



**FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP**  
**Second Sunday of Epiphany**  
**January 19, 2025**

Worship Online at 11:00am Sunday Mornings

[www.farmingtonpres.org](http://www.farmingtonpres.org)

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**ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME**

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

“Maybe it is that power offers an easy substitute for the hard task of love. It seems easier to be God than to love God, easier to control people than to love people, easier to own life than to love life.”  
— Henri Nouwen

God of glory and grace, we come before you to worship just as we are, knowing that we can open our hearts to you expectantly. We bring our hopes, our fears, our doubts, and our joys into your holy presence, knowing that you receive us with love. May we come to you with sincerity, humility, and a readiness to be transformed. Amen.

WELCOME

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

Bryan Jegier

PRELUDE “Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”

Haydn

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Take off your shoes!

**We are standing on holy ground.**

The prophets of old spoke of God's justice,  
**even when it was unwelcome.**

Responding to God's call, Jesus traveled,  
**preaching and teaching all who would listen.**

Christ sent out disciples two by two,  
**to spread the good news in any place that would welcome them.**

God's prophets are among us still,

**around the world and in these pews.**

Who will hear their message?

**We will listen, and we will hear!**

Let us worship God and receive Christ's teachings,

**that we may be renewed and strengthened to share God's love with the world.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE – No. 463 “How Firm a Foundation”

**How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word! What more can be said than to you God hath said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?**

**“Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed, for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid; I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand, upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.**

**“When through the deep waters I call thee to go, the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow; for I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless, and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.**

**“When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie, my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply; the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.**

**“The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose, I will not, I will not desert to its foes; that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no, never, no never forsake.**

*(Please be seated.)*

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, you are the source of all life and call us to love one another. Yet we confess that we often fall short of this calling. We allow fear to limit our compassion. We judge and are indifferent toward those in need. We hold onto what is comfortable instead of acting. Forgive us, God. Pry pride and selfishness from our grasp. Help us embrace the humility and grace that Jesus lived. Give us a heart for justice and a temperament of peace. Fill us, by your Holy Spirit, with your love overflowing.**

*(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 – 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<sup>†</sup>

The Apostles' Creed (Interpreted)

What do you believe when you confess your faith in “God the  
Father Almighty”?

**That God is a God of love, and that God's love is powerful  
beyond measure.**

What do you affirm when you confess your faith in Jesus Christ as  
“our Lord”?

**That having been raised from the dead he reigns with  
compassion and justice over all things in heaven and on  
earth, especially over those who confess him by faith; and that  
by loving and serving him above all else, we give glory and  
honor to God.**

What do you believe when you confess your faith in the Holy  
Spirit?

**That apart from the Holy Spirit, our Lord can neither be  
loved, nor known, nor served. The Holy Spirit is the personal  
bond by which Jesus Christ unites us to himself, the teacher  
who opens our hearts to Christ, and the comforter who leads  
us to repentance, empowering us to live in Christ's service.**

What do you affirm when you speak of “the life everlasting”?

**That communion with Jesus Christ is eternal life itself. In him  
we were chosen before the foundation of the world. By him  
the eternal covenant with Israel was taken up, embodied, and  
fulfilled. To him we are joined by the Holy Spirit through  
faith, and adopted as children, the sons and daughters of  
God. Through him we are raised from death to new life. For  
him we shall live to all eternity.**

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 LESSON

Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: with two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. And they were calling to one another: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory! At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke.

"Woe to me!" I cried. "I am ruined! for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the Lord Almighty." Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken from the altar. With it he touched my mouth and said, "See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here I am. Send me!"

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

#### SECOND LESSON

2 Corinthians 12:6-10

Even if I should choose to boast, I would not be a fool, because I would be speaking the truth. But I refrain, so no one will think more of me than is warranted by what I do or say, or because of these surpassingly great revelations. Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore, I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Al - le - lu - ia! Laud and bless - ing to our God, whose Word is  
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sure; by whose grace we find re-demp-tion, in whose love we live se - cure.

SERMON “Space for God’s Power”

Rev. Rebecca Luter

## RESPOND TO GOD

### 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.**

### PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

arr. Howard Helvey

“Take Up Your Cross, The Savior Said”

### \*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

**Merciful God, you call us by name and promise to each of us your constant love. Deepen our understanding of your Word; strengthen our commitment to follow the way of Christ; and keep us in the faith and communion of your church. Increase our compassion for others; send us into the world in witness to your love; and use us and our offerings to the fullness of your peace.**

HYMN - No. 519 “You Are My Strength”

**You are my strength when I am weak; you are the treasure that I seek; you are my all in all. When I fall down, you pick me up: when I am dry, you fill my cup, you are my all in all. Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name! Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name!**

\*BENEDICTION

\*SENDING FORTH HYMN - No. 543 Verses 1 and 2

“God Be the Love to Search and Keep Me”

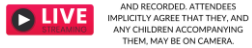
**God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to move my voice; God be the strength to now uphold me: O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.**

**Bind to myself the Name of Holy, great cloud of witnesses enfold; prophets, apostles, angels witness: O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.**

\*POSTLUDE “Austrian Hymn” Haydn

\*Stand as able.

