



**FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP**

**Transfiguration Sunday
February 19, 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 "Holy, Holy, Holy"

Reginald Heber

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Holy, holy, holy, glorious and powerful is the God of all creation!

In reverent awe, we gather together in this place to worship our God.

Holy, holy, holy, just and forgiving is the God who redeems us!

In hopeful anticipation, we come to this place to be nurtured, renewed, and challenged.

Holy, holy, holy, unbounded and ever-present is the God who sustains us!

With expectant hope, we stand in God's sanctuary, for God is revealed in this place – sometimes in shining glory, other times in tears and struggle – as we are God's beloved community striving to live as faithful disciples.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN - NO. 1

"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee. Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide thee, though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see, only thou art holy; there is none beside thee, perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea. Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

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 completely.

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. Transform 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

Rebecca Hutchins

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

Matthew 17:1-9

After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus.

Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah."

While he was still speaking, a bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!"

When the disciples heard this, they fell facedown to the ground, terrified. But Jesus came and touched them. “Get up,” he said. “Don’t be afraid.” When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus instructed them, “Don’t tell anyone what you have seen, until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SECOND READING

I Kings 3:3-15

Solomon showed his love for the LORD by walking according to the instructions given him by his father David, except that he offered sacrifices and burned incense on the high places.

The king went to Gibeon to offer sacrifices, for that was the most important high place, and Solomon offered a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon during the night in a dream, and God said, “Ask for whatever you want me to give you.”

Solomon answered, “You have shown great kindness to your servant, my father David, because he was faithful to you and righteous and upright in heart. You have continued this great kindness to him and have given him a son to sit on his throne this very day.

“Now, LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David. But I am only a little child and do not know how to carry out my duties. Your servant is here among the people you have chosen, a great people, too numerous to count or number. So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern this great people of yours?”

The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for this. So God said to him, “Since you have asked for this and not for long life or wealth for yourself, nor have asked for the death of your enemies but for discernment in administering justice, I will do what you have asked. I will give you a wise and discerning heart, so that there will never have been anyone like you, nor will there ever be. Moreover, I will give you what you have not asked for—both wealth and honor—so that in your lifetime you will have no equal among kings. And if you walk in obedience to me and keep my decrees and commands as

David your father did, I will give you a long life.” Then Solomon awoke—and he realized it had been a dream.

He returned to Jerusalem, stood before the ark of the Lord’s covenant and sacrificed burnt offerings and fellowship offerings. Then he gave a feast for all his court.

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 Shall We Worship?”

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

Tom Trenney

“God Wouldn’t Bring You This Far to Leave You”

God wouldn’t bring you this far to leave you. God wouldn’t bring you this far to let you go. No height nor depth nor anything else can separate us from the love that God will show.

My God delivered Daniel from the lion’s den and Jonah from the belly of a whale! God led the Hebrew people to their freedom in the end. God’s love for us will never ever fail!

Young David slayed Goliath. Miriam walked across the sea. The walls of Jericho came tumblin’ down. Queen Esther saved her people. Paul and Silas were set free. Take up your cross! One day you’ll wear a crown! God will not leave you. The Lord will not leave you wherever you go!

*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. 329

Verses 1 & 2

“God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength”

**God is our refuge and our strength, our ever-present aid, and therefore, though the earth be moved, we will not be afraid;
Though hills amid the seas be cast, though foaming waters roar, yea, though the mighty billows shake the mountains on the shore.**

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING FORTH HYMN - No. 329

Verses 3 & 4

“God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength”

Where God abides a river flows; that city will rejoice. But nations fear and kingdoms shake before God’s thundering voice.

Since God is in the midst of it, the city walls shall stand, secure and safe with God’s sure help, when trouble is at hand.

*POSTLUDE

*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

Ann Erickson, Liturgist

Rebecca Hutchins, Children’s Moment

Catherine Johnson, Jim LayCook, Sandy Wann, 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 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 Pat Sherman in celebration of Kristan Perkins's birthday, Pat's granddaughter.

Join us for Fellowship Coffee immediately following the service in the Fellowship Hall. Refreshments provided by Paula Patterson.

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 19th) from 2-4pm in the Youth Room. We will explore a hypotherable with guests from the congregation and discuss our retreat next weekend at Pinecrest.

First Presbyterian Soup Kitchen We are serving lunch and assisting in the clothes closet TODAY, 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.

Ash Wednesday Service We will hold an evening service in the Sanctuary and on livestream with imposition of ashes on Wednesday, February 22nd, at 7pm. Prior to the service, we will have a dinner available in the Fellowship Hall beginning at 6pm. The menu is Tuscan Chicken with Yukon and yams au gratin. Dinner is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children (under 12) with \$25 family maximum If you would like to receive ashes at home with a porch visit from Rev. Rebecca on Ash Wednesday, please email church@farmingtonpres.org.

Lenten Wednesday Evening Dinners Make plans now to enjoy a mid-week time of fellowship and devotion. Dinners will be at 6pm with a brief devotion in the Sanctuary that is both in-person and live-streamed from 6:45-7pm. Dinner is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children (under 12) with \$25 family maximum. Choir will be at 7:15pm. Now is a great time to join the choir as we prepare for Easter!

Presbytery Youth Connection Retreat at Pinecrest, February 24-26th. \$50 All Youth and friends are invited. "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 look at the story of Jesus and the centurion servant from 10-10:45am in Room A6. **Youth Sunday School** will continue a study of our triune God 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...FPDS showed our love for the parents of our students by treating them to coffee and donuts on Valentine's Day.

Remember in Prayer...Our Farmington Family, Session and Staff; Cecil Baker, Jackie Baker, Bruce Bennett, Shirley Berry, Betty Boyd, Margarita Cabas, 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: Purdy Presbyterian Church, Bethel Springs, TN.

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

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