FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP
Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 30, 2025

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

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Lord God, as we walk these forty days of Lent with you, shape us by your Holy Spirit. Cleanse our hearts and restore in us your image, in which we were made. Purify our minds and mold us more and more by the example of Christ our Lord. Open our eyes to see your power and grace even in the wilderness spaces of our lives. Fill us to the brim with the joy of your salvation so we overflow with defiant hope, serving you with willing hearts and bearing witness to the grace of life abundant for all. Amen.

WELCOME

PRELUDE "The Prodigal Son" Debussy

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship the One who welcomes us home.
God calls to the lost, the least, and all who long for home.
God's reach is endless. God's mercy is unstoppable. God's grace is lavish.
God calls when we wander from the path chosen for us and waste the gifts we have been given.
God's love is constant. God's wisdom is vast. God's hope is stubborn.
God calls and welcomes us back to worship in God's house this day.
God is present here – with us, among us, moving through us.
God calls us to celebrate and rejoice in God's presence forever.

*HYMN OF PRAISE – No. 366 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

(Please be seated.)

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, the prodigal son isn't given a name, but we know his name. It sounds like ours. And we know his story. It sounds like ours. We've burned bridges. We've forgotten that we belong to one another. We've found ourselves aching for home. We have wandered and squandered. The prodigal son isn't given a name, but we know his name. Forgive us, God. We want to come home.

(A time of silent prayer.)

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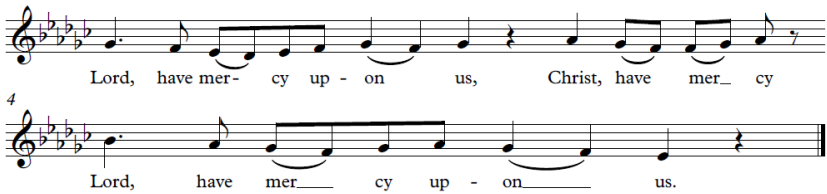


ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*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†

We belong to God, creator of all that is and all that is to come, abundant provider of the gifts in this life and the gifts in our own hearts. It is God alone who gives life, who is generous beyond measure with grace and blessing.

We follow Christ, whom God sent to teach and heal, to show us a new way of living, with love and trust and courage, with joy and generosity. In this faith Jesus gave of himself, even his very life. He was crucified and buried; yet God raised him from death, and he lives among us, and grants his spirit to us.

We live by that Holy Spirit, and entrust ourselves to its guidance and empowerment. As members of the church, the Body of Christ, we devote ourselves to lives of love, rejoicing in the power of forgiveness, the reality of resurrection, and the mystery of eternal life. Amen.

THROUGH CHILDREN'S EYES Jinney Hart

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

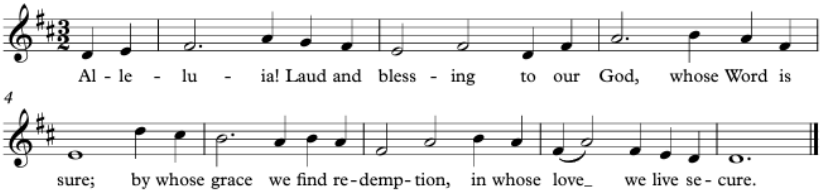
FIRST LESSON
2 Corinthians 5:16-21 Pew Bible Page No. 1799

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

SECOND LESSON
Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32 Pew Bible Page No. 1623

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

RESPONSE TO THE WORD



SERMON "Prodigal Grace" 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 "Song of the Wanderer" Dan Forrest
The barren land around me lies, my flame is burning low; Cold and pale the winter skies, and I am far from home. With the light that

burns so dim am I visible to Him? Does He hear the fragile song of creatures here below?

He wakes the lark and bids her fly to greet the coming spring. Wakes our hearts and bids us rise then gives our spirits wing. He speaks, and winter melts away, hears us when we come to pray; Turns our night-time into day our Light, our Life, our King.

Glorious joy of summer sun; the gentle healing rain, Banishing our tears and sighs, with beauty for our pain. Earth and sky, lay glory by, Christ, the Lord is drawing nigh! All creation, bow to Him From whom all blessing flow!

Blows the wind, and soon will come the autumn of the year With its golden light of love still shining ever clear. From the rising of the sun, to the place where day is done, Peace on earth has now begun to cast away our fear.

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.

*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.

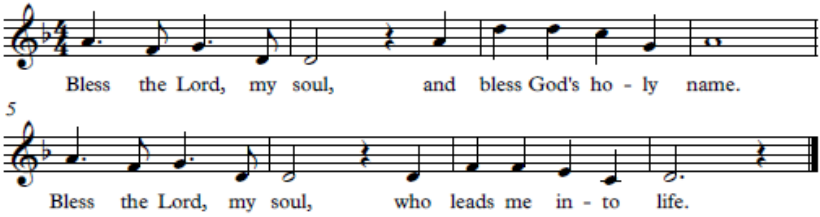
*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of grace, we dedicate to you not only these gifts, but also ourselves, in deep gratitude for the fullness of our lives. We are amazed by the abundance of your gifts: food that sustains, relationships that support, and work to do for your glory on earth. Afford us opportunities to celebrate and share with others the abundance of your grace and love. In the name of Jesus we pray, Amen.

