# FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
## SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP
**Second Sunday of Lent**
**March 16, 2025**

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

### ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP†

Gracious Lord, we gather as a family of faith today to seek you in this time of worship. Open our eyes to see that our faith is not all about what you might do for us, yet instead our faith guides how we might serve you and work at right relationship with you. We know that you are a gracious God, abounding in steadfast love. Through the life and work of Jesus Christ, we come to know your peace. God, you are our light and our salvation. By the courage we are given from the Holy Spirit, we know that we have no reason to be afraid. You are the stronghold of our lives. As we walk these forty days of Lent with you, open our hearts and minds to whatever changes you are nudging us to embrace in our lives of faith. In the name of Jesus we pray, Amen.

WELCOME

PRELUDE "I Hear the Savior Say" J. GRAPE

*CALL TO WORSHIP†

If God is a hen,
**we are under God's wing.**
If God is a table,
**we each have a seat.**
If God is a house,
**we are safe from the storm.**
If God is a party,
**we're invited to dance.**
If God is a melody,
**our names are the lyrics.**

If this is God's house,
**then all are welcomed. All are loved. All belong.**
Let us worship the Holy God.

*HYMN OF PRAISE – No. 49 "The God of Abraham Praise"

*(Please be seated.)*

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

When the Pharisees tried to stop Jesus, Jesus said,
**"I will keep on."**
**I will keep on healing.**
**I will keep on teaching.**
**I will keep on preaching.**
**I will keep on flipping the tables of injustice.**
**I will keep on treating every person like a child of God.**
**I will keep on believing that this world can change.**
**I will keep on**
**and keep on**
**and keep on until God's promised day.**
**Forgive us, God, for the times when we stop.**
**Amen.**

*(A time of silent prayer.)*

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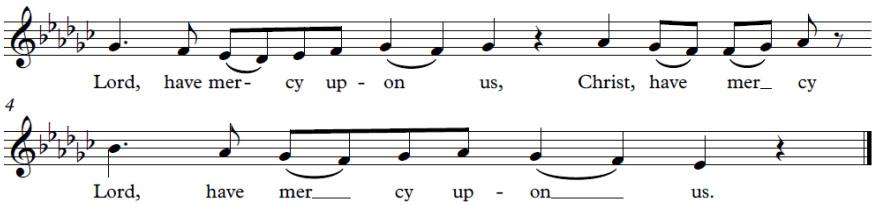



ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*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 A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.
In sovereign love God created the world good
and makes everyone equally in God's image,
male and female, of every race and people,

to live as one community.
But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.
Ignoring God's commandments,
we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,
accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature,
and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.
We deserve God's condemnation.
Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.
In everlasting love,
the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people
to bless all families of the earth.
Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel
from the house of bondage.
Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.
Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,
God is faithful still.

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 LESSON

Psalm 27:1-14 — Pew Bible Page No. 864

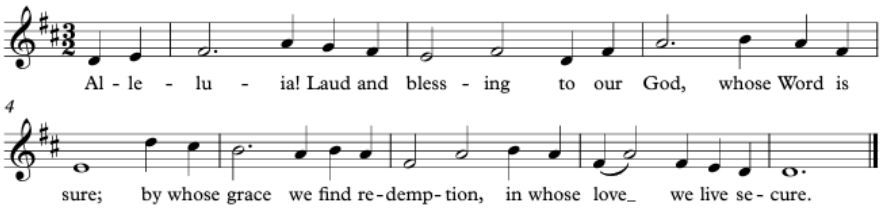
This is the Word of the Lord!
**Thanks be to God!**

SECOND LESSON

Luke 13:1-9, 31-35 — Pew Bible Page No. 1619

This is the Word of the Lord!
**Thanks be to God!**

RESPONSE TO THE WORD



SERMON "A Change of Heart" Rev. Ruth Lovell Bradham

## 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 "But the Lord is Mindful of His Own"

*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.**

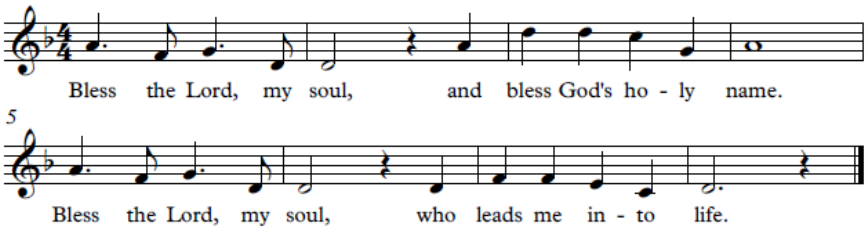
*PRAYER OF DEDICATION†

**God of grace, you provide for us in amazing ways. We dedicate our lives to embodying the grateful generosity that fills our hearts. May these gifts, your tithes and our offerings, provide for others and be used to further Christ's ministry and mission. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.**

*HYMN - No. 343 "Faith Begins by Letting Go"

