



**FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP**

**Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
February 12, 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 "God of This City"

Celebration Troupe

*CALL TO WORSHIP

based on I Samuel 2:1-10

You are our God and our light, and so we come to worship.

**There is no God like our God, who gives strength to the weak,
but breaks the power of the mighty;**

There is no one holy like our God, who is hope for the hopeless, and
peace for the restless,

There is no Rock like our God, who is love.

So we believe greater things are yet to come and greater things are
still to be done, for God is working here;

**You call us to be your workers, giving food to the famished and
lifting the needy from the ash heap of despair.**

Here we are, bringing our everyday selves, to listen for our call;

Speak, Lord, your servants are listening.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN - NO. 691 "Lord, When I Came into This Life"

**Lord, when I came into this life you called me by my name;
today I come, commit myself, responding to your claim.**

Within the circle of the faith, as member of your cast, I take my place with all the saints of future, present, past.

In all the tensions of my life, between my faith and doubt, let your great Spirit give me hope, sustain me, lead me out.

So help me in my unbelief and let my life be true: feet firmly planted on the earth, my sights set high on you.

RECOGNITION OF SCOUTS

God, your Word calls us to a life always before you and for your glory. This too is what scouting does - it calls us towards you. Along with these Scouts, we pledge with our lives and our honor that we will do our best to do our duty to God and our country; to help other people at all times; and to keep ourselves physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.

In faith, our pledge is to be trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent. All this, God, we pledge to your honor and glory. Amen.

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 listening for your call to us. 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 opportunities around us to show your love. Disquiet us when we fail to see the eyes of Christ gazing at us in need. Strengthen us to serve and 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 "Rise Up"

Celebration Troupe

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

1 Samuel 1:1-20

There was a certain man from Ramathaim, a Zuphite from the hill country of Ephraim, whose name was Elkanah son of Jeroham, the son of Elihu, the son of Tohu, the son of Zuph, an Ephraimite. He had two wives; one was called Hannah and the other Peninnah. Peninnah had children, but Hannah had none.

Year after year this man went up from his town to worship and sacrifice to the LORD Almighty at Shiloh, where Hophni and Phinehas, the two sons of Eli, were priests of the LORD. Whenever

the day came for Elkanah to sacrifice, he would give portions of the meat to his wife Peninnah and to all her sons and daughters. But to Hannah he gave a double portion because he loved her, and the LORD had closed her womb. Because the LORD had closed Hannah's womb, her rival kept provoking her in order to irritate her. This went on year after year. Whenever Hannah went up to the house of the LORD, her rival provoked her till she wept and would not eat. Her husband Elkanah would say to her, "Hannah, why are you weeping? Why don't you eat? Why are you downhearted? Don't I mean more to you than ten sons?"

Once when they had finished eating and drinking in Shiloh, Hannah stood up. Now Eli the priest was sitting on his chair by the doorpost of the LORD's house. In her deep anguish Hannah prayed to the LORD, weeping bitterly. And she made a vow, saying, "LORD Almighty, if you will only look on your servant's misery and remember me, and not forget your servant but give her a son, then I will give him to the LORD for all the days of his life, and no razor will ever be used on his head."

As she kept on praying to the LORD, Eli observed her mouth. Hannah was praying in her heart, and her lips were moving but her voice was not heard. Eli thought she was drunk and said to her, "How long are you going to stay drunk? Put away your wine."

"Not so, my lord," Hannah replied, "I am a woman who is deeply troubled. I have not been drinking wine or beer; I was pouring out my soul to the LORD. Do not take your servant for a wicked woman; I have been praying here out of my great anguish and grief."

Eli answered, "Go in peace, and may the God of Israel grant you what you have asked of him."

She said, "May your servant find favor in your eyes." Then she went her way and ate something, and her face was no longer downcast.

Early the next morning they arose and worshiped before the LORD and then went back to their home at Ramah. Elkanah made love to his wife Hannah, and the LORD remembered her. So in the course of time Hannah became pregnant and gave birth to a son. She named him Samuel, saying, "Because I asked the LORD for him."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

The boy Samuel ministered before the LORD under Eli. In those days the word of the LORD was rare; there were not many visions. One night Eli, whose eyes were becoming so weak that he could barely see, was lying down in his usual place. The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the house of the LORD, where the ark of God was. Then the LORD called Samuel. Samuel answered, "Here I am." And he ran to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me."

But Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down." So he went and lay down.

Again the LORD called, "Samuell!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me."

"My son," Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down."

Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD: The word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him.

A third time the LORD called, "Samuell!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me."

Then Eli realized that the LORD was calling the boy. So Eli told Samuel, "Go and lie down, and if he calls you, say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

The LORD came and stood there, calling as at the other times, "Samuel! Samuel!"

Then Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

And the LORD said to Samuel: "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make the ears of everyone who hears about it tingle. At that time I will carry out against Eli everything I spoke against his family—from beginning to end. For I told him that I would judge his family forever because of the sin he knew about; his sons blasphemed God, and he failed to restrain them. Therefore I swore to the house of Eli, 'The guilt of Eli's house will never be atoned for by sacrifice or offering.'"

Samuel lay down until morning and then opened the doors of the house of the LORD. He was afraid to tell Eli the vision, but Eli called him and said, "Samuel, my son."

Samuel answered, "Here I am."

"What was it he said to you?" Eli asked. "Do not hide it from me. May God deal with you, be it ever so severely, if you hide from me anything he told you." So Samuel told him everything, hiding nothing from him. Then Eli said, "He is the LORD; let him do what is good in his eyes."

The LORD was with Samuel as he grew up, and he let none of Samuel's words fall to the ground. And all Israel from Dan to Beersheba recognized that Samuel was attested as a prophet of the LORD.

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 Does God Speak to Us?" 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 "You Say" by Lauren Daigle Celebration Troupe

*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. 69 "I, the Lord of Sea and Sky" Verses 1 & 3

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry. All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame. I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

*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

Kay Patterson, Liturgist

Celebration Troupe, Children’s Moment

Mike Colley and Tom Moots, Ushers

Charlotte Moots, Acolyte

Chancel Choir



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AND RECORDED. ATTENDEES
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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 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 the Luters, the Pattersons and Dee Scobey.

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 this Sunday (February 12th) from 2-4pm in the Youth Room. We will explore the mysteries of the Kingdom Jesus presented to us in the beatitudes.

“Soup Bowl” Sunday Fundraiser is today, Sunday, February 12th. Don't forget to pick up your chili or make a donation after church!

First Presbyterian Soup Kitchen We are serving lunch and assisting in the clothes closet next Sunday, February 19th. Those who would like to carpool may meet in the Farmington parking lot at 12:30pm; others may meet at First Presbyterian at 1pm. If you are planning to serve, please let Jinney Hart know.

Sandwiches for the Soup Kitchen We will be taking sandwiches to the Soup Kitchen to distribute. The sandwiches must be 1 piece of bologna and 1 slice of American cheese between 2 slices of white bread and be packaged in a seal top sandwich bag. Do not add any condiments. Those who would like are invited to gather with your sandwich supplies in the kitchen at 10am on Sunday morning, the 19th, to assemble our sandwiches together. Sandwiches may also be dropped off at the church and placed in the church refrigerator in the kitchen.

Presbytery Youth Connection Retreat at Pinecrest, February 24-26th. \$50 All Youth and friends are invited. Deadline is February 17th to attend. “When Did We See You?” is the theme.

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 be discussing the Centurion’s Servant from 10-10:45am in Room A6. **Youth Sunday School** will ask the question, “Is Jesus Good News?” 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. Beginning February 26th, Rev. Rebecca Luter will be facilitating an opportunity to engage with the New Testament passage and our weekly Lenten themes at 10am in the East Room.

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 give thanks for the opportunity to provide Scouting programs to both Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts this Scout Sunday, and welcome Madonna Learning Center’s Celebration Troupe to lead in worship.

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, Sara Millar, Bill 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: Bethel Springs Presbyterian Church, Bethel Springs, TN and Camp & Conference Ministries.

Sympathy... to the family and friends of Bill Brown, friend of Ray Bendall.

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