



**FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP**

**Third Sunday after Epiphany  
January 22, 2023**

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

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 "In Christ There Is No East or West" Reinagle

WELCOME

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Worship the Lord with gladness! Sing a new song to the Lord!

**All the earth, join as one and sing to the Lord!**

Proclaim your salvation with joy! Sing a new song to the Lord!

**We will declare God's glory among the nations, God's marvelous deeds among all peoples.**

Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise and awe.

**The Lord reigns in splendor and majesty, glory and strength.**

Bring an offering of your praise and worship the Lord in the splendor of God's holiness; tremble before the Lord God, all the earth.

**We will say among the nations, "The Lord reigns."**

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN - NO. 305 "Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!"

**Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!**

**For Christ the Lord has led us through the ages long! In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!**

Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns supreme,  
empowering us to catch the vision, dream the dream! In bold  
accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

Let courage be our friend; let wisdom be our guide,  
as we in mission magnify the Crucified! In bold accord, come  
celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!  
For Christ the Lord has triumphed o'er the ages long! In bold  
accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

#### CALL TO RECONCILIATION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace, we have sinned. We have hoarded what we have  
and grasped for more. We have rationalized not sharing our  
resources—the ones that you have entrusted to us to steward.  
We have stayed with our own kind, perpetuating division and  
discord. We have been complacent in the face of oppressive  
governments and policies. We are reticent to address injustice.  
Forgive us. Purify us. Remake us that we might love as you  
love.

#### 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

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

Jennifer Young

*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

Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13

Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, and there are varieties of services but the same Lord, and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

SECOND READING

Genesis 11:1-9

Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. And as they migrated from the east, they came upon a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. And they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks and fire them thoroughly." And they had brick for stone and bitumen for mortar. Then they said, "Come, let us build

ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves; otherwise we shall be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.” The Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which mortals had built. And the Lord said, “Look, they are one people, and they have all one language, and this is only the beginning of what they will do; nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. Come, let us go down and confuse their language there, so that they will not understand one another’s speech.” So the Lord scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. Therefore it was called Babel, because there the Lord confused the language of all the earth, and from there the Lord scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.

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 World of Difference”

Kirsten King

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 “Praise the Lord, All Ye Nations”

Powell

\*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

based on a Kenyan prayer

**Sovereign God, you rescue us and call us to live as your children. Jesus prayed for us, “I have given them the glory that**

you gave me, that they may be one as we are one— I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Accept our offerings and our lives and dedicate them to responding to your divine calling. May our lives be a model for the whole of creation. Amen.

\*HYMN - No. 301 “Let Us Build a House” Verses 1, 3 and 4

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live, a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive. Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of Christ shall end divisions: all are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine, and wheat; a banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice meet. Here the love of God through Jesus, is revealed in time and space; as we share in Christ the feast that frees us: all are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they’ve known. Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God’s face; let us bring an end to fear and danger: all are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.

\*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 Te Deum Carpentier

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

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## Participating in the service today:

Rev. Rebecca Luter, Pastor  
Guest Speaker, Kirsten King  
Doug Barr, Director of Christian Education  
Jim Thrash, Director of Music  
Tom Bryant, Accompanist  
Paul King, Liturgist  
**, 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

**Join us for Fellowship Coffee** immediately following the service in the Fellowship Hall. Refreshments provided by Becky Hutchins, Nadine Oest and Kay Patterson. 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. Join us next Sunday from 2-4pm in the Youth Room.

**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 this Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, at 7am on our website [www.farmingtonpres.org](http://www.farmingtonpres.org). Please share this information with families who may be interested in being part of the Farmington family at FPDS.

**Presbyterian Women** will have their Horizon Bible Study today, 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.

**Potluck Lunch** February 5<sup>th</sup> following worship. Please bring a savory dish and/or dessert. As always we will have a gracious plenty in the Farmington family. If you are able to assist with warming dishes or with cleanup, please email [church@farmingtonpres.org](mailto:church@farmingtonpres.org) to let us know.

**Congregational Meeting** Session has called a Congregational Meeting following worship on February 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

**"Soup Bowl" Sunday Fundraiser** Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup>. Purchase your chili, cornbread & dessert for \$20 to support the First Presbyterian Soup Kitchen. Preorder only by February 8<sup>th</sup> either by our website or email [church@farmingtonpres.org](mailto:church@farmingtonpres.org) and pick up after church on Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup>.

**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."

**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...**the Session has been on a visioning retreat at Pinecrest since Friday evening led by Rev. Nikki Collins, National Coordinator for 1001 New Worshiping Communities for the PCUSA. With joy, we welcome Kirsten King, recent Columbia Theological Seminary graduate and member of the Farmington family, to lead us in worship this Sunday.

**Remember in Prayer...**Our Farmington Family, Session and Staff; Jack Arendt, Bruce Bennett, Shirley Berry, Bill Brown, Paulette Bukauskas, Renee Canter, 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, Sherry Knight, Julia Lively, Dale Lowery, Stephanie Marr, Sara Millar, Susan Odom, Meredith Oest, Nancy & Dennis Palmer, Bob and Sarah Pointer, Bill Renfrow, Jack Scherer, JoAnne Simpkins, Patti Simpkins, Mary Elizabeth Simpson, Williams Stevens, Susan St. John, Kathy Tessin, Judy Tobey, Kathy VanderEcken, Joan Wallace, Jim Waller, Kasi Wann, Craig Warvel, Frank Whited, Faye Woods, and from our Presbytery: Synod of Living Waters, Staff & Volunteers.

**Sympathies...** to the family and friends of Diane Hudson, aunt of Terri Neeley, to the family and friends of George Patterson, brother-in-law of Paula Patterson and to the family and friends of Ben Carr, extended family of Catherine Johnson.

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