**Bold Type** – congregation in unison



**Participating in the service today:**

Rev. Rebecca Luter, Pastor

Jim Thrash, Director of Music

Tom Bryant, Accompanist

Davis Howe, Interim Youth Director

Rev. Ruth Lovell Bradham, Liturgist

Jennifer Young, Children’s Moment

Leslie McNamara and Kasi Wann, Ushers

†Study Catechism of the PC(USA), Questions 7, 31, 54, 87

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# 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

**Fellowship Coffee** After worship this morning, everyone is invited to Fellowship Hall. Thank you to Nandita Koirala and Paula Gale for providing refreshments. We hold Fellowship Coffee on the third Sunday each month. If you would like to help host, please sign up on our website.

**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!

**The Holy Mystery of Discipleship** Our first sermon series of 2025 is a study of the paradoxes experienced in the journey of faith. What is the power of weakness, the gain of letting go, or the joy in suffering? How does transformation come through small actions? How is faith found in simplicity and abundance in generosity? Join us in worship at 11am in person or on the livestream and invite someone who may be looking for a church home.

### This Week

**Adult Ministries Luncheon** This Thursday, January 23, all are invited to come to lunch to hear the stories, see the pictures, and learn about the work of the mission team to Xpujil, Mexico. Lunch will be catered by Scott Hutchins and is \$13. Please RSVP to Sandy Wann ([srwann@bellsouth.net](mailto:srwann@bellsouth.net)) by Monday, January 20.

**Hot Cocoa Social** After church next Sunday in Fellowship Hall, Bryan Jegier will be hosting a fundraiser for his Eagle Scout Project in which he will be

refurbishing the benches in the Outdoor Chapel. Please plan to come and generously support his project.

**Angel Tree** Mothers in Community (formerly MOPS) are collecting items requested by Room in the Inn and First Presbyterian Church for our unhoused neighbors. Take a moment to choose and ornament on the hallway wall by the West door and deliver your gift by January 26.

### Coming Up

**Room in the Inn** Farmington Presbyterian will be hosting again Saturday, February 15, at The Cottage at Germantown United Methodist Church. This ministry provides housing for homeless persons. The sign-up to provide dinner, host for the evening, shepherd overnight, and wash laundry is on the website.

### Sunday School Classes

**Children's Sunday School** Children meet at 10am in A6. This winter, all children 5<sup>th</sup> grade and under are learning about Jesus's compassion and power to bring healing.

**Youth Sunday School** Youth (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades) meet in the Youth Room at 10am. Each Sunday we are addressing a "burning question" of faith that has been turned in by one of the youth.

**Faith from Doubts** Rev. Rebecca Luter will be facilitating a discussion of questions and doubts and how wrestling with them leads us to deeper faith. We meet in the East Room from 10am-10:45am on Sunday mornings.

### Announcements

**2025 Fellowship Coffee** Sign up to host Fellowship Coffee on our website under "Sign-ups" or in the church office to provide refreshments following worship on a 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday. You may sign up to provide either something sweet or something savory.

**2025 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" or on in the church office.

**Food Pantry Collection** Farmington collects 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** If you would like to be added to or removed from the weekly mailing of the bulletin, please email us at [church@farmingtonpres.org](mailto: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** Our partnership with the Mexico Cistern Ministry continued as we reconnected with our friends in Xpujil and built cisterns for 4 families in Becan.

**Remember in Prayer** Our Farmington Family, Session and Staff; Jackie Baker, Hank Baron, Kevin Beard, Merry Bonner, Betty Boyd, Jeanne Carr, Martha Carr, Judith Cassidy, Mary Lou Collins, Mark Fisher, Chelsea Moyer Fitzpatrick, Joe Gaul, Bill Harrington, Martha Hart, Robert Herring, Parker Holder, Chris and Sabrina Johnson, Bill Jones, Bill Knight, Annette Main, Sara Millar, Nancy & Dennis Palmer, Paula Patterson, Pat Register, Bill Renfrow, Katie Robbins, Dee Scobey, Caitlin Shirazee, JoAnne Simpkins, William Stevens, Jon Still, B.J. Tanner, Kasi Wann, Frank Whited, Nathan Williams and from our Presbytery: Race Relations/Racial Intercultural Justice, Criminal Justice.

**Sympathy to the family and friends...**of Faye McKenzie, mother of Angela Horne; of Wayne Renfrow, brother of Jerry Renfrow; of Steve Moots, father of Tom Moots; and of Jane Mayo, sister of John Bivens.

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