



**FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP**

**First Sunday in Lent
February 18, 2024**

Worship Online at 11:00am Sunday Mornings

www.farmingtonpres.org

Click "Worship Together"

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP "All This Time" Rev. Sarah Speed

I put my headphones in.
I walk quickly.
I look toward the ground.
I create one million barriers
of independence,
but *still* God seeks after me.
God leans a rainbow over the sky.
God sends sun after the rain.
God blankets the earth with wildflowers.
God allows music to carry
and laughter to rise,
all so that I might notice.
And when I do notice,
the unfurling that begins in my soul
is slow and holy and burning.
I am not alone.
God has been chasing after me
all this time.

WELCOME

PRELUDE "Adagio" Mozart

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus called to Simon in his boat, "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch."

Jesus would later give him a new name, Peter, "The Rock".

But, that morning, Simon didn't know who Jesus was, and he was tired after fishing all night long.

When Jesus got into his boat, though, Peter did what Jesus was calling him to do.

Jesus calls us to deep water, too, and sometimes we are reluctant to go.

Jesus climbs in the boat with us as we meet and feast with the humble and poor.

Jesus challenges us to put down our nets and listen to the voices of those who have nothing to lose.

Jesus points us to abundance in self-giving, where power and status are overturned.

Let us cast the net of God's mercy and love.

Let us put out into the deep water and follow the way of Christ with joy.

*HYMN OF PRAISE – No. 721

“Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore”

Lord, you have come to the lakeshore looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones; you only asked me to follow humbly. *O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me, and while smiling have spoken my name; now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me. By your side I will seek other seas.*

You know so well my possessions; my boat carries no gold and no weapons; you will find there my nets and labor. *Refrain*

You need my hands, full of caring, through my labors to give others rest and constant love that keeps on loving. *Refrain*

You, who have fished other oceans, ever longed for by souls who are waiting, my loving friend, as thus you call me: *Refrain*

(Please be seated.)

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, you have sought us all of our lives. You join us in the deep waters of life. You invite us to drop our nets and follow you, and yet, more often than we'd like to admit, we are like Peter. Over and over again, we are stunned to find you in our midst.

Forgive us for drowning out your voice with our own. Forgive us for assuming that we can tackle deep waters on our own.

Forgive us for not trusting that you will never stop climbing into the boat with us. With hope and honesty in our hearts, we pray.

(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

We believe in God, maker of all that is, who meets us on mountaintops and walks with us through valleys. God never stops seeking us.

We believe in Jesus, the Christ, who sees us for who we are and calls us to be like him, and who heals the wounds and forgives the wandering of our hearts. His death and resurrection reveal to us the depth of God's love.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, who calls us to follow Christ's way of self-giving love and knits us together as the church, the Body of Christ in the world.

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!"

THROUGH CHILDREN'S EYES

Doug 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

Psalm 25:1-10

In you, LORD my God, I put my trust. I trust in you; do not let me be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me. No one who hopes in you will ever be put to shame, but shame will come

on those who are treacherous without cause. Show me your ways, LORD, teach me your paths. Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long. Remember, LORD, your great mercy and love, for they are from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways; according to your love remember me, for you, LORD, are good. Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in his ways. He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them his way. All the ways of the LORD are loving and faithful toward those who keep the demands of his covenant.

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SECOND READING

Luke 5:1-11

One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, the people were crowding around him and listening to the word of God. He saw at the water's edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch. Simon answered, Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets. When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink. When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man! For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon's partners. Then Jesus said to Simon, Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people. So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.

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.

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SERMON "The Call to Deep Water"

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 "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea.
There's a kindness in God's justice, which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heaven. There is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgment given. For the love of God is broader than the measures of the mind. And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind. If our love were but more faithful, we would rest upon God's Word, and our lives reflect thanksgiving for the goodness of the Lord.

*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

God of steadfast love and faithfulness, we are humbled as we try to do what is right and to walk in your ways. Receive our offerings, our service, and our hearts and dedicate them to the ministry of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

*HYMN - No. 171

Verses 1, 2, and 4

"A Sower Came from Ancient Hills"

A Sower came from ancient hills and cast good seed abroad: his field, ten thousand human hearts; his seed, the word of God. And some who listened would not hear, and some who heard forgot. But some received in fertile soil the truth the Sower taught.

A Sower walked throughout the land and, everywhere he trod, he sowed his life because he was himself the Seed of God. But

then, atop a barren hill, beneath a darkening sky, they threw God's Seed on stony ground and left it there to die.

