



**FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP**  
**Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**  
**January 29, 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.

**WELCOME**

**PRELUDE**    “Winter”

Vivaldi

Jackie Hall, flute

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

We gather to worship God who is faithful and calls us to be faithful—  
**Protecting the innocent and marginalized in times of hostility and fear.**

We gather to worship God who is loving and calls us to be loving—  
**Standing watch and providing safety for the vulnerable and helpless in times of danger and violence.**

We gather to worship God who is steadfast and calls us to be steadfast—

**Sitting with those in darkness and walking with those in the shadow of death.**

In every time and every place, God raises up a people—

Offering themselves, transformed, as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God, to do justice and love mercy.

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN - NO. 35 “Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”

Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation! All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near; join me in glad adoration!

Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth, shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth! Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him! Let the amen sound from his people again; gladly for aye we adore him.

#### CALL TO RECONCILIATION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSON

Merciful God, we confess how easy it is for us to begin to adopt the attitudes and actions of the world around us; to let our lives be shaped by our culture rather than by your call. We confess how often we think of our own interests first—more concerned with our own status and well-being than with the well-being of others.

We confess that we could live at peace with others, but we choose to do wrong to them; we could welcome those we do not know, but choose to close our hearts; we could make outsiders our best friends, but choose the safety of our cliques.

Forgive us and through the power of Your Holy Spirit, transform us. Change us from the inside out, whisper your grace and hope into us, bulldoze our stumbling blocks and grade our rutted ways, so we can follow Jesus Christ, as he leads us in your way.

*(A time of silent prayer)*

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

Lizzie Luter

*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

Romans 12:1-8

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy,  
to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—  
this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern  
of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your  
mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—  
his good, pleasing and perfect will.

For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

#### SECOND READING

Exodus 1:8-2:10

Then a new king, to whom Joseph meant nothing, came to power in Egypt. "Look," he said to his people, "the Israelites have become far too numerous for us. Come, we must deal shrewdly with them or they will become even more numerous and, if war breaks out, will join our enemies, fight against us and leave the country."

So they put slave masters over them to oppress them with forced labor, and they built Pithom and Rameses as store cities for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread; so the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites and worked them ruthlessly. They made their lives bitter with harsh labor in brick and mortar and with all kinds of work in the fields; in all their harsh labor the Egyptians worked them ruthlessly.

The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, whose names were Shiphrah and Puah, "When you are helping the Hebrew women during childbirth on the delivery stool, if you see that the baby is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, let her live." The midwives, however, feared God and did not do what the king of Egypt had told them to do; they let the boys live. Then the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and asked them, "Why have you done this? Why have you let the boys live?"

The midwives answered Pharaoh, "Hebrew women are not like Egyptian women; they are vigorous and give birth before the midwives arrive."

So God was kind to the midwives and the people increased and became even more numerous. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families of their own.

Then Pharaoh gave this order to all his people: "Every Hebrew boy that is born you must throw into the Nile, but let every girl live."

Now a man of the tribe of Levi married a Levite woman, and she became pregnant and gave birth to a son. When she saw that he was a fine child, she hid him for three months. But when she could hide him no longer, she got a papyrus basket for him and coated it with tar and pitch. Then she placed the child in it and put it among the reeds along the bank of the Nile. His sister stood at a distance to see what would happen to him.

Then Pharaoh's daughter went down to the Nile to bathe, and her attendants were walking along the riverbank. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her female slave to get it. She opened it and saw the baby. He was crying, and she felt sorry for him. "This is one of the Hebrew babies," she said.

Then his sister asked Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get one of the Hebrew women to nurse the baby for you?"

"Yes, go," she answered. So the girl went and got the baby's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this baby and nurse him for me, and I will pay you." So the woman took the baby and nursed him. When the child grew older, she took him to Pharaoh's daughter and he became her son. She named him Moses, saying, "I drew him out of the water."

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            "How God's Will Is Done"            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 “God of Peace, God of Love” Handel

O God of peace. O God of love, send us your blessings from above,  
and keep us safely in your care, as we your praises do declare.

### \*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 have received from you abundance upon  
abundance, grace upon grace. Accept these offerings, we pray,  
and bless them and use them and us abundantly, that we might  
experience your kingdom coming among us. We pray all these  
things through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### \*HYMN - No. 700

Verses 1, 2 and 3

“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”

I’m gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
I’m gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I’m gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
I’m gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I’m gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
I’m gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

### \*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

\*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

Chris Luter, Liturgist

Elizabeth Luter, Children's Moment

Tom and Stephanie Nagel, Ushers

Hudson Barr, Acolyte

Chancel Choir

Jackie Hall, flute

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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 John Hazen in memory of his mother, Mary Louise Hazen.

**Join us for Fellowship Coffee** immediately following the service in the Fellowship Hall. Refreshments provided by Jinney Hart and Leslie McNamara. 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.

**Youth Fellowship** will discuss another Hypotherable, “Seonex”. If you could be known and know your neighbors fully (without bias, gossip, or selectivity), would you want to? What role does mystery have in our faith? Join us from 2-4pm today (January 29<sup>th</sup>) in the East Room.

**Children’s Sunday School** will explore the Sparkhouse lesson of the Woman at the Well from 10-10:45am. **Youth Sunday School** will move from the first person, God the Father, to the second, God the Son, in their study of our Triune God. Youth will meet from 10-10:45am in the Youth Room.

**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.

**Potluck Lunch NEXT SUNDAY**, 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. When you come, bring your dish to leave in the kitchen along with any special serving/warming instructions.

**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 the 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.

**Guess Who’s Coming to Dinner** Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. Please signup by either emailing [church@farmingtonpres.org](mailto:church@farmingtonpres.org) or go to church website. Rank 1-4 which style of food: Mexican, Italian, Burgers or Pizza. Attend with children or without? Please RSVP by February 8<sup>th</sup>.

**“Souper 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>.

**Mission Trip to Xpujil, Mexico** Our next opportunity to assist with building cisterns in the Yucatan is July 31-August 5. Let Rev. Rebecca or Jinney Hart know if you are interested in knowing more. The cost is shared between the church budget, fundraisers, and the individual (approximately \$500 per person).

**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.”

**FPDS Registration** It is time to register for Summer Camp 2023 and the 2023-24 School Year at FPDS. Classes are filling up fast! The link to apply is available 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.

**Bulletin Mailing List** While we were all worshiping 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...**you are encouraged to reach out to one person from whom you haven’t heard in a while. You might send a card or a text, call or invite them to lunch. Catch up with one another and enjoy the gift of fellowship.

**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, Vanessa Howard, Gary Hutchins, Sherry Knight, Julia Lively, Stephanie Marr, Sara Millar, Susan Odom, 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, Kathy VanderEcken, Joan Wallace, Jim Waller, Kasi Wann, Craig Warvel, Frank Whited, Faye Woods, and from our Presbytery: UKirk and Campus Ministry.

**Sympathy...** to the family and friends of Ben Carr, extended family of Catherine Johnson.

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