



**FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP**  
**Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
**April 21, 2024**

Worship Online at 11:00am Sunday Mornings  
[www.farmingtonpres.org](http://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 "Allegretto"

F. Schubert

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Listen—all creation rejoices in song, can you hear it?

**There is so much noise and rumbling, are you sure there is music?**

Listen—the wilderness and desert places are breaking out in song, can you hear it?

**There is so much destruction and fighting, are you sure there is a melody of praise?**

Listen—the iris blooms with joyful singing and the rivers join in the refrain, can you hear it?

**God is making all things new! While creation still groans, God's kingdom is being built.**

Listen—the faithful serve with gladness and the needs of the least are satisfied, can you hear it?

**God unites the church with Christ as the cornerstone. Therefore, we join our voices, rejoicing with all creation.**

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN - NO. 394

Verses 1, 2, and 4

“Christ is Made the Sure Foundation”

**Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone, chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the church in one; holy Zion’s help forever, and our confidence alone.**

**To this temple, where we call you, come, O Lord of hosts, and stay; come, with all your lovingkindness; hear your people as we pray, and your fullest benediction shed within these walls today.**

**Laud and honor to the Father, loud and honor to the Son, laud and honor to the Spirit, ever three and ever one: one in might and one in glory while unending ages run!**

*(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. We talk about love, but we are more interested in hierarchy. 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

\*GLORIA PATRI

\*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

Laurinda Ingram

*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

John 10:14-18

I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me—just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

SECOND READING

Acts 4:5-12

The next day the rulers, the elders and the teachers of the law met in Jerusalem. Annas the high priest was there, and so were Caiaphas, John, Alexander and others of the high priest's family. They had Peter and John brought before them and began to question them: By what power or what name did you do this? Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: Rulers and elders of the people! If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a man who was lame and are being asked how he was healed, then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed. Jesus is the stone you builders rejected, which has become the cornerstone. Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no

other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

RESPONSE TO THE WORD – NO. 240 “Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks”

**Alleluia, Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.**

**Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.**

SERMON “Who Said You Could?”

Rev. Rebecca Luter

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 “At the Name of Jesus”

arr. Larson

\*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. 438 “Rock of Ages”

Verses 1, 2, & 4

**Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee. Let the water and the blood from thy wounded side which flowed be of sin the double cure, cleanse from guilt and make me pure.**

Not the labors of my hands can fulfill thy law's demands. Could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow, all for sin could not atone. Thou must save, and thou alone.

While I draw this fleeting breath, when my eyelids close in death, when I soar to worlds unknown, see thee on thy judgment throne, Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.

\*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 “Fugue in C Major”

Buxtehude

\*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

Chris Luter, Liturgist

Laurinda Ingram, Children's Moment

Nadine Oest and Kasi Wann, Ushers

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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:rluter@farmingtonpres.org).

## Happenings AT FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN

### This Sunday

**Flowers** this morning are given to the glory of God by Annette & Jerry Hosier in loving memory of their son, Kevin.

**No Fellowship Coffee** today, Sunday April 21<sup>st</sup>. Please consider volunteering for Rise Against Hunger. Sign up to host Fellowship Coffee on our website to provide refreshments following worship, [www.farmingtonpres.org](http://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 Fellowship Coffee each Sunday.

**Rise Against Hunger** today, Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>. 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. 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.

**Elder Commissioners for Presbytery** Farmington Presbyterian is allowed two elder commissioners to each Presbytery meeting. These elders do not have to be currently serving on Session. If you would like to be considered to attend, please let Laurinda Ingram, Clerk of Session, know. The next meeting is May 18 at 9:30am on Zoom.

### This Week

**Adult Ministries Luncheon**, Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:srwann@bellsouth.net) to make a reservation by Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### Next Sunday

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

**Youth Sunday School and Rev. Rebecca's Class** will not be meeting. Rev. Rebecca will be out of town.

**Guest Preacher** Next Sunday, we will welcome Rev. James Gale, Executive Presbyterian of the Presbytery of the Mid-South to lead us in worship.

**Active Shooter Training**, April 28<sup>th</sup> from 1-3pm in the Sanctuary. Germantown Police Department will be providing Active Shooter and Medical Training in the Sanctuary at Farmington Presbyterian. Mark your calendars, invite your friends and neighbors, and plan to attend. All members of the church, school staff, and surrounding community are welcome to attend this important training.

### 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](mailto:virginiahart2@comcast.net)) by April 28<sup>th</sup>.

**2024 Graduate Recognition** If you know someone who is graduating this May, please email Rev. Rebecca at [rluter@farmingtonpres.org](mailto:rluter@farmingtonpres.org) by April 25.

**Mark your calendars!** The churchwide Spring Picnic will be held at the Johnson Road Park pavilion on May 8<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto: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 worshiping 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 worshiping

online and would like to be added to the weekly mailing, please email us at [church@farmingtonpres.org](mailto: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...** the St. Jude Trike-a-thon surpassed our fundraising goal, but you can still donate! FPDS students learned about bicycle safety and then enjoyed listening to tunes played by Ms. Madi while pedaling around the back parking lot through the "car wash" and past the "pit road" with Mr. Anthony and his tools, pausing for a refreshing lemonade, and finally enjoying popsicles with their parents to celebrate a successful ride.

**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, 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: Mission Workers.

**Sympathies...** to the family and friends of Jack Williams, Memorial Service May 11<sup>th</sup> at 2pm, to the family and friends of Harold Duane Riechers, brother of Charlene Still, to the family and friends of Jeff Wise, friend of Farmington Presbyterian, to the family and friends of Randy Hudson, brother of Terri Neeley, and to the family and friends of Cody Hazen, cousin of John Hazen.

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