FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP
First Sunday of Lent
March 9, 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 "Prelude in B-flat Minor" Bach

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus went to the mountaintop to pray.
Jesus went into the city to heal.
Jesus walked through Samaria to extend love.
Jesus stood at the water's edge to teach.
Jesus spent time in places of peace and connection,
but Jesus also spent time in the wilderness.
The season of Lent sets us on a journey;
there is nowhere we can go that God does not go with us.

*HYMN OF PRAISE – No. 166

"Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days"

(Please be seated.)

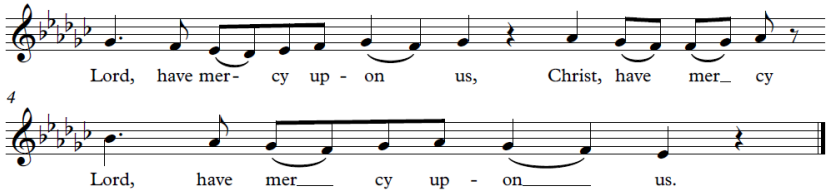
CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, when we think that abundant life is about material wealth, teach us a new way. When we think that abundant life is about power, teach us a new way. When we think that abundant life is about control, teach us a new way. Teach us to live as you live. Teach us to love as you love. Forgive us when we don't.

(A time of silent prayer.)

KYRIE



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 Paula Gale

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

Deuteronomy 26:1-11 Pew Bible Page No. 311

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

SECOND LESSON
Luke 4:1-13 Pew Bible Page No. 1595

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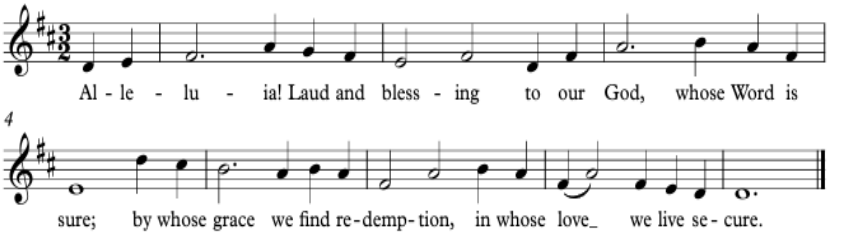
Thanks be to God!

RESPONSE TO THE WORD



SERMON "Temptations in the Desert" 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 "God is Our Refuge and Strength" Allen Pote

*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.

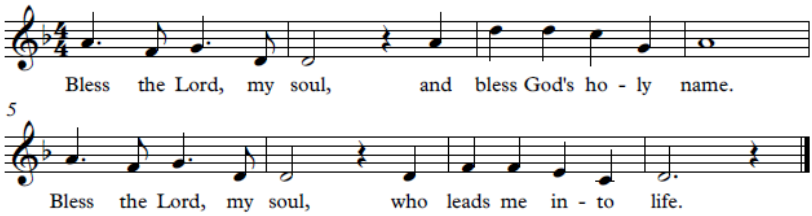