



**FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP**

**Christ the King Sunday
November 26, 2023**

Worship Online at 11:00am Sunday Mornings

www.farmingtonpres.org

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ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

God of majesty, you love us with an everlasting love and shown us how to live by sending Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Jesus taught that true power is made known in service: we are to love you, our neighbors, and ourselves as we reveal your reign of peace. Give us the will to do this work and the grace that we may accomplish it; with you, in Christ, and through the Holy Spirit, on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

WELCOME

PRELUDE "In Christ There Is No East Or West"

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*CALL TO WORSHIP

Are you awake? Are you alert?

Christ is coming into our lives in a new way.

Are you watching the signs? Are you interpreting what is happening today?

Christ is coming into our lives in a new way.

Do you see opportunities for ministry? Do you see the poor, the homeless, the hungry, the needy?

Christ is coming into our lives in a new way.

Come, let us worship and let us work in the reign of God.

Christ has extended the invitation: let us gladly offer ourselves in service to God.

*HYMN OF PRAISE – No. 2 "Come, Thou Almighty King"

Come, thou almighty King, help us thy name to sing; help us to praise: Father, all glorious, o'er all victorious, come, and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

Come, thou incarnate Word, merciful, mighty Lord, our prayer attend. Come and thy people bless, and give thy word success; Spirit of holiness, on us descend.

Come, holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear in this glad hour. Thou who almighty art, now rule in every heart, and ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power.

To thee, great One in Three, eternal praises be, hence evermore! Thy sovereign majesty may we in glory see, and to eternity love and adore.

(Please be seated.)

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord Jesus, we confess that we have not seen your face in the faces of our neighbors in need. We have not shared our food with the hungry, or offered our clothes to the destitute. We have not welcomed the stranger or housed the homeless of visited prisoners. We have not paid attention to these, your brothers and sisters, and in our neglect we have failed to serve you. Lord, forgive us; open our eyes to recognize your beloved family, and give us the blessing of sincere repentance that we may know the joy of eternal life with you and all the saints in this world and in the world to come. Amen.

(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

from A Brief Statement of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the

poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

THROUGH CHILDREN'S EYES

Paula Gale

*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

Colossians 3:1-3, 16-17

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SECOND READING

Mark 1:16-22

As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. Come, follow me, Jesus said, and I will send you out to

fish for people. At once they left their nets and followed him. When he had gone a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat, preparing their nets. Without delay he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him. They went to Capernaum, and when the Sabbath came, Jesus went into the synagogue and began to teach. The people were amazed at his teaching, because he taught them as one who had authority, not as the teachers of the law.

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Thanks be to God!

RESPONSE NO. 587 “Alleluia!”

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

SERMON “This Teacher Was Different”

Rev. Rebecca Luter

RESPOND TO GOD

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.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM “King of Glory, King of Peace” K. Lee Scott
King of glory, King of peace, I will love thee: And that love may never cease, I will move thee. Thou hast granted my request, Thou hast heard me; Thou did’st note my working breast, Thou hast spared me.

Wherefore with my utmost art I will sing thee, And the cream of all my heart I will bring thee. Though my sins against me cried, Thou did’st clear me; And alone, when they replied, Thou did’st hear me. Seven whole days, not one in seven, I will praise thee; In my heart, though not in in heaven, I can raise thee. Small it is, in this poor sort to enroll thee: Even eternity’s too short to extol thee!

*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 offer you these gifts and our lives. Use them, and us, to accomplish your purposes as we follow the teaching and example of your Son Jesus. Meeting needs, healing hurts, bringing justice, and providing nurture so that all of creation might live into your vision of the world where righteousness and justice prevail so that peace may reign.

*HYMN - No. 720 "Jesus Calls Us"

Jesus calls us: o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea;
day by day his sweet voice soundeth saying, "Christian,
follow me."

Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world's golden
store, from each idol that would keep us, saying, "Christian,
love me more."

In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease,
still he calls, in cares and pleasure, "Christian, love me more
than these."

Jesus calls us: by thy mercies, Savior, may we hear thy call,
give our hearts to thine obedience, serve and love thee best of
all.

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

*SENDING FORTH HYMN - No. 726

Verses 1 and 2

"Will You Come and Follow Me"

"Will you come and follow me if I but call your name? Will
you go where you don't know and never be the same? Will
you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same. In your
company I'll go where your love and footsteps show. Thus I'll
move and live and grow in you and you in me.

*POSTLUDE "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

arr. Paul Manz

*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
Tom Moots, Liturgist
Paula Gale, Children's Moment
Nadine Oest and Melissa Still, Ushers
Charlotte Moots, 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.

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

How do I join the church? Members are received by Profession of Faith, Reaffirmation of Faith, and Transfer of Membership from another congregation. If you are interested in joining, please let Rev. Rebecca know or email church@farmingtonpres.org. We look forward to officially welcoming you into the Farmington Presbyterian Church family!

Prayer Concerns and Pastoral Care You are encouraged to complete a Prayer Concern card in the pew rack to add someone to the church's prayer list. Copies of the complete list are available in the folder under the Prayer Board in the office. You may reach Rev. Rebecca Luter at (901)674-8000 or rluter@farmingtonpres.org.

Happenings AT FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN

This Sunday

No Fellowship Coffee today, Sunday, November 26th. Happy Thanksgiving! Sign up to host Fellowship Coffee on our website to provide refreshments following worship, www.farmingtonpres.org Please keep it simple-something sweet and something salty.

No Youth Fellowship today, Sunday, November 26th. Happy Thanksgiving!

