



FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP
Third Sunday of Easter
April 14, 2024

Worship Online at 11:00am Sunday Mornings
www.farmingtonpres.org
Click "Worship Together"

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

God of rolled stones and empty tombs, we wonder what your resurrection means for us. What might be possible? What kind of love is this that continues to love even those who would kill it? What kind of love is this that chooses to sacrifice self for others? This love calls us to work for justice and the fullness of life for everyone. This love empowers us to work for peace and the wholeness of shalom life everywhere. This love gives us courage to have hope beyond death and belief in life before death. Lord God, with you nothing is impossible. We wonder what your resurrection means for us. Amen.

WELCOME

PRELUDE "One Day"

Celebration Troupe

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us gather to praise God who shows up in our lives – walking with us in the valleys and meeting us on the mountaintops.

One day worshiping in God's presence is better than a thousand anywhere else.

We come to worship God who cares for us – leading us to drink from deep pools of peace and feeding us on lush lawns of grace.

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.

We are here to glorify God who takes on flesh – calling us to "Follow him" to learn the way of abundant life.

How blessed it is when the community of faith dwells together in unity.

We are here to sing the mighty power of God – bringing light where there was darkness, life where there was death, and hope where there was despair.

Our lives overflow with the blessing of God’s love. How can we keep from singing?

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN - NO. 821 “My Life Flows On”

My life flows on in endless song, above earth’s lamentation. I hear the clear, though far-off hymn that hails a new creation. *No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I’m clinging. Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?*

Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing. It finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing? *Refrain*

What though my joys and comforts die? I know my Savior liveth. What though the darkness gather round? Songs in the night he giveth. *Refrain*

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing! All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from singing? *Refrain*

(Please be seated.)

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, have mercy on us. We talk about love, but our actions are not loving. We talk about love, but we don’t address poverty. We talk about love, but we hold grudges. We talk about love, but we put our interests first. Forgive us, and be present with us by the power of your Spirit. Resurrect the dead places in our hearts so that our lives may reflect our love for Christ, in whose name 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

RESPONSE TO GOD’S GRACE “Just As I Am” Celebration Troupe

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ, His Only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THROUGH CHILDREN'S EYES

Lizzie Luter

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

I John 3:16-19

This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth. This is how we know that we belong to the truth and how we set our hearts at rest in his presence:

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SECOND READING

John 21:18-25

Very truly I tell you, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go. Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. Then he said to him, Follow me! Peter turned and saw that the disciple whom Jesus loved was following them. (This was the one who had leaned back against Jesus at the supper and had said, "Lord, who is going to betray you?") When Peter saw him, he asked, Lord, what about him? Jesus answered, If I want him to remain alive until I return, what is that to you? You must follow me. Because of this, the rumor spread among

the believers that this disciple would not die. But Jesus did not say that he would not die; he only said, If I want him to remain alive until I return, what is that to you? This is the disciple who testifies to these things and who wrote them down. We know that his testimony is true. Jesus did many other things as well. If every one of them were written down, I suppose that even the whole world would not have room for the books that would be written.

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.

SERMON “Lord, What About Him?” Rev. Rebecca Luter

ANTHEM “Rise Up” Celebration Troupe

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.

RESPOND TO GOD

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY “Daily Prayer” David Lantz

Designer of the universe, Maker of my soul: Fashioned in Your image, I humbly yield control. Conform me to your perfect will, Mold me with Your hand; Shape me in your likeness, I bend to Your demand. Mighty Architect of land and sea, Artist of the sky, build in me a servant's heart; paint me loving until I die. Amen.

*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, thank you for showing us the depth of your love through Jesus Christ, who gave his life for us. By your Spirit, strengthen our faith and our dedication. Put your resurrecting power to work in our lives and empower us to be witnesses to

Christ, that our lives may be a song of thanksgiving to you.
Amen.

*HYMN - No. 834 “Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

Precious Lord, take my hand; lead me on, help me stand; I am tired, I am weak, I am worn. Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light: take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near; when my life is almost gone, hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall; take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING FORTH HYMN No. 648

“Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise”

Thankful hearts and voices raise; tell everyone what God has done. Let everyone who seeks the Lord rejoice and bear the name of Christ. Send us with your promises and lead your people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

*POSTLUDE Trumpet Tune in D Major

Arcangelo Corelli

*Stand as able.

