



**FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP**

**Christ the King Sunday
November 24, 2024**

Worship Online at 11:00am Sunday Mornings

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ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

God of all times and all places, be with us in this time and this place. Just as you have spoken to your people through prophets and poets, we pray that we might hear the Word you speak to us today. Just as you have spoken to your people through deeds and miracles, we pray that we might have eyes to see the Word you speak to us today. Just as you have called our people to act in the midst of your creation, we pray that we might have feet to walk and hands to reach out; for the sake of your Son, in whose name we pray. Amen.

WELCOME

PRELUDE "Come, Ye Thankful People Come"

G. Elvey

*CALL TO WORSHIP[†]

based on Psalms 46 and 93

Come all God's people! Let us gather to praise our Mighty God!
With joy we celebrate and give thanks for God's faithfulness.
Come all God's people! Let us gather to sing to our Glorious God!
With joy, and with all creation, we celebrate the powers of our King.

Come all God's people! Let us gather to worship and honor God!
With joy we celebrate the wonderful deeds of our God and King, and in reverent awe, we bow in worship and praise of our God. Amen.

*HYMN OF PRAISE – No. 336 "We Gather Together"

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing; he chastens and hastens his will to make known; The wicked oppressing

now cease from distressing. Sing praises to his name; he forgets not his own.

Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining, ordaining, maintaining his kingdom divine; So from the beginning the fight we were winning; thou, Lord, wast at our side; all glory be thine!

We all do extol thee, thou leader triumphant, and pray that thou still our defender wilt be. Let thy congregation escape tribulation; thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

(Please be seated.)

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION†

Holy One, we dare to call you Lord, but yield to you only fragments of our lives. You had nowhere to lay your head; we surround ourselves with comfort. We expect to serve you with what remains after we have indulged our desires. Forgive our greed, our lack of trust, our desire to pick the times and places we will respond to your call for our lives. In your abundant mercy teach us what it means to follow, even at the cost of our lives.

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

from The Confession of 1967

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. His life as man involves the church in the common life of men. His service to men commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all the sufferings of mankind so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of men in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on man's inhumanity to man and the awful consequences of its own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and

the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of man's life in society and of God's victory over all wrong.

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

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

As I looked, thrones were set in place, and the Ancient of Days took his seat. His clothing was as white as snow; the hair of his head was white like wool. His throne was flaming with fire, and its wheels were all ablaze. A river of fire was flowing, coming out from before him. Thousands upon thousands attended him; ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him. The court was seated, and the books were opened.

In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all nations and peoples of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SECOND READING

Mark 12:38-13:2

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?"

Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?"

Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?"

Jesus answered, "My kingdom does not belong to this world. If my kingdom belonged to this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here."

Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?"

Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

RESPONSE TO THE WORD "For the Beauty of the Earth"

**For your Word to light our way, for the hope to us it brings,
For the ways your wisdom leads daily lives as offerings,
Lord of all to Thee we raise, this our hymn of grateful praise.**

SERMON "My Kingdom Is Not From Here" Rev. Rebecca Luter

SHARING PRAYER CONCERNS

Please remember those on our prayer list.

CENTERING HYMN – "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 ANTHEM

Eugene Butler

"The Abundance of God's House"

Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens and your faithfulness to the clouds. Your righteousness is like strong mountains and your justice like the deep. How priceless is your love, O God. Your people take refuge under the shadow of your wings. They feast upon the abundance of your house! You give them drink from the river of your delights. For with you is the well of life, in your light we see light. Continue your loving kindness, to those who know you, and your favor to those who are true of heart.

(Psalm 136: 5-9)

*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, there is no greater joy in life, no greater freedom, than to offer our lives to your service. Let us have the same mind as Christ Jesus, gladly offering who we are and what we hold to accomplish the work you are doing in the world, in Christ's name we pray. Amen.

*HYMN - No. 265

Verses 1, 2 and 5

“Jesus Shall Reign”

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does its successive journeys run; his kingdom stretch from shore to shore , till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To him shall endless prayer be made, and praises throng to crown his head; his name, like sweet perfume shall rise with every morning sacrifice.

Let every creature rise and bring honors peculiar to our King; Angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud Amen!

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*SENDING FORTH HYMN - No. 765

“May the God of Hope Go with Us”

May the God of hope go with us every day, filling all our lives with love and joy and peace. May the God of justice speed us on our way, bringing light and hope to every land and race. Praying, let us work for peace; singing, share our joy with all; working for a world that's new, faithful when we hear Christ's call.

*POSTLUDE “Now Thank We All Our God”

Johann Cruger

*Stand as able.

Bold Type – congregation in unison

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AND RECORDED. ATTENDEES
IMPLICITLY AGREE THAT THEY, AND
ANY CHILDREN ACCOMPANYING
THEM, MAY BE ON CAMERA.

Participating in the service today:

Rev. Rebecca Luter, Pastor
Jim Thrash, Director of Music
Tom Bryant, Accompanist
Davis Howe, Interim Youth Director
Liv Palmer, Liturgist
Lizzie Luter, Children's Moment
Elizabeth and Tom Moots, Ushers

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 in celebration of Graham Perkins' 4th Birthday by Pat Sherman.

Hanging of the Green Following worship today (Sunday, November 24th) we will enjoy Chicken Spaghetti together and decorate the church for Advent and Christmas. There are ways for everyone to assist from climbing ladders to fluffing greenery. Stay and enjoy this time of fellowship!

Youth Fellowship Each Sunday evening the youth meet from 5:30-7:30pm for a time of fellowship, games, faith-building, and food. Friends are welcome!

