



How does a weary world rejoice?

DECEMBER 2023

We enter the season of Advent carrying our worries, fears, and weariness towards the peace, joy, and love revealed at Christmas.

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Deepening Our Discipleship

BY REV. REBECCA LUTER

We begin our journey toward Christmas on Sunday, December 3rd. You will find inside these pages that there is a lot happening in the life of Farmington Presbyterian Church - opportunities to gather and sing, to visit our members who are sick or have limited mobility, to bake and sell goodies to support those in need, to host and house guests who seek Room in the Inn, to worship, to party, to love, and to celebrate the joy of Christmas. God's dwelling place is with God's people; therefore, Christ comes. Christ is always coming, even in the midst of a weary world. How does a weary world rejoice? Join us for worship this Advent as we acknowledge our weariness, find joy in connection, sing stories of hope, and make room for Jesus, the Christ Child.

Worship services of Farmington Presbyterian Church take place in person and on livestream at 11am each Sunday morning and are available afterward on our YouTube Channel. To access online, go to our website, www.farmingtonpres.org, and click "Worship with Us."

ADVENT I

DEC 3

We acknowledge our weariness

11am Communion Sunday

ADVENT II

DEC. 10

We find joy in connection

11am Christmas Pageant

ADVENT III

DEC. 17

We sing stories of hope

11am Lessons & Carols and Christmas Lunch

ADVENT IV

DEC. 24

We allow ourselves to be amazed

11am Service of Divine Worship

CHRISTMAS EVE

DEC. 24

We make room

5pm Candlelight Communion Service

EPIPHANY

DEC. 31

This love is for you

11am Service of Divine Worship

Farmington Day School



It may be the last month of the year, but the Day School still has lots to do! The preschool will be putting on their annual Christmas program to show off everything they have been learning in music class. If you would like to come and see a performance the program will be on December 6th and 7th starting at 10:00 a.m. We will have a small cookie and punch reception afterwards.

The preschool will have special dress up days and classroom parties. Not only will they get to participate in some fun activities the staff will as well. We will dress up with the kids and participate in an optional Secret Santa. The Day School will host our Staff Holiday Party and will enjoy some fun (but competitive) bowling, food and fellowship.

The preschool will close at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, December 22nd and will reopen Tuesday, January 2nd. This is a great time for everyone to enjoy some time away with friends and family. During this time, we hope everyone remembers the true reason for the season. Thank you to Jesus and to all the blessings we receive. We wish you the same blessings and a very Merry Christmas and a most joyous New Year!

See you in 2024!

Gretchen & Andrea

Remembering Ray

Coffee and donuts will be served in the Youth Room Sunday, December 3rd at 9:30 am for anyone wishing to gather and remember our brother in Christ, Ray Bendall. Ray A. Bendall passed from this earth November 8, 2023.




FARMINGTON CHURCH CHRISTMAS PARTY

DECEMBER 15TH, 7-9PM


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



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 Sunday, December 10th at 2pm. We will leave from the back parking lot at 2pm. Those who prefer to drive will be in a caravan. We will also be taking the church bus.





HANGING OF THE GREEN

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.



First Pres Memphis presents

BATTLE OF THE CONGREGATIONS TRIVIA NIGHT

SAVE THE DATE!
REGISTRATION COMING SOON!

12
JANUARY

First Prebyterian
Church-Memphis
166 Poplar Ave

Proceeds benefit the First Pres
Soup Kitchen and Clothes Closet

SESSION REPORT

Session approved motions from Memorials and Gifts Committee for the purchase of 4 new chairs and 2 end tables for the Narthex area. Ann Erickson presented the Commissioners Report from the Called Presbytery Meeting on October 17. Laurinda Ingram presented the Commissioners Report from the Stated Presbytery Meeting on November 18 where Lucy Cummings was approved to advance from Inquirer to Candidate in the process toward ordination. Session discussed several upcoming events including the Johnson Auxiliary's rededication of the chapel at Regional One on December 15 (11am), a Battle of the Congregations Trivia Night on January 12 (time TBD) at First Presbyterian, and the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration on January 14 (3pm) at Parkway Gardens.



FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN'S

Bake Sale

WEDNESDAY,
DECEMBER 20 , 10AM-6PM

Most Individually packaged
treats will be \$1.

We will also have full pies
and cakes available for your
Chistmas Dinner.

SERVICE

December 16 - 17

Farmington Presbyterian will host Room in the Inn at the Cottage of Germantown Methodist. Sign up to help out!

