



**FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP**

Gifts of Women Sunday

April 16, 2023

Worship Online at 11:00am Sunday Mornings

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ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

We gather to praise you and celebrate what you have done for us. You are Holy. From generation to generation you have stretched out your arm with mercy to bring down tyrants and lift up the lowly, to fill the hungry and send away the wealthy empty, to upset the established order and make all things new. We gather to hear your Word to us, for you continue to speak and fulfill the promises of your Word. Amen.

WELCOME

PRELUDE "Ave Maria"

Schubert/Bach-Gounod

*CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Psalm 34

I will bless the Lord at all times;

God's praise shall continually be in my mouth.

My soul makes its boast in the Lord;

Let the humble hear and be glad.

O magnify the Lord with me,

And let us exalt God's name together.

I sought the Lord and was answered.

God delivered me from all my fears.

The angel of the Lord encamps

Around those who fear God and delivers them.

O taste and see that the Lord is good;

Happy are those who take refuge in God.

Depart from evil, and do good;

Seek peace and pursue it.

***HYMN OF PRAISE – No. 324 “For All the Faithful Women”**

For all the faithful women who served in days of old, to you shall thanks be given; to all, their story told. They served with strength and gladness in tasks your wisdom gave. To you their lives bore witness, proclaimed your power to save.

We praise your name for Miriam, who sang triumphantly while Pharaoh’s vaunted army lay drowned beneath the sea; for Ruth, who left her homeland and ventured forth in faith, who pledged to serve and worship Naomi’s God till death.

We sing of busy Martha, who toiled with pot and pan while Mary sat in silence to hear the word again. We praise the other Mary, who hastened to the tomb and found her Lord arisen, dispelling doubt and gloom.

Lord, hear our praise of Dorcas, who served the sick and poor. Her hands were cups of kindness, her heart an open door. O God, for saints and servants, our fervent prayer we raise, that, faithful in your service, our lives may sing your praise.

(Please be seated.)

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful and mighty God, you look on us with love and we are blessed. You seek us with mercy and we are redeemed. You sustain us with hope and we are empowered. Yet we stray from your way. We confess we don’t show your love as we are misled by prejudices, fear and pride. We confess that we don’t seek your mercy as we travel down the paths of power and wealth for our own benefit. We confess that we don’t share your hope as we turn away, indifferent to the vulnerable, the hungry, the desperate. Forgive us and send us to follow your example. To love as you have loved us, to practice mercy, and to find strength in courage, humility, and service. Restore us to walk in the way everlasting, glorifying you in words and deeds.

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

Study Catechism, Q 7, 31, 54, 87

What do you believe when you confess your faith in “God the Father Almighty”?

That God is a God of love, and that God’s love is powerful beyond measure.

What do you affirm when you confess your faith in Jesus Christ as “our Lord”?

That having been raised from the dead he reigns with compassion and justice over all things in heaven and on earth, especially over those who confess him by faith; and that by loving and serving him above all else, we give glory and honor to God.

What do you believe when you confess your faith in the Holy Spirit?

That apart from the Holy Spirit, our Lord can neither be loved, nor known, nor served. The Holy Spirit is the personal bond by which Jesus Christ unites us to himself, the teacher who opens our hearts to Christ, and the comforter who leads us to repentance, empowering us to live in Christ’s service.

What do you affirm when you speak of “the life everlasting”?

That communion with Jesus Christ is eternal life itself. In him we were chosen before the foundation of the world. By him the eternal covenant with Israel was taken up, embodied, and fulfilled. To him we are joined by the Holy Spirit through faith, and adopted as children, the sons and daughters of God. Through him we are raised from death to new life. For him we shall live to all eternity.

THROUGH CHILDREN’S EYES

Rachel Barr

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

Galatians 6:8-10

Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SECOND READING

Luke 1:45-56

Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!”

And Mary said:

“My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed, for the Mighty One has done great things for me— holy is his name. His mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation. He has performed mighty deeds with his arm; he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts. He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble. He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, remembering to be merciful to Abraham and his descendants forever, just as he promised our ancestors.”

Mary stayed with Elizabeth for about three months and then returned home.

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RESPONSE NO. 587 “Alleluia!”

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

SERMON “Lessons from Mary, Mother of Jesus”

Ann Erickson

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

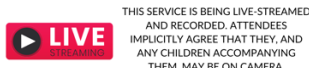
Please remember those on our prayer list.