Sunday School Classes

Children's Sunday School Children meet at 10am in A6. This Sunday we will be making an Advent wreath for our families to light as we prepare for Christmas.

Youth Sunday School Youth (6th-12th grades) meet in the Youth Room at 10am. What's in a logo? What do our faith symbols mean? Join us as we discover the Biblical foundation of the Presbyterian cross.

Blessed Are You Rev. Rebecca Luter will be facilitating a study of The Beatitudes in the East Room from 10am-10:45am on Sunday mornings. These are the questions that will guide our discussions: How is Jesus teaching us to live? What does he mean, and what is he promising? Who lives that way? Do we? Do we want to? So, what does that look like?

The Life You've Always Wanted by John Ortberg A new study facilitated by Cooper Patterson will begin on October 13th in Fellowship Hall at 9:30am. If you have not been in an adult Sunday School class in the past, consider attending!

Coming Up

Pinecrest Thanksgiving Lunch Enjoy a traditional Thanksgiving meal on November 28 at Pinecrest. \$25/adult, \$15 kids 4-9, under 4 are free. RSVP by November 18 to amanda@camppinecrest.org.

First Wednesdays @ FPC Wednesday, December 4, is Wednesday Night Dinner with Christmas Carols by Request. Dinner will be at 6pm with Tom Bryant playing our Christmas Carol requests in the Sanctuary at 6:45pm. The menu is Baked Spaghetti Pie, salad and garlic bread. The cost for dinner is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children (under 12) with \$30 family maximum. Please email the church office to make reservations, church@farmingtonpres.org.

Caroling Caravan Hop on the bus or follow in your own car as we stop by and bring Christmas cheer to our members with limited mobility. Meet in the back parking lot on Sunday afternoon, December 8th at 2pm.

PW Bake Sale and Christmas Market If you like to bake, please consider offering your gifts to ensure we have plenty of individually wrapped goodies! Each year, the PW Bake Sales fund our mission giving. You may drop off your baked goods any time Tuesday, December 10 or before 10am on Wednesday, December 11. This year we are also partnering with Shady Grove Pres's Mustard Seed Shop to offer fair trade items for purchase from around the world. Mark your calendars now to come shop on Wednesday, December 11, 10am-6pm.

Advent Service of Wholeness This quiet service provides space for those who are not "holly jolly" this Advent season. "God with us" is promised even in our pain. Each year, the lighting of candles and praying for our loved ones is a moving experience.

Lessons & Carols and Christmas Lunch Invite your family and friends to worship with us on Sunday, December 15th, as the Chancel Choir leads us in this service of Scripture and song. Following the service, we will enjoy a Christmas lunch together in Fellowship Hall. There is no charge for the lunch, and no RSVPs are needed.

Room in the Inn Farmington Presbyterian will be hosting again on December 21 at The Cottage at Germantown United Methodist Church. This ministry provides housing for homeless persons. Each time we host, a group of people prepare a meal for the evening: a casserole or meat, side(s), salad, bread, and dessert. The meal should serve 22 adults. A group of 6-8 people host our guests by setting up at 5pm and welcoming the guests at 6pm. We eat together and visit or play games until 9:30pm. At 9pm, 2 overnight shepherds arrive to spend the night, prepare coffee and a to-go breakfast, and do light clean-up after the guests depart at 6am. After we host, 2 laundry angels volunteer to launder the sheets, pillow cases, and blankets after we host our guests. This is a great way for someone who cannot be there in the evenings to still be a part of this ministry. The sign-up is on the website.

Announcements

Poinsettias The sanctuary will be decorated with poinsettias this Advent season. Please consider honoring or remembering a loved one. Poinsettias are \$12 each. Email church@farmingtonpres.org with your information and how many.

Christmas Cards that benefit Rise Against Hunger are available for \$10 each, or for \$15 each they will be addressed for you! They will be sold after worship November 17-December 8.

Pinecrest Cinnamon Roll Bake Sale Purchase Pinecrest's famous cinnamon rolls for \$15/pan. They will be delivered frozen and packaged for gifting on December 13. Email amanda@campinecrest.org.

Advent Wreath Lighting Your family is invited to participate in worship by lighting the Advent Wreath. Each year, we mark the weeks until Christmas by lighting the candles of hope, peace, joy, and love in anticipation of lighting the Christ Candle on Christmas Eve. Please let Rev. Rebecca know that you

would like to light the candles and which Sunday(s) you are available: December 1, 8, 15, 22, 24 at 5pm, and 29.

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.

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.

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.

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 letter of appreciation from Church Health Center for the Presbyterian Women's financial support. You can read the letter on the bulletin board outside Fellowship Hall. Our support of the PW Bake Sale makes gifts like this one possible.

Remember in Prayer...Our Farmington Family, Session and Staff; Luv Bacerra, Jackie Baker, Kevin Beard, Betty Boyd, Jeanne Carr, Judith Cassidy, Mary Lou Collins, Pat Rush Davis, Joe Gaul, Bill Harrington, Martha Hart, Robert Herring, Chris and Sabrina Johnson, Bill Jones, Bill Knight, Ches Latham, Annette Main, Faye McKenzie, Sara Millar, Steve Moots, Nancy & Dennis Palmer, Pat Register, Bill Renfrow, Jack Scherer, Pat Sherman, JoAnne Simpkins, William Stevens, Jon Still, B.J. Tanner, Jerry Trimble, Kathy VanderEcken, Kasi Wann, Gary Weeden, Frank Whited, Nathan Williams and from our Presbytery: First Presbyterian Church, Kennett, MO.

Sympathies...to the family and friends of Blake Rhea, friend of Gretchen Burch; and to the family and friends of Rev. Margaret Burnett.

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