



**FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP**

**Second Sunday in Lent
February 25, 2024**

Worship Online at 11:00am Sunday Mornings

www.farmingtonpres.org

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ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Holy God, there are days when the wind is loud. There are days where the rain whips through the trees and the storms of life beg for our attention. So just as you stilled the wind and the sea, still our wandering hearts. Quiet our restless minds. Reach out your hand to us and pull us into your Word so that we might hear Jesus calling us, "Come to me." Give us faith to leave the boat behind. Amen.

WELCOME

PRELUDE

African-American Spiritual

"Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley"

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

God welcomes us home as we come to worship.

Whatever storms we are braving, God joins us in life's deep waters and reassures, "Do not be afraid."

There is room here for all to gather.

Whatever floods threaten to overwhelm us, God sees possibilities where we cannot and calls, "Follow me."

God pursues us relentlessly and persistently.

Wherever we are on our journey, wherever our boat is at sea, God calls us by name with boundless mercy.

God moves toward us when storms rage and the wind and waves obey.

God's love is stronger than any storms. Therefore, we will not fear.

***HYMN OF PRAISE – No. 353 "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"**

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness; I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name. *On Christ, the solid rock, I stand, all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.*

When darkness seems to hide his face, I rest on his unchanging grace; in every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil. *Refrain*

His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood; when all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay. *Refrain*

When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found, dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne. *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. There are days that feel like they might swallow us, when the storms of life feel too big. In those moments, we often cling to the sides of our ships in fear, spending more energy hiding from storms than looking for you. More often than we'd like to admit, we are like Peter, doubting ourselves...doubting you. Forgive us for drowning out your voice with our own. Forgive us for assuming that we can tackle deep waters on our own. Rescue us from the storms of today and from the fears that trap 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

Sharaze Colley

*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

Psalms 22:23-31

You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you descendants of Jacob, honor him! Revere him, all you descendants of Israel! For he has not despised or scorned the suffering of the afflicted one; he has not hidden his face from him but has listened to his cry for help. From you comes the theme of my praise in the great assembly; before those who fear you I will fulfill my vows. The poor will eat and be satisfied; those who seek the LORD will praise him—may your hearts live forever! All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations will bow down before him, for dominion belongs to the LORD and he rules over the nations. All the rich of the earth will feast and worship; all who go down to the dust will kneel before him—those who cannot keep themselves alive. Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord. They will proclaim his righteousness, declaring to a people yet unborn: He has done it!

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone, and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it. Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. It's a ghost, they said, and cried out in fear. But Jesus immediately said to them: Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid. Lord, if it's you, Peter replied, tell me to come to you on the water. Come, he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, Lord, save me! Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. You of little faith, he said, why did you doubt? And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. Then those who were in the boat worshipped him, saying, Truly you are the Son of God.

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RESPONSE NO. 475

Verse 3

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be! Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.

SERMON "You want me to WHAT?"

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 "Lord, I Stretch My Hands"

Althouse

Lord, I stretch my hands to you; no other help I know. If you should leave me all alone, where, then, shall I go? I give my soul to you; I seek your care and love. No other blessings do I need but those from you above. I ask you: give me faith, and help me understand. When I this life shall leave, just hold me in your hand.

***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. 321**

Verses 1, 2, 3, and 5

“The Church’s One Foundation”

The church’s one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord. She is his new creation by water and the word. From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride. With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o’er all the earth, her charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth. One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food, and to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder this world sees her oppressed, by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed, yet saints their watch are keeping: their cry goes up; “How long?” And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One, and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won: O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we, like them, the meek and lowly, may live eternally.

***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 “How Firm a Foundation”**

arr. Charles Callahan

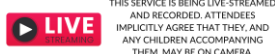
*Stand as able.

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
Pat Sherman, Liturgist
Sharaze Colley, Children's Moment
Bonnie Blair and Jinney Hart, Ushers
Chancel Choir



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. 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.

Presbyterian Women will meet today, Sunday February 25th at 12:30pm in the East Room. We will be continuing the Horizons Bible Study: Sacred Encounters. The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts. 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.

This Week

Lenten Wednesday Dinner & Devotional February 28th. 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. Bolognese Lagsana will be served. Email the church@farmingtonpres.org to make reservations by Monday, February 26th.

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.

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.

Potluck Lunch next Sunday, March 3rd, following worship. Please bring a dish to share. Please join us for a time of fellowship. There is always a gracious plenty.

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 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.

Easter Lilies Please consider ordering an Easter Lily to honor or remember a loved one this Easter Sunday. The lilies are \$17.50 for each honoree. Please make check payable to Farmington Presbyterian church. You can place an order by emailing church@farmingtonpres.org.

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 March 8th from 6-8pm in the Fellowship Hall. Free childcare is now being provided.

Room in the Inn Farmington Presbyterian will be hosting the last RITI for the season on Saturday, March 16th at The Cottage at Germantown United Methodist Church. We still need 5 more evening hosts to host our guests. And 2 overnight guests. The time frame is 5:00 - 9:30pm. You will prepare the beds, warm and serve the dinner, monitor showers and laundry, and fellowship with our guests.

Presbyterian Women's Spring Bake Sale is March 27th from 10am -6pm. Please make plans to stock up for Easter. Most items will be packaged at \$1 each. Full pies and cakes will also be available. The proceeds are used to support our mission projects including: Mexico Cistern, Send a Kid to Camp (Pinecrest), Rise Against Hunger, Room in the Inn, and Church Health Center.

Smoked Pork BBQ Fundraiser The Men of Farmington Presbyterian are smoking pork BBQ to support Rise Against Hunger. \$40 per order (approx. 3 lbs) Pickup date is March 30th from 10-11am. Place your order now by emailing church@farmingtonpres.org. The order deadline is March 27th.

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 received a thank you note that said, "Thank you for the generous clothing donation you provided me. Your kindness has made a significant impact on my life and I am truly thankful. The clothes you gave me are not only practical but also a source of comfort. Knowing that there are compassionate individuals like you who care about those in need warms my heart. Your gift has eased my circumstances and reminded me of the power of community and compassion. Please convey my appreciation to everyone involved in this thoughtful gesture. May your kindness continue to touch the lives of others, just as it has touched mine." Truly, Farmington Presbyterian is living out our mission to be a home for God's family with a heart for God's world.

Remember in Prayer... Our Farmington Family, Session and Staff; Bob Applewhite, 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: Pleasant Ridge Presbyterian Church, Big Sandy, TN and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Ministry.

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