



FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP
Second Sunday after Epiphany
January 15, 2023

Worship Online at 11:00am Sunday Mornings

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ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Creator of all that is, we gather to hear your Holy Word and to receive your Holy Spirit. Pour out your love upon us. Speak your truth to our hearts and into our lives. Fill us with your grace and the peace that only comes from knowing that we belong to you. Let us worship you not just with our lips at this hour, but in word and deed in all times and places to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

PRELUDE "We Are One in the Spirit"

R. Scholtes

WELCOME

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN - NO. 22

Verses 1, 2, 3 and 6

"God of the Sparrow"

God of the sparrow God of the whale God the swirling stars
How does the creature say Awe How does the creature say
Praise

God of the earthquake God of the storm God of the trumpet
blast How does the creature cry Woe How does the creature
cry Save

God of the rainbow God of the cross God of the empty grave
How does the creature say Grace How does the creature say
Thanks

God of the ages God near at hand God of the loving heart How
do your children say Joy How do your children say Home.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

God's Holy Spirit, who calls us together this day, knows each one of us fully

And yearns for us to respond and be blessed.

When God began to create heaven and earth, the earth was unformed and void, with darkness over the surface of the deep.

And like the wind, God's very Spirit swept over the expanse of the waters.

Then God created and God's creation was good.

God created humanity in God's own image and blessed them.

INVOCATION

“In the Cool of the Day”

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

When we disobeyed, we hid from God.

“Where are you?” asked God, “What have you done?”

In humility and faithfulness, with courage, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace, we repent of all the ways we have turned from you. We confess that we have heard you call, but we do not listen. You have shown us your path, but we prefer our own way. We have failed to live in community with all. We have betrayed one another, ourselves, and you.

Forgive us. Renew and restore us. You know us through and through. Lead us to let go of what we cannot change. Lead us to honesty. Lead us back to you. We long for your guidance.

KYRIE

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

When Jesus began to teach and minister, John was in the wilderness baptizing and preparing the way for the Lord. Jesus came and was baptized by him in the waters of the Jordan River.

And like a dove, God's very Spirit descended like a dove from the expanse of the heavens.

Then God said, “This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”

God sent his only begotten Son, through whom all things were made, to bless us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

*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

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THROUGH CHILDREN'S EYES

Jinney Hart

*All children are invited to come to the Chancel steps.
Afterward, young children may remain or proceed to the nursery.*

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Matthew 3:13-17

Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. But John tried to deter him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?"

Jesus replied, “Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness.” Then John consented.

As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SECOND READING

Genesis 1:1-5, 26-2:9, 3:2-9

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. God called the light “day,” and the darkness he called “night.” And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day.

Then God said, “Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.”

So God created humankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.”

Then God said, “I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds in the sky and all the creatures that move along the ground—everything that has the breath of life in it—I give every green plant for food.” And it was so.

God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were completed in all their vast array. By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work. Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done.

This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created, when the Lord God made the earth and the heavens.

Now no shrub had yet appeared on the earth and no plant had yet sprung up, for the Lord God had not sent rain on the earth and there was no one to work the ground, but streams came up from the earth and watered the whole surface of the ground. Then the Lord God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.

Now the Lord God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there he put the man he had formed. The Lord God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground—trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food. In the middle of the garden were the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, but God did say, ‘You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.’”

“You will not certainly die,” the serpent said to the woman. “For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, “Where are 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

Rev. Rebecca Luter

“How did we come to be? How did we come to be this way?”

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 “There Is a Balm in Gilead” arr. Howard Helvey

***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**

We give you thanks, O God, for every blessing you have poured out upon us. Use our gifts and our lives to be a light in your world so that people will see through us the goodness of your creation, all to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

***HYMN - No. 476 “Crashing Waters at Creation”**

Crashing waters at creation, ordered by the Spirit’s breath, first to witness day’s beginning from the brightness of night’s death.

Parting water stood and trembled as the captives passed on through, washing off the chains of bondage: channel to a life made new.

Cleansing water once at Jordan closed around the One foretold, opened to reveal the glory ever new and ever old.

Living water, never ending, quench the thirst and flood the soul. Well-spring, Source of life eternal, drench our dryness, make us whole.

***BENEDICTION**

***SENDING FORTH HYMN - No. 679** Verse 1

“Let the Whole Creation Cry”

**Let the whole creation cry, “Glory to the Lord on high.”
Heaven and earth, awake and sing, “Praise to our almighty King.” Praise God, angel hosts above, ever bright and fair in**

love; sun and moon, uplift your voice; night and stars, in God
rejoice!