This Week

How does a weary world rejoice? If you want to prepare for Christmas more intentionally this year, mark your calendar for November 29th. As we move through Advent to Christmas, we will be focused on practicing joy in a weary world. We will begin our journey with a community dinner and a time of worship that invites us to take a deep breath and remember that the story of Christmas is the story of God coming to comfort us, to restore us, to be with us and never leave us. God loves you. Draw near and experience the joy of settling in God's peace. Dinner is Spaghetti Pie and begins at 6pm and worship begins at 6:45pm. Dinner is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children (under 12) with \$30 family maximum. Please make a reservation by emailing the church office by Monday, November 27th at church@farmingtonpres.org.

Adult Ministries Luncheon will be on November 30th at Noon in the Youth Room. The speaker will be Rev. Ruth Lovell Bradham. Lunch will be prepared by Chef Scott Hutchins. The cost is \$13. Please contact Sandy Wann at swann@bellsouth.net to make a reservation by Monday, November 27th.

MOPS Mothers of Preschoolers, is a new program at Farmington Presbyterian intended to give much needed support to mothers of students at our day school. MOPS will be offered in the evenings so working moms can gather for fun, support, and fellowship throughout the school year. Jenn Paine will lead a gathering this Thursday, November 30th from 6-8pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Ten Thousand Villages Fair Trade Market Come and shop, invite your co-workers and friends, and share on social media that we are hosting a market of artisan goods from around the world, all purchased at fair prices from the artists. You will find jewelry, accessories, kitchenware, toys, home décor, holiday decorations, and more! If you are able to volunteer to assist shoppers, please let Jinney Hart or Rev. Rebecca know. The sale will be Dec. 1st from 6-8pm, Dec. 2nd from 10am-6pm, and Dec. 3rd from 12-3pm.

Hanging of the Green is Saturday, December 2nd beginning at 10am. Get in the holiday spirit as we deck the halls, doors, and Sanctuary for the Advent and Christmas season. The Nativity will be setup outdoors during this time. All ages are encouraged to participate! Lunch will be served afterwards. Contact Cooper Patterson for details about the Nativity setup.

Next Sunday

Youth and Children will meet together in the Youth Room to work on our Christmas Program to be presented December 10th during the 11am service. Costumes and speaking parts will be assigned but all are invited to participate.

Adult Sunday School Classes Cooper Patterson is leading a study of the book of Romans for men in the Fellowship Hall from 9:30-10:30am. Rev. Rebecca Luter is leading a discussion of Chapters 11, 12, & 13 of the book More than Enough (by Lee Hull Moses) at 10am on December 3rd. The books are available on Amazon.

Youth Fellowship next Sunday, December 3rd from 4:30-6:30pm. Youth will gather for Dinner & Discipleship. We will be making Spaghetti!

Announcements

Advent Wreath Lighting Your family is invited to participate in worship by lighting the Advent Wreath. Each year, we mark the weeks until Christmas by lighting the candles of hope, peace, joy, and love in anticipation of lighting the Christ Candle on Christmas Eve. Please let Rev. Rebecca know that you would like to light the candles and which Sunday(s) you are available: December 3, 10, 17, 24 at 11am and 5pm, 31.

Poinsettias The sanctuary will be decorated with poinsettias this Advent season. Please consider honoring or remembering a loved one. Poinsettias are \$12 each. Email church@farmingtonpres.org with your information and how many.

Christmas Carol Sing-along and Dinner A Christmas Carol Sing-along with Tom Bryant will begin at 6:45pm in the Sanctuary. Come ready to request your favorites. Dinner will begin at 6pm. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children (under 12) with \$30 family maximum.

Caroling Caravan Do you love Christmas carols? Are there Farmington members you have missed seeing because they have limited mobility? Come, spread some Christmas joy on December 10th at 2pm.

Presbyterian Women's Holiday Bake Sale is December 13th from Noon - 6pm. Please make plans to stock up for the holidays.

Farmington Christmas Party All are invited December 15th from 7-9pm, for a time of fellowship and fun. Heavy hors d'oeuvres provided; BYOB. Childcare available at the church 6:30-9:30pm. RSVP to church@farmingtonpres.org

Food Pantry Collection Farmington is collecting food pantry items for the Oakland Presbyterian Church Food Pantry. Canned meats, vegetables, pasta sauce, peanut butter, etc. can be dropped off in the basket by the West entrance of the church.

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...with joyful hearts we hosted 14 guests at Room in the Inn Saturday night. One volunteer commented, “I was amazed at the diversity of their life stories.” Sign up for the other 4 nights we will be hosting this season on our website. Don’t miss out on the blessing of serving our neighbors.

Remember in Prayer...Our Farmington Family, Session and Staff; Jackie Baker, Barbara Beard, Kevin Beard, Bonnie Blair, Betty Boyd, Cathy Burch, Rev. Margaret Burnett, Kitty Cannon, Jeanne Carr, Ralph Carr, Judith Cassidy, Mary Lou Collins, Laurie Fisher, Mark Fisher, Skip Flannery, Bill Harrington, Martha Hart, Vanessa Howard, Gary Hutchins, Anthony Jones, Bill Knight, Ches Latham, Dawn McKenzie, Faye McKenzie, Sara Millar, Bill Novick, Susan Odom, Nancy & Dennis Palmer, Bob and Sarah Pointer, Bill Renfrow, Jack Scherer, JoAnne Simpkins, Patti Simpkins, Williams Stevens, Kathy VanderEcken, Jim Waller, Kasi Wann, Frank Whited, Faye Woods, and from our Presbytery: First Presbyterian Church, Kennett, MO.

Sympathies... to the family and friends of Ray Bendall and to the family and friends of Max Holder, uncle of Jinney Hart.

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