



**FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP**

**First Sunday of Advent**

**November 27, 2022**

Worship Online at 11:00am Sunday Mornings

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

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**ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME**

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Holy One, you are just and righteous. Therefore, your ways bring peace. Breathe your breath of life, your Spirit of prophecy, your hope, your passion, your creative imagination on us this Advent season. Wake us up; clear our eyes; perk our ears to hear, to see, to believe, to choose your ways over the ways of the world and welcome your will on earth. Amen.

WELCOME

PRELUDE "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING<sup>†</sup>

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

We await the coming of our Lord, Jesus Christ, born to us so long ago in Bethlehem and born in us anew.

**We wait with hope-filled hearts, knowing your Word commands light in the darkness.**

We wait with anticipation for peace, believing that one day your justice will fill our world.

**We wait embraced by your love, reaching out to share it with our neighbors.**

We wait with joy, shimmering in expectation of your birth.

**Lord we wait, come soon and fill us with your life.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE – No. 82 "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

**Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;  
from our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in**

thee. Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art; dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart. Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a king, born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring. By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone; by thine all sufficient merit raise us to thy glorious throne.

*(Please be seated.)*

#### CALL TO RECONCILIATION†

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION†

God of today and God of tomorrow, you say, "Bring your full self. There's room for you here." But we say, "Our lives are too messy." You say, "Bring your hopes and your dreams. There's room for you here." But we say, "It's too risky to hope." You say, "Bring your grief and your prayers. There's room for you here." But we say, "Some things are easier to forget." God of today and God of tomorrow, we know in our hearts that there's room for us here. Forgive us for withholding our full selves from you. Forgive us for giving only our Sunday best. Help us remember, today and tomorrow, there's room for every story.

#### 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†

We believe in God who promised to Abraham, who wrestled with Jacob, who walked with Ruth, who spoke with Moses, who grieved with Bathsheba, who danced with David, who dreamed with Joseph, and who hoped like Mary. We believe in God who has been loving, inviting, transforming, and challenging us from generation to generation. And we believe that God is here with us now, saying, "Come on in; there's room for you here." Amen.

#### THROUGH CHILDREN'S EYES

Laurinda Ingram

*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 2:1-5

This is what Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem:

In the last days the mountain of the LORD's temple will be established as the highest of the mountains; it will be exalted above the hills, and all nations will stream to it. Many peoples will come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the temple of the God of Jacob. He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths." The law will go out from Zion, the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He will judge between the nations and will settle disputes for many peoples. They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore. Come, descendants of Jacob, let us walk in the light of the LORD.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

#### SECOND READING

Matthew 1:1-17

This is the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah the son of David, the son of Abraham:

Abraham was the father of Isaac,

Isaac the father of Jacob,

Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers,

Judah the father of Perez and Zerah, whose mother was Tamar,

Perez the father of Hezron,

Hezron the father of Ram,

Ram the father of Amminadab,

Amminadab the father of Nahshon,

Nahshon the father of Salmon,

Salmon the father of Boaz, whose mother was Rahab,

Boaz the father of Obed, whose mother was Ruth,

Obed the father of Jesse,

and Jesse the father of King David.

David was the father of Solomon, whose mother had been Uriah's wife,

Solomon the father of Rehoboam,

Rehoboam the father of Abijah,

Abijah the father of Asa,

Asa the father of Jehoshaphat,

Jehoshaphat the father of Jehoram,  
Jehoram the father of Uzziah,  
Uzziah the father of Jotham,  
Jotham the father of Ahaz,  
Ahaz the father of Hezekiah,  
Hezekiah the father of Manasseh,  
Manasseh the father of Amon,  
Amon the father of Josiah,  
and Josiah the father of Jeconiah and his brothers at the time of the  
exile to Babylon.

After the exile to Babylon:  
Jeconiah was the father of Shealtiel,  
Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel,  
Zerubbabel the father of Abihud,  
Abihud the father of Eliakim,  
Eliakim the father of Azor,  
Azor the father of Zadok,  
Zadok the father of Akim,  
Akim the father of Elihud,  
Elihud the father of Eleazar,  
Eleazar the father of Matthan,  
Matthan the father of Jacob,  
and Jacob the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary, and Mary was  
the mother of Jesus who is called the Messiah.