*POSTLUDE Toccata in F Major

Buxtehude

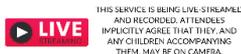
*Stand as able.

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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
Tom Moots, Liturgist
Jinney Hart, Children's Moment
Elizabeth Moots and Shelley Wann, Ushers
Charlotte Moots, 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

Join us for Fellowship Coffee immediately following the service in the Fellowship Hall. Refreshments provided by Nadine Oest. 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.

Youth Fellowship will look at another Hypotherable called “The Captain’s Promise”. Jinney Hart will join us for this conversation from 2-4pm today (January 15th).

Children’s Sunday School will continue their Sparkhouse study by exploring the Lord’s Prayer from 10-10:45am. **Youth Sunday School** will continue their look at the Trinity by exploring these questions: Is God colorblind? Does God have bias? Are there issues you wish God would “see”? Youth will meet from 10-10:45am.

FPDS Registration Current family registration is underway. Open registration for Summer Camp 2023 and the 2023-24 School Year begins at 7am, January 21st, on our website www.farmingtonpres.org. Please share this information with families who may be interested in being part of the Farmington family at FPDS.

Adult Ministry Luncheon If you haven’t yet attended, you will want to add this month’s luncheon to your calendar. Paul King will be sharing his story which many know includes leaving a successful career in business to attend seminary. What else might we not know about who and what has shaped and formed Paul? Lunch will be \$13, at noon on January 19th in the East Room. Adults of any age are encouraged to attend. RSVP to Sandy Wann (srwann@bellsouth.net)

Session Retreat Farmington Presbyterian’s Session will be spending the weekend together at Pinecrest January 20-22. The purpose of this time together will be to pray and seek God’s vision and mission for Farmington in the next 5-10 years. Please pray for this time and for God’s guidance in this exciting time of possibility.

Presbyterian Women will have their Horizon Bible Study next Sunday, January 22 at 12:30 PM in the East Room. The meeting will be in person and by Zoom. Kirsten King will lead us in our discussion of Chapter 5 “Celebrating Sabbath, Accepting God’s Gift of Rest and Delight”. Plan to start 2023 engaging in blessings and celebrations! Contact Jinney Hart for Zoom link.

Congregational Meeting Session has called a Congregational Meeting following worship on February 5th for the purposes of receiving the 2022 Annual Report, considering the Pastoral Terms of Call, and electing the 2023 Nominating Committee. The meeting will be followed by a Potluck Luncheon.

2023 Nominating Committee Please consider serving or asking someone to serve on the Nominating Committee. This group is elected each year for a one year term to pray and select the leadership for our congregation. It is important that all groups are represented. No immediate family can be represented in consecutive years, so those who are not eligible are the immediate families of the 2022 Nominating Committee: Paul King, Doug Barr, Roland Mittag, Stephanie Nagel, and Pat Sherman.

Flower Calendar Giving flowers for worship is a way to remember those we love and celebrate significant moments in our lives. You may sign up on our website under “Sign-ups” and on the chart outside Fellowship Hall.

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 youth group discussed inventing something that could solve a world problem and the pros and possible cons of a teleportation device for food to address the problem of world hunger. Also this week, the Service Committee discussed our next Rise Against Hunger event. Mark your calendars now for the afternoon of May 21st.

Remember in Prayer...Our Farmington Family, Session and Staff; Robert Applewhite, Jack Arendt, Bruce Bennett, Shirley Berry, Bill Brown, Paulette Bukauskas, Renee Canter, Glenn Carr, Jeanne Carr, Martha Carr, Ralph Carr, Judith Cassidy, Jelena Colasurdo, Mary Lou Collins, Bill Dyer, Skip Flannery, Bill Harrington, Martha Hart, John Hazen, Vanessa Howard, Gary Hutchins, Jeannie, Peter, and Lara Kendall, Julia Lively, Dale Lowery, Stephanie Marr, Sara Millar, Susan Odom, Meredith Oest, Nancy & Dennis Palmer, Bob Pointer, Bill Renfrow, Jack Scherer, JoAnne Simpkins, Patti Simpkins, Mary Elizabeth Simpson, Williams Stevens, Susan St. John, Kathy Tessin, Judy Tobey, Margaret Ueleke, Kathy VanderEcken, Joan Wallace, Jim Waller, Kasi Wann, David Warmbrod, Craig Warvel, Frank Whited, Laura Anne Whitmore, Faye Woods, and from our Presbytery: Race Relations/Racial Intercultural Justice, Criminal Justice.

Sympathies... to the family and friends of Diane Hudson, aunt of Terri Neeley and to the family and friends of George Patterson, brother-in-law of Paula Patterson.

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