



**FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP**

Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024

Worship Online at 11:00am Sunday Mornings

www.farmingtonpres.org

Click "Worship Together"

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PRAYER OF PREPARATION[†]

God of the Resurrection, you open the tomb and invite us to rejoice in the new life you give us. In Jesus Christ, whose wounds are not erased but glorified in resurrection, touch our wounds that they may be transformed into channels of healing for others. Holy Spirit, breathe into us the power to forgive and to serve so that all may have new life. Amen.

WELCOME

PRELUDE "Adoration"

Lemmens

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Like Thomas, sometimes we have a hard time believing. We want to see the resurrection of lifeless situations, to see the transformation of hopeless despair, to see God's Kingdom coming.

We gather here, but we have some doubts about this world ever living according to God's Will.

Like Thomas, Jesus invites us to put our hands where the wounds are, to reach out and touch the places of pain, to come close enough to feel the places where life drains out.

These places repulse and scare us, so we gather here in prayer.

Come, Lord Jesus, through our locked doors of fear; come where we live as though 'peace be with you' means the absence of challenge or change.

Come, Lord Jesus, and call us out of our fears, to champion the changes that lead to peace, and to see you in the wounds of this world and bandage them so they may heal.

God hears our cries and answers us, restoring our lives and rescuing us from the graves of this world.

The Holy Spirit gathers us here in community to receive God's resurrecting power.

Let everything with life and breath praise the Living God!

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN - NO. 2

Verses 1, 3 & 4

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

Come, thou almighty King, help us thy name to sing; help us to praise: Father, all glorious, o'er all victorious, come, and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

Come, holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear in this glad hour. Thou who almighty art, now rule in every heart, and ne'er from us departs, Spirit of power.

To thee, great One in Three, eternal praises be, hence evermore! Thy sovereign majesty may we in glory see, and to eternity love and adore.

(Please be seated.)

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of the empty tomb and our empty hearts, when we are afraid to speak our faith in the world, forgive us and help us to find our voice. When we are afraid to forgive and to love again, forgive us and give us the power to forgive. When we are afraid to stand up to misguided authority, join with the weak to make us all strong. When we are confined by our hurts, touch us with your wounded hands and set us free. When we are locked behind our doubts and fears, pass through our barricades, open our hearts, and give us peace.

(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

Jennifer Young

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 1:1-2:2

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. We write this to make our^[a] joy complete. This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin. If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us. My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SECOND READING

John 20:19-31

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, Peace be with you! After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. Again Jesus said, Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you. And with that he breathed on them and said, Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven. Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, We have seen the Lord! But he said to them, Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe. A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you! Then he said to Thomas, Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe. Thomas said to him, My Lord and my God! Then Jesus told him, Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed. Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

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 “Peace Behind Locked Doors”

Rev. James Gale

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 “The Gift of Love”

Raymond Haan

*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, as you sent Christ, so send us. Bless our offerings and our lives and transform them into healing for the wounded, hope for the despairing, courage for the frightened, and faith for the embittered. In the name of Jesus Christ, who breathes new life into us for the life of the world. Amen.

*HYMN - No. 33 “Praise the Lord! God’s Glories Show” Verses 1 & 3

Praise the Lord! God’s glories show, Alleluia! saints within God’s courts below, Alleluia! angels round the throne above, Alleluia! all who see and share God’s love. Alleluia!

Strings and voices, hands, and hearts, Alleluia! in the concert, bear your parts, Alleluia! All that breathes, your Lord adore, Alleluia! singing praise forever more, Alleluia!

*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 “Allegro Moderato”

Peeters

*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
Kay Patterson, Liturgist
Jennifer Young, Children's Moment
Gerry and Gerrie Wilder, Ushers
Gavin Perkins, 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

Fellowship Coffee today, Sunday, April 28th hosted by Jinney Hart, Carol Jameson, and Leslie McNamara. 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 Fellowship Coffee.

Active Shooter Training, today, Sunday, April 28th 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.

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.

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, May 2nd from 6-8pm in the Fellowship Hall for a Pajama & Pizza party. 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.

Senior Recognition Sunday We want to recognize all graduates during worship on May 5th. If you, or a member of your family, are graduating, please email Rev. Rebecca at rluter@farmingtonpres.org.

Potluck Lunch next Sunday, May 5th following worship. Please bring a dish to share. Please join us for a time of fellowship. There is always a gracious plenty.

Announcements

Church Picnic May 8th at 6pm. The picnic will be held at the Johnson Road Park pavilion. The setting is private, fully accessible with no stairs required and a pond and playground nearby. We will provide hamburgers, hotdogs, beverages & dessert. Plan to bring your lawn chair and enjoy the evening with friends!

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.

Dedication of GEEC at Pinecrest May 19th at 3pm. Dr. Paula Gale, retired Professor of Soil Sciences at UT Martin, has gifted Pinecrest with a new home for their education program, Gale Environmental Education Center (GEEC). This will be a space dedicated to microscopes, hides, wasps' nests, and Doodle, the Friendly Noodle (snake). The GEEC is connected to the existing Arts and Crafts Hut. Those wishing to attend are invited to gather in the parking lot near the Youth Room door (southeast corner) by 1:20pm to carpool and caravan to Pinecrest.

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... thank you to the Service Committee, the Boy Scout Troop 368, and to all who packaged 18,000 meals for Rise Against Hunger last Sunday! It was a beautiful day filled with joy as we worked together! The total cost to package and deliver these meals is \$8,000. Your pledges allowed Session to budget \$6,000 toward our packaging event. So far, we have raised \$1,210 of our \$2,000 fundraising goal. To make a donation to Rise Against Hunger in honor of someone, stop by the desk in the Narthex following worship. This year there are Mother's Day and Father's Day cards in addition to blank honorarium cards available.

Remember in Prayer...Our Farmington Family, Session and Staff; Greta Alera, 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: First Presbyterian Church, Huntingdon, TN.

Sympathies... to the family and friends of Jack Williams, Memorial Service May 11th at 2pm, 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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