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING FORTH HYMN – "Bless the Lord, My Soul"




*POSTLUDE "The First Song of Isaiah" Jack Nelson White

*Stand as able. **Bold Type** – congregation in unison

Rev. Rebecca Luter, Pastor
Davis Howe, Interim Youth Director

**Participating in the service today:**
Rev. Ruth Lovell Bradham, Guest Preacher
Jim Thrash, Director of Music
Tom Bryant, Accompanist
Sandy Hillard, Liturgist
Elizabeth Demaree, Children's Moment
Mike and Sharaze Colley, Ushers
Chancel Choir

† Liturgy adapted from prayers by Rev. Sarah A. Speed| A Sanctified Art LLC| sanctifiedart.org and Teri McDowell Ott| The Presbyterian Outlook| pres-outlook.org

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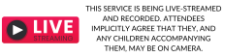


## Welcome IN THE NAME OF JESUS, THE CHRIST

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

**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

**Flowers** The flowers this morning are given to the glory of God by Merry Bonner in loving memory of her husband, Joe Bonner.

**Guest Preacher** We welcome Rev. Ruth Lovell Bradham back to the pulpit of Farmington this morning. She served as the Associate Pastor at Farmington from 2001-2006 and now is an active participant in the Farmington family. We are thankful that she shares her gifts with us.

**Fellowship Coffee** After worship this morning, everyone is invited to Fellowship Hall. Thank you to 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. March Schedule: March 16 & 23 – Spring Break, no youth group, March 30th – 5:30-7:30pm in the Youth Room. Friends are welcome!

## Sunday School Classes

**Children's Sunday School** Children meet at 10am in A6. Each Sunday during Lent, the children will be introduced to the story of Jesus that we will be focusing on in worship. (No class over Spring Break – March 16 and 23.)

**Youth Sunday School** Youth (6th-12th grades) meet in the Youth Room at 10am. On March 9th, the youth will begin a multi-week Bible study on the Book of Psalms, going through the 5 books with attention to both the praise and lamentation throughout. (No class over Spring Break – March 16 and 23.)

**Adult Sunday School** Rev. Rebecca Luter will facilitate a Bible study of the Scriptures for worship. Participants have shared that this time of preparation for worship deepens their experience of the service and understanding of the sermon. All are welcome to attend any Sunday at 10am in the East Room (No class over Spring Break – March 16 and 23.)

## Coming Up

**Guest Preacher** Rev. Joshua Narcisse will be preaching on March 23. Rev. Narcisse serves as Spiritual Care Director at Church Health Center. Please welcome him warmly.

**Presbyterian Women Spring Gathering** Farmington is hosting our Presbytery-wide gathering on April 5. Registration is $25 and is due on March 14. Lucy Cummings, Executive Director of Pinecrest Camp and Retreat Center is our keynote speaker and will be sharing a message on Earth care based on Jesus's parable of the mustard seed.

## Announcements

**Nominating Committee** Our session is tasked with providing for the worship and nurture of the congregation. Elders serve on the session in 3 year terms. The nominating committee requests your nominations for consideration to serve in the Class of 2028. You may request a nomination

form from an usher or find one in the March newsletter. You may also email your nominations to Rev. Rebecca Luter (rluter@farmingtonpres.org). Nominations must be received by March 24th to be considered.

**Church Emails** Each week, a Sunday email is sent with the link for online worship, the Happenings, and the Prayer List. In addition, a Mid-Week email is regularly sent with reminders and the New Vision newsletter is sent monthly. If you are not receiving church emails, and would like to, please email church@farmingtonpres.org and let us know.

**Mark Your Calendar** April 27 is Rise Against Hunger; June 8 is FPC 50th Anniversary Celebration; and June 16-20 is VBS.

**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 3rd 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 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** Plans are underway for the 50th Anniversary Celebration. If you are interested in being part of the planning team, please let Rev. Rebecca or Paula Gale know. Be sure to mark your calendar for worship and celebration from 11am-2pm on June 8!

**Rember in Prayer** Our Farmington Family, Session and Staff; Jackie Baker, Hank Baron, Kevin Beard, Betty Boyd, Jeanne Carr, Judith Cassidy, Mark Fisher, Chelsea Moyer Fitzpatrick, Joe Gaul, Betsabet Guzman, Bill Harrington, Martha Hart, Chris and Sabrina Johnson, Bill Jones, Bill Knight, Annette Main, Sara Millar, Nancy & Dennis Palmer, Pat Register, Bill Renfrow, Caitlin Shirazee, JoAnne Simpkins, William Stevens, Jon Still, Emma Van Frank, Kasi Wann, Frank Whited, Reggie Wilson, and from our Presbytery: Self-Development of People; Celebrate the Gifts of Women; Cordova Presbyterian Church, Cordova, TN.

**Sympathy to the family and friends…**of Christian Rivadeneyra and mother, former student of Jennifer Young.

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