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.

Participating in the service today:

Rev. Rebecca Luter, Pastor
Ann Erickson, Guest Speaker
Doug Barr, Director of Christian Education
Jim Thrash, Director of Music
Tom Bryant, Accompanist
Susan Bryant, Liturgist
Rachel Barr, Children's Moment
Jinney Hart and Leslie McNamara, Ushers
Hudson Barr, Acolyte
Chancel Choir
Rebecca Hutchins, soprano



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 Annette & Jerry Hosier in honor of their granddaughter, Deborah, on her birthday.

Join us for Fellowship Coffee following the service in the Fellowship Hall. Refreshments provided by the Women of the Church.

Gifts of Women Sunday Today the Presbyterian Women will be leading worship with Ann Erickson preaching on God's call in the life of Mary, the mother of Jesus. We will be receiving the PW's Birthday Offering. The two

recipients of the offering this year are Making Miracles Group Home for young mothers who have experienced abuse, addiction, and incarceration in Tallahassee, FL, and Berhane Yesus Elementary School in Ethiopia to build a Kindergarten.

Youth Fellowship will meet today at Shelby Farms for an afternoon of Disc Golf. Follow the signs to the first Tee Box.

Men's Adult Sunday School class at 9:30 am in Fellowship Hall studying the book of Acts and the **Pastor's Adult Sunday School** class in the East Room at 10am studying Philippians.

Children's Sunday School uses Sparkhouse to explore the events of the Bible from 10-10:45am in room A6 and **Youth Sunday School** will meet 10-10:45am to look at what follows the resurrection in John's Gospel in the Youth Room.

Eastertide Sermon Series Paul wrote a letter to the church at Philippi about hope in the midst of suffering and life worthy of the gospel of Christ Jesus. Join us April 23rd-May 28th as we engage in worship attending to the themes of this letter.

Johnson Auxiliary 50th Anniversary Celebration All are invited to worship in Idlewild Presbyterian Church's Chapel this Tuesday, April 18, at 10:30am to give thanks for the faithful service of volunteers at Regional One begun by a group of Presbyterian Women in 1973, including Farmington member Bonnie Blair.

Annual PW Spring Gathering will be held at Idlewild Presbyterian Church on Saturday, April 22nd. The event begins at 9am with fellowship, pastries, program, and a lunch to follow. Contact Melissa Still to register or with any questions.

Adult Ministries Luncheon Each month a member or friend of the Farmington family shares the story of God's faithfulness through their life story. On Thursday, April 27th at noon, we will have lunch in the East Room as Pat Sherman shares her story. She has an interesting life past and present. Lunch is catered by Scott Hutchins and is \$13. Please RSVP to Sandy Wann by Monday, April 24th by noon that day.

2023 Nominating Committee As we prayerfully seek those whom God has called to serve Farmington Presbyterian as Ruling Elders on Session, we ask you to assist by praying and nominating either yourself or someone else you believe is equipped with gifts to serve. You may either fill out the nominations sheet located in the Narthex Information Rack or by emailing your name and nomination to church@farmingtonpres.org.

Senior Recognition Sunday If you have a senior in your family, or are graduating this year from high school, college, or graduate school, please let us know! We want to recognize you on May 21st in worship. You can email us at church@farmingtonpres.org. Congratulations!

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).

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.

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 online, 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 or if you are worshipping online and would like to be added to 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 “@farmfam” 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 are excited to have new water fountains with water bottle fillers being installed. We hope to finish this project in the coming week.

Remember in Prayer...Our Farmington Family, Session and Staff; Jackie Baker, Betty Boyd, Jeanne Carr, Martha Carr, Ralph Carr, Judith Cassidy, Mary Lou Collins, Skip Flannery, Charlotte Franklin, Bill Harrington, Martha Hart, Vanessa Howard, Gary Hutchins, Bill Knight, Tim Lewis, Julia Lively, Dawn McKenzie, Sara Millar, 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, Ellen Thearp, Margaret Ueleke, Kathy VanderEcken, Joan Wallace, Jim Waller, Kasi Wann, Craig Warvel, Frank Whited, Faye Woods, and from our Presbytery: Germantown Presbyterian Church, Germantown, TN.

Sympathy...to the family and friends of Larry Williams, friend of John Hazen.