Thus there were fourteen generations in all from Abraham to David,  
fourteen from David to the exile to Babylon, and fourteen from the  
exile to the Messiah.

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      “There’s Room for Every Story”      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 “All Praise, Eternal Son to Thee” Bullard

#### \*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, we tell the old, old story of your love, born in a humble cattle stall to uncertain parents passing it on from generation to generation, like a tapestry woven throughout time, with room for every story. Without fail, it continues to change us, to offer hope, to expand our love. This day we give thanks for the ways your work is unfolding in and through us, even now. Use us and our resources to bring the news of great joy to the world. Amen.**

#### \*HYMN - No. 401 “Gather Us In”

**Here in this place the new light is streaming; now is the darkness vanished away; see in this space our fears and our dreamings brought here to you in the light of the day. Gather us in, the lost and forsaken; gather us in, the blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall awaken; we shall arise at the sound of our name.**

**Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light years away: here in this place the new light is shining; now is the kingdom, and now is the day. Gather us in and hold us forever; gather us in and make us your own; gather us in, all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.**

#### \*BENEDICTION

#### \*SENDING FORTH HYMN – NO. 80 “You Shall Go Out with Joy”

**You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace; the mountains and the hills will break forth before you; there’ll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands.**

**And all the trees of the field will clap their hands; the trees of the field will clap their hands; the trees of the field will clap their hands while you go out with joy. (*Sing twice*)**

\*POSTLUDE Majestic Piece

Ronald Arnatt

\*Stand as able.

**Bold Type** – congregation in unison

†Prayers by Rev. Sarah (Are) Speed, A Sanctified Art LLC, sanctifiedart.org.

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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  
Laurinda Ingram, Children's Moment  
John Hazen and Scott Hutchins, Ushers  
Delilah Davis, Acolyte  
Chancel Choir



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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](mailto: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](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

**Flowers** this morning are given to the glory of God by Pat Sherman in celebration of the birthdays of Grayson (9yrs.) and Graham (2 yrs.) Perkins... Pat's great-grandsons.

**No Fellowship Coffee today.** Happy Thanksgiving! Sign up to host Fellowship Coffee on our website to provide refreshments following worship, [www.farmingtonpres.org](http://www.farmingtonpres.org) Please keep it simple-something sweet and something salty.

**No Youth Fellowship** today. Happy Thanksgiving!

**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 11<sup>th</sup>.

**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.

**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 28<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in the Sanctuary is for you.

**Wednesday Night Dinner and Program** Dinner is Chicken Tenders & French Fries. The cost is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children (under 12) with \$25 family maximum. Dinners are from 5:45-6:30. A Christmas Carol Sing-along with Tom Bryant will begin at 6:30pm. Come ready to request your favorites.

**Adult Ministries Luncheon** will be Thursday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 12:00 noon. Cooper Patterson will be sharing stories from his life. Lunch is \$13. Please RSVP to Sandy Wann at [srwann@bellsouth.net](mailto:srwann@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](mailto:church@farmingtonpres.org) with your information.

## **Holiday Dates for Your Calendar:**

Children's Christmas Pageant during Worship, December 11<sup>th</sup>, 11am.

Caroling Caravan to Members with Limited Mobility, December 11<sup>th</sup>, 1pm.

PW Holiday Bake Sale, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 10am-6pm.

Farmington Family Christmas Party at Halle Plantation, December 16<sup>th</sup>, 7-9pm

Lessons and Carols and Christmas Lunch, December 18<sup>th</sup>, 11am.

**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](mailto: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](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...**Hanging of the Greens was a festive time of laughter and joy. Many hands made light and quick work. Thanks to all who participated.

**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, Vanessa Howard, Gary Hutchins, Jeannie, Peter, and Lara Kendall, Julia Lively, Dale Lowery, Jennifer Magill, Kate Morrison, Sue Odom, Meredith Oest, Nancy & Dennis Palmer, Bob Pointer, Bill Renfrow, 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: First Presbyterian Church, Kennett, MO.

**Sympathies...**to the family and friends of Jonathan Riley, relative of Emma Van Frank and to the family and friends of Susan Smith, mother of Matthew (and Cristaldawn) Smith.

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