O Christ, you come among us still, the Sower and the Seed. As once you sowed the truth of God in glowing word and deed, implant your Word in waiting hearts, and let it there take hold, until it bears in fruitful lives a harvest hundred fold

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*SENDING FORTH HYMN - No. 543

Verse 1

“God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me”

God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to move my voice; God, be the strength to now uphold me; O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.

*POSTLUDE “Toccata in e minor”

Eberling

*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

Doug Barr, Children's Moment

Elizabeth Demaree and Paula Patterson, Ushers

Hadley Barr and Hudson Barr, 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

Flowers this morning are given to the glory of God by the Farmington Youth in honor of Doug Barr, in recognition of his many years of outstanding service to Farmington.

Farewell Reception for Doug Barr Join us after worship today, Sunday February 18th in the Fellowship Hall to give thanks for Doug's ministry with Farmington and wish him well as he serves God at 2nd Presbyterian Church, Little Rock.

Youth Fellowship today, Sunday, February 18th to play pickleball with Doug Barr one last time! 1:30-3:30pm at Riverdale Park.

This Week

Lenten Wednesday Dinner & Devotional February 21st. Dinner will be at 6pm with a brief in-person devotion in the Sanctuary from 6:45-7pm. Dinner is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children (under 12) with \$30 family maximum. Creamy Southwestern Chicken & Rice will be served. Email the church@farmingtonpres.org to make reservations by Monday, February 19th.

Volunteers Needed! There is a sign-up at www.farmingtonpres.org for men and women to help set up and clean up from Wednesday Night Dinners. Many hands make light work – if you are coming to the dinners, please take a look and see when you can help.

Adult Ministries Luncheon February 22nd at Noon in the Youth Room. The speaker will be Vesta Andrews. Lunch will be prepared by Chef Scott

Hutchins. The cost is \$13. Please contact Sandy Wann at srwann@bellsouth.net to make a reservation by Monday, February 19th.

Next Sunday

Children's Sunday School follows the story of Jesus through the Sparkhouse curriculum. 10-10:45am in classroom A6.

Youth Sunday School will join Rev. Rebecca's class in the East Room during the season of Lent for a reflection on the texts used in Worship. 10-10:45am in the Youth Room.

Presbyterian Women will be continuing the Horizons Bible Study: Sacred Encounters. The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts Sunday, February 25th at 12:30 in the East Room. We will be combining chapters 5 & 6. Please join us as we delve into Jesus' impact on society when encountering individuals with disabilities. This study will transfer into a transformative experience for us in today's world.

Announcements

Lenten Wednesday Evening Dinners Come enjoy mid-week fellowship and leave renewed for the rest of the week! Dinners will be at 6pm with a brief in-person devotion in the Sanctuary from 6:45-7pm. Dinner is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children (under 12) with \$30 family maximum.

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.

Fellowship Coffee Please consider signing up to host Fellowship Coffee on our website to provide refreshments following worship, www.farmingtonpres.org Simply-something sweet and something salty.

2024 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 began the journey of Lent on Ash Wednesday with the prayer, “Tune my heart, O God.” This year we will be focusing on the life and faith of Peter, a disciple of Jesus, who was both unsteady and steadfast, a betrayer and a dear friend, a wanderer and a follower. We will watch the story of Jesus unfold through the eyes of a very normal person trying to figure it all out – just like us.

Remember in Prayer...Our Farmington Family, Session and Staff; Jackie Baker, Barbara Beard, Kevin Beard, Bonnie Blair, Betty Boyd, Rev. Margaret Burnett, Kitty Cannon, Jeanne Carr, Ralph Carr, Judith Cassidy, Mary Lou Collins, Skip Flannery, Bill Harrington, Martha Hart, Vanessa Howard, Gary Hutchins, Bill Jones, Gene King, Bill Knight, Logan Knight, Iris Lawing, Carol Lovell, Dawn McKenzie, Faye McKenzie, Sara Millar, Kathryn Moots Newhouse, Susan Odom, Nancy & Dennis Palmer, Sarah Pointer, Bill Renfrow, Jack Scherer, JoAnne Simpkins, Williams Stevens, Kathy VanderEcken, Jim Waller, Kasi Wann, Barb Warvel, Frank Whited, Jack Williams, Faye Woods, and from our Presbytery: Purdy Presbyterian Church, Bethel Springs, TN.

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