Room in the Inn is an ecumenical ministry that serves people experiencing homelessness. The Memphis program is modeled after the Room in the Inn model in Nashville that has been successful for over 30 years. Farmington Presbyterian Church has been assisting Room in the Inn for several years. We are hosting the 3rd Saturday each month. Children and adults of all ages are invited to join in offering holy hospitality to our guests.

SIGN UP



 ten thousand villages

Holiday Fair Trade Market

Friday, December 1
6 pm - 8 pm

Saturday, December 2
10 am - 6 pm

Sunday, December 3
12pm-3pm



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 market will be Dec. 1st from 6-8pm, Dec. 2nd from 10am-6pm, and Dec. 3rd from 12-3pm.

Every purchase directly impacts the life and community of its maker in a developing country.



Christmas Cards for Sale in support of Rise Against Hunger

What better way to share the love of the season with others than through a donation to Rise Against Hunger in honor of your special recipient? These beautiful cards will be available for sale during the Ten Thousand Villages Market and the PW Holiday Bake Sale. The cost of each card is \$5. Our next Rise Against Hunger packaging event is set for April 21, 2024.





FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN

Friendsgiving



\$1200 for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance!



EDUCATION

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

- DECEMBER 2** - Hanging of the Green
- DECEMBER 3** - 4:30 - 6:30pm Dinner & Discipleship
- DECEMBER 10** - Caroling Caravan @2pm
- DECEMBER 17** - 4:30 - 6:30pm Christmas Party
- DECEMBER 24** - No Youth Fellowship
- DECEMBER 31** - No Youth Fellowship

Christmas Sing-Along

A Christmas Carol Sing-along with Tom Bryant will begin at 6:45pm in the Sanctuary on Wednesday, December 6th. Come ready to request your favorites. Dinner will be Chicken & Dumplings' and will begin at 6pm. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children (under 12) with \$30 family maximum. Please RSVP by Monday, December 4th to church@farmingtonpres.org.



**PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN**

*Sacred
Encounters*

We will NOT be meeting in December but will resume Sunday, January 28 at 12:30pm in the East Room.



MOPS



DECEMBER 14
MOPS
6-8PM
IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

MOPS will meet on December 14th in the Fellowship Hall from 6 - 8pm. All moms are welcome to this time of fellowship, study, and support for one another.



Rev. Rebecca visited the MOPS crew to discuss feelings and how to teach them to children.

**ALL MOMS WELCOME
NO CHILD CARE PROVIDED.**



WORSHIP



Children's Christmas Pageant

Sunday, December 10th during worship.

Don't miss this interactive presentation of Jesus' birth as told by the gospel of Luke and performed by the children and youth of Farmington Church. Don't worry, there is a part for you as well. Everyone participates by supplying the sound effects and songs.



Lessons & Carols

DECEMBER 17

11AM

**FOLLOWED BY A SPECIAL
CHRISTMAS LUNCH IN THE
FELLOWSHIP HALL**

Christmas Eve Candlelight

COMMUNION SERVICE AT

5 PM

DECEMBER 24



Chapel Dedication

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the Johnson Auxiliary at Regional One. The Presbyterian Women refreshed the chapel at Regional One with new paint, carpet, and pew cushions. All are invited to join the dedication! Rev. Kirstin King will be preaching.



Cinnamon Roll-out

Tastes like Christmas

packaged for gifting
heat from frozen and enjoy
6-7 rolls per pan - \$15/pan
call or text 901.878.1247 to
order by 12/8
pick-up December 15 or by
appointment



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Jackie Hall
- 3 Natalie Lively
- 3 Julia Lively
- 3 Elizabeth Luter
- 3 Grayson Perkins
- 4 Jennifer Kauffman
- 9 Michael Wann
- 10 Wendy McNamara
- 10 MaryShelley Ritchey
- 11 Mike Schneider
- 12 Molly Sweet
- 13 Susie Fister
- 15 Merry Bonner
- 15 Cameron Burch
- 18 Hudson Barr
- 19 Ed Byrne
- 21 Kenny Williams
- 21 Carol Lyons
- 23 Lu Schneider
- 25 Melanie Oest
- 26 Margarita Cabas
- 26 Caroline Churchwell

Sunday Worship Online

Join us, Sunday mornings for worship on YouTube. You can find us through our website, www.Farmingtonpres.org, or on YouTube at www.youtube.com/c/farmingtonpresbyterian. Don't forget to subscribe so you never miss our services or video events.

And don't forget to like, share, and hit that subscribe button!



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Content for the January New Vision newsletter is due Tuesday, December 18th. Email articles and event information to Shelley Wann at shelley@farmingtonpres.org



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