncheon will be Thursday, December 1st at 12:00 noon. Cooper Patterson will be sharing stories from his life. Lunch is \$13. Please RSVP by November 24th to Sandy Wann at swann@bellsouth.net.

Poinsettias The sanctuary will be decorated with poinsettias this year. Please consider honoring or remembering a loved one. Poinsettias are \$12 each. Email church@farmingtonpres.org with your information.

Wednesday Night Dinner To-Go 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 are grateful for our many blessings. We started the week with Stewardship Sunday (so far 26 of our 98 families have returned their estimate of giving for 2023), served at the Soup Kitchen Sunday afternoon (9 of us enjoyed sorting donations and serving our guests), feasted and worshipped Wednesday evening (47 Ate and 46 attended in person or online), and had Thanksgiving feasts for 103 preschoolers Thursday and Friday.

Remember in Prayer...Our Farmington Family, Session and Staff; Jack Arendt, Bruce Bennett, Bill Brown, Renee Canter, Jeanne Carr, Martha Carr,

Ralph Carr, Jelena Colasurdo, Mary Lou Collins, Jamecka Donley, Bill Dyer, Skip Flannery, Bill Harrington, Martha Hart, Declan Hegarty, Sandy Hilliard, Vanessa Howard, Gary Hutchins, Jeannie, Peter, and Lara Kendall, Julia Lively, Dale Lowery, Jennifer Magill, Faye McKenzie, Kate Morrison, 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, Laura Anne Whitmore, Faye Woods, Rev. Mark Wright, and from our Presbytery: Cistern Project/Clear Water for the World.

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