



**FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP**

**Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
February 5, 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.

WELCOME

PRELUDE "Prayer"

Boëllmann

*CALL TO WORSHIP

God summons us – the brokenhearted and the joyful, the weak and the strong.

And we assemble – the fearful and the brave, the young and the old.

God, who created all, dwells in the midst of the congregation.

Our hearts long to hear God speak. We listen and wait so that we may renew our strength.

God's Spirit moves among us to lead us in paths of righteousness on the journey toward Christlike lives.

With joyful hearts, we come: to sing of God's majesty, to rejoice and wonder at God's glory, to know of God's love.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN - NO. 806 "I'll Praise My Maker"

I'll praise my Maker while I've breath; and when my voice is lost in death, praise shall employ my nobler powers. My days

of praise shall ne'er be past while life and thought and being last, or immorality endures.

How happy they whose hopes rely on Israel's God, who made the sky and earth and seas with all their train; whose truth forever stands secure, who saves the oppressed and feeds the poor, and none shall find God's promise vain.

The Lord pours eyesight on the blind; the Lord supports the fainting mind and sends the laboring conscience peace. God helps the stranger in distress, the widowed and the parentless, and grants the prisoner sweet release.

I'll praise my Maker while I've breath and when my voice is lost in death, praise shall employ my nobler powers. My days of praise shall ne'er be past while life and thought and being last, or immorality endures.

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Everlasting God, we confess that it is easy to forget your presence and power in our lives and believe we are reaping the rewards of our own efforts. We are often tempted to focus on our daily planners, our interests, our desires rather than putting you first in our lives. Thinking that Scripture is just a collection of stories for children, we fail to study your Word whose truth will change our lives.

Forgive us when the choices we make contribute to our prosperity and wellbeing while ignoring the needs of others. Disquiet us when we fail to see the eyes of Christ gazing at us in need. Strengthen us to serve, to proclaim your love in our words and actions every day for your glory, and not ours.

(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

Nic 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

2 Corinthians 12:7b-10

Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore, I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

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 “The Stewardship of God’s Gifts” Rev. Rebecca Luter

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please remember those on our prayer list.

RESPOND TO GOD

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Johann Crüger

“Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness”

Soul, adorn yourself with gladness; leave the gloomy haunts of sadness. Come into the daylight’s splendor; there will joy your praises render. Bless the one whose grace unbounded this amazing banquet founded; Christ, though heavenly, high, and holy, deigns to dwell with you most lowly.

Jesus, source of lasting pleasure, truest friend and dearest treasure, peace beyond all understanding, joy into all life expanding: humbly now, I bow before you, love incarnate, I adore you; worthily let me receive you and, so favored, never leave you.

*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.

THE INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise...

SUNG RESPONSES – No. 552, 553, & 554

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.

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

THE PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

*HYMN - No. 519 “You Are My Strength When I Am Weak”

You are my strength when I am weak; you are the treasure that I seek; you are my all in all. When I fall down, you pick me up; when I am dry, you fill my cup; you are my all in all.

Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name! Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name!

*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

Walther

Variation on “Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness”

*Stand as able.

Bold Type – congregation in unison

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AND RECORDED. ATTENDEES
IMPLICITLY AGREE THAT THEY, AND
ANY CHILDREN ACCOMPANYING
THEM, MAY BE ON CAMERA.

Participating in the service today:

Rev. Rebecca Luter, Pastor
Doug Barr, Director of Christian Education
Jim Thrash, Director of Music
Tom Bryant, Accompanist
Susan Bryant, Liturgist
Nic Luter, Children's Moment
Elizabeth Demaree and Roland Mittag, Ushers
Susan Bryant, Ann Erickson, Jinney Hart, Nadine Oest,
Mike Schneider, Communion Servers
Gavin Perkins, 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 Melanie Oest in honor of Meredith's 17th birthday.

Congregational Meeting Session has called a Congregational Meeting following worship today, 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 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.

Join us for Potluck in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the Congregational Meeting. All are encouraged to stay – the Farmington family is known for always providing a gracious plenty.

Fellowship Coffee Each Sunday members take turns hosting providing refreshments following worship. Paula Patterson is available to assist and answer any questions you may have. Sign up to host Fellowship Coffee on our website www.farmingtonpres.org Please keep it simple - something sweet and something salty.

Youth Fellowship will discuss another “Hypotherable” and explore our continued life together. Join us from 2-4pm today (February 5th) in the Youth Room.

Guess Who’s Coming to Dinner Friday, February 10th at 6pm. Please sign up by either emailing 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 8th.

“Souper Bowl” Sunday Fundraiser Sunday, February 12th. Purchase your chili, cornbread & dessert for \$20 to support the First Presbyterian Soup Kitchen. Preorder only by February 8th either by our website or email church@farmingtonpres.org and pick up after church on Sunday, February 12th.

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).

Children’s Sunday School will study the events around Jesus Calming the Storm from 10-10:45am in Room A6. **Youth Sunday School** will continue its exploration of the Trinity by looking at the Holy Spirit! 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.

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. 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 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 pray everyone was able to stay safe and warm during the winter weather!

Remember in Prayer...Our Farmington Family, Session and Staff; Cecil Baker, Jackie Baker, Bruce Bennett, Shirley Berry, Betty Boyd, Paulette Bukauskas, Jeanne Carr, Martha Carr, Ralph Carr, Judith Cassidy, Jelena Colasurdo, Mary Lou Collins, Skip Flannery, Bill Harrington, Martha Hart, Vanessa Howard, Gary Hutchins, Sherry Knight, Julia Lively, Stephanie Marr, Sara Millar, Bill & Elizabeth Novick, Susan Odom, Nancy & Dennis Palmer, Bob and Sarah Pointer, Rita Priscock, 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: Remember our chaplains.

Sympathies... to the family and friends of Ben Carr, extended family of Catherine Johnson and to the family and friends of Bill Brown, friend of Ray Bendall.

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