*HYMN - No. 802 "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING FORTH HYMN - No. 544 "Bless the Lord"



*POSTLUDE "A Sower Came from Ancient Hills" John Horman

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

†Liturgy adapted from prayers by Rev. Sarah A. Speed|A Sanctified ArtLLC|sanctifiedart.org.
Affirmation of Faith by Steve Garnaas-Holmes, "Abundance."

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Participating in the service today:
Rev. Rebecca Luter, Pastor
Jim Thrash, Director of Music
Tom Bryant, Accompanist
Davis Howe, Interim Youth Director
Pat Sherman, Liturgist
Jinney Hart, Children's Moment
Kasi Wann and Shelley Wann, Ushers
Chancel Choir

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

Coffee in the Narthex After worship this morning, you are encouraged to enjoy a time of fellowship in the Narthex.

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

This Week

Presbyterian Women Spring Gathering Farmington is hosting our Presbytery-wide gathering on April 5. 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. If you are able to offer a little time to help set up on Friday, April 4 or host on Saturday, April 5, please let Jinney Hart know.

Potluck Sunday Next Sunday, April 6, we will have potluck lunch after worship. Bring a dish to share and place it in the kitchen before worship with any serving/warming instructions. If you are able to help serve or clean up, please let Paula Gale or Paula Patterson know.

Easter Lilies Please consider ordering an Easter Lily to honor or remember a loved one this Easter Sunday. The lilies are $17.50 for each honoree. Please make check payable to Farmington Presbyterian church. You can place an order by emailing church@farmingtonpres.org.

Candy Collection We are collecting candy for the Easter Egg Hunt. Please drop off candy in the bin located at the West Entrance. Last day of collection is Friday, April 11.

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.

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.

Adult Sunday School Rev. Rebecca Luter facilitates 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.

Holy Week Events

Palm Sunday Crosses Each year, we gather to make Palm Sunday crosses from palm strips. If you have not made them before, we will teach you! We will gather Friday, April 11, at 10am in the Youth Room.

Presbyterian Women's Spring Bake Sale is April 16 from 10am-6pm. Please make plans to stock up for Easter. Most items will be packaged at $1

each. Full pies and cakes will also be available. The proceeds are used to support our mission projects including: Mexico Cistern, Send a Kid to Camp (Pinecrest), Rise Against Hunger, Room in the Inn, and Church Health Center.

Maundy Thursday Dinner & Worship We will gather to remember Christ's last supper with his disciples on April 17. Dinner will be at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall. Worship with Communion will be in the Sanctuary at 7pm. Dinner is $10 for adults and $5 for children (under 12) with $30 family maximum.

Volunteers Needed for Maundy Thursday Dinner! Men and women are needed to help set up (5pm) and clean up (following worship) for the Maundy Thursday Dinner. Many hands make light work – if you are coming to the dinners, please let Paula Gale or Paula Patterson know if you are able to help.

Good Friday Tenebrae Service As Christ breathed his last, the Temple curtain tore in two and darkness fell upon the earth. This somber service on April 18 at 7pm (Sanctuary & Livestreamed) will prepare our hearts for the bright glory of his resurrection on Easter morning as we observe the darkening of our world at his death.

FPC Church Office and Day School will be closed on Friday, April 18.

Volunteers Needed for Easter Egg Hunt! Please email Liv Palmer (livannpalmer@gmail.com) to volunteer for the egg hunt. We need volunteers for setup in Fellowship Hall (decorations, snacks & crafts), photographer, outdoor decorations, and hiding eggs for the hunt.

Easter Egg Hunt April 19, 10am beginning in the Sanctuary. There will be an Easter Story, egg hunt, crafts and snacks, and pictures with the Easter Bunny. If you would like to help out during the hunt, please email church@farmingtonpres.org.

Easter Sunday Worship Services @ 7am and 11am Rise early and celebrate as the children and youth lead us in Sunrise Worship at 7am in the Outdoor Chapel. Enjoy brunch at a local restaurant and fellowship with others who attend or head home to make Easter preparations, then return at 11am for Easter Worship in the Sanctuary.

Announcements

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

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.

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 Alderman Scott Sanders spoke for the Adult Ministry Luncheon and shared about his career as a U.S. Marshall, gave an overview of the administration and services of the City of Germantown, and answered questions. It was an enjoyable and informative program. Make plans to attend April 24 when we will have the opportunity to learn about protecting our aquifer as corporations move to the area.

Remember 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, Saundra Piggies, 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: Grace Presbyterian Church, Dyersburg, TN.

Sympathy to the family and friends of Eleanor Miller, Great-aunt of Jenn Paine.