Bold Type – congregation in unison

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Participating in the service today:

Rev. Rebecca Luter, Pastor
Jim Thrash, Director of Music
Tom Bryant, Accompanist
Charlie Smithers, Liturgist
Lizzie Luter, Children’s Moment
Mike & Sharaze Colley, Ushers
Hudson Barr, Acolyte
Chancel Choir
Celebration Troupe



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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 Sandy & Billy Wann in honor of Kasi's 50th birthday.

Celebration Troupe We are blessed to have the Celebration Troupe from Madonna Learning Center participating in worship with us this morning. Directed by Lisa Abart, the students and trainees use sign language and movement paired with music to convey a message of hope to others. Thank you for sharing with us!

Congregational Meeting Session has called a congregational meeting on today, Sunday, April 14th immediately following worship for the purpose of receiving and acting on the report of the Nominating Committee to present a slate for the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee.

Fellowship Coffee today, Sunday April 14th after the Congregational Meeting. 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.

Mother's Day Cards and Honorarium Cards to support Rise Against Hunger are available for \$10 each after the Congregational meeting.

PW Meeting today, Sunday, April 14th at 12:30pm. We will conclude the study of Sacred Encounters in the East Room. We will be discussing lessons 8 & 9 and broaden our understanding of women in the early church and their role in breaking barriers to serve the needs of others. Even though this is our last

Horizons Bible study meeting, we will be gathering informally in the upcoming months. Remember that the next meeting with the presence of Jesus is just one prayer away!

This Week

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 on Thursday, April 18th from 6-8pm in the Fellowship Hall. Free childcare is now being provided.

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 10-10:45am.

Rise Against Hunger Mark your calendar for our 7th packaging event on April 21st. We will have lunch here and begin packaging 20,000 meals. There are jobs for all – from 5 years up! Childcare is available for younger children. Please let us know what ages, and we will have fun planned for them. Jobs range from heavy lifting to standing and scooping and from “running” finished packets to sitting and measuring rice! Since 2016, Farmington has given \$32,763.69 to Rise Against Hunger to fight mal-nourishment and provide emergency relief after disasters.

Announcements

PW End of the Year Dinner and Farewell to the Oests All Farmington Women are invited to celebrate the end of the PW year and bid farewell to Nadine, Melanie, and Meredith Oest. Come join us for dinner (dutch treat) on Tuesday, May 7 at 5pm at Amerigo's. Please RSVP to Jinney Hart (virginiahart2@comcast.net) by April 28th.

Adult Ministries Luncheon April 25th at Noon in the Youth Room. The speaker will be Ann Erickson. 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, April 22nd.

2024 Graduate Recognition If you know someone who is graduating this May, please email Rev. Rebecca at rluter@farmingtonpres.org by April 25.

Mark your calendars! The churchwide Spring Picnic will be held at the Johnson Road Park pavilion on May 8th. The setting is private, fully accessible with no stairs required and a pond and playground nearby. Plan to bring your lawn chair and enjoy the evening with friends!

VBS 2024 June 10-14 Please consider volunteering for VBS Camp Firelight: “A Summer Camp Adventure with God” this summer. Please email Rev. Rebecca at rluter@farmingtonpres.org for more information.

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.

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 were reminded of the wonder of God’s creation as the moon eclipsed the sun. FPDS students and their families gathered in the backyard to view the phenomenon and had Moon Pies to celebrate.

Remember in Prayer...Our Farmington Family, Session and Staff; Jackie Baker, Barbara Beard, Kevin Beard, Betty Boyd, Kitty Cannon, Jeanne Carr, Judith Cassidy, Mary Lou Collins, Skip Flannery, Joe Gaul, Bill Harrington, Martha Hart, Vanessa Howard, Gary Hutchins, Bill Jones, Bill Knight, Carol Lovell, Dawn McKenzie, Faye McKenzie, Sara Millar, Kathryn Moots Newhouse, Susan Odom, Nancy & Dennis Palmer, Pat Register, Bill Renfrow, Jack Scherer, JoAnne Simpkins, Williams Stevens, Kathy VanderEcken, Jim Waller, Kasi Wann, Frank Whited, Faye Woods, and from our Presbytery: Germantown Presbyterian Church, Germantown, TN.

Sympathies... to the family and friends of Jack Williams, Memorial Service May 11th at 2pm, to the family and friends of Barb Warvel, mother of Vesta Andrews, to the family and friends of Harold Duane Riechers, brother of Charlene Still and to the family and friends of Jeff Wise, friend of Farmington Presbyterian.

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