



FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP
Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 5, 2024

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

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Holy Spirit, you draw us to this place to be formed as a community, a bit of yeast in the dough of this world. You gather here those filled with hope and those struggling with doubt. Lord Jesus, speak to us once again about the kingdom of God. Give us ears to hear your teaching and minds to comprehend its implications for our lives. Eternal God, remind us that you are with us always and your kingdom is here, and coming. Move in our hearts and make us bold to act with courage and compassion as leavening in the world. Amen.

WELCOME

PRELUDE "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

L. Mason

*CALL TO WORSHIP

As Jesus appeared to the disciples after his resurrection, he taught them once again about the Kingdom of God.

We want to enter this kingdom.

The Kingdom of God is at hand, do you not perceive it?

Sometimes we are weary, numbed by the suffering in our world.

You who long for the calloused places of your heart to be exfoliated, gather here and pray.

Come, Spirit of God, write your law on our hearts and give us power to boldly live the way of Christ.

You who long for the broken places of this world to be made whole, gather here and pray.

Come, Spirit of God, give us hope to go into the world and proclaim that the Kingdom of God is here, and coming.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN - NO. 407 "Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers"

Spirit divine, attend our prayers, and make this house your home. Descend with all your gracious powers. O come, great Spirit, come!

Come as the light. To us reveal our emptiness and woe. And lead us in those paths of life where all the righteous go.

(Men only)

Come as the fire and purge our hearts like sacrificial flame. Let our whole soul an offering be to our redeemer's name.

(Women only)

Come as the dove and spread your wings, the wings of peaceful love. And let the church on earth become blest as the church above.

(All singing)

Spirit divine, attend our prayers. Make a lost world your home. Descend with all your gracious powers. O come, great Spirit, come!

(Please be seated.)

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

Benjamin Byrne

Paul King

Meredith Oest

We are people who live in hope, at this time of transition, as you begin a new phase of your life's journey, we are praying for you. We know that the road ahead will not always be smooth or easy or obvious, nonetheless, we have faith in your ability to navigate whatever lies ahead. We have faith in God's sure presence with you. So, go out into the world in peace. Have courage! Hold fast to what is good, support the weak, help the suffering, and love and serve the Lord your God.

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, forgive us for so often failing to grasp the wonder of your creative power. Forgive us for so often failing to live each day mindful that you are the source of every breath we take. Forgive the smallness of our vision, and allow us to see your vision for the world. Forgive the weakness of our love, and allow us to recognize your image in every person. Forgive

the nervousness of our witness, and open our mouths to declare your authority in all things on earth. Forgive our repeated failure to recognize Christ as Lord and follow his kingdom teaching. Give us a deeper sense of wonder, a stronger faith, and a greater understanding of all you have done and are doing.

(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

Elizabeth Demaree

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

Isaiah 52:7-10, 13-15

How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, Your God reigns! Listen! Your watchmen lift up their voices; together they shout for joy. When the LORD returns to Zion, they will see it with their own eyes. Burst into songs of joy together, you ruins of Jerusalem, for the LORD has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. The LORD will lay bare his holy arm in the sight of all the nations, and all the ends

of the earth will see the salvation of our God. See, my servant will act wisely; he will be raised and lifted up and highly exalted. Just as there were many who were appalled at him—his appearance was so disfigured beyond that of any human being and his form marred beyond human likeness—so he will sprinkle many nations, and kings will shut their mouths because of him. For what they were not told, they will see, and what they have not heard, they will understand.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SECOND READING

Acts 1:1-3

In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God.

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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 “Final Review”

Rev. Rebecca Luter

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please remember those on our prayer list.

RESPOND TO GOD

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY “Day by Day”

Martin How

Day by day, dear Lord, of thee three things I pray: to see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, follow thee more nearly, day by day.

*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.

THE INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise...

SUNG RESPONSES – No. 552, 553, & 554

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.

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

THE PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

*HYMN - No. 753 "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me bring your love. Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord, and where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Make me a channel of your peace. Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope. Where there is darkness, only light, and where there's sadness, ever joy.

O Master, grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled, as to be consoled, as to console, to be understood, as to understand, to be loved, as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned, in giving of ourselves that we receive, and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

*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 “Prelude in Classic Style”

Gordon Young

*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

Susan Bryant, Liturgist

Elizabeth Demaree, Children’s Moment

Roland Mittag and Bob Plotner, Ushers

Bonnie Blair, Susan Bryant, Paula Gale, Rebecca Hutchins,

Charlie Smithers, Communion Servers

Hadley 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

Potluck Lunch today, 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.

Mother's Day, Father's Day and Honorarium Cards to support Rise Against Hunger are available for \$10 each after Fellowship Coffee.

This Week

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).

Church Picnic Wednesday, May 8th at 6pm. The picnic will be held at the Johnson Road Park (Croquet Pavilion) in Germantown. 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! \$10 for adults, \$5 for children (12 and under), \$30 family max.

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.

Announcements

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.

Fellowship Coffee 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.

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 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 are thankful to the Germantown Police Department for training 18 of our members last Sunday afternoon on how to respond in an active shooter situation. Here are some key take-aways:

1. You have 3 choices in how to respond. You can run, hide, or fight. Always be aware of your surroundings and consider how you might respond if a situation arises.
2. Immediately call 911 - they are best able to end the threat. When asked for information DO NOT guess! Try to give the location, description of the attacker(s), and number and type of weapons. DO NOT pull the fire alarm; it will confuse responders.
3. Shooters expect fear and compliance. Do something the attacker doesn't expect and take them off guard.

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: Anderson Presbyterian Church, Jackson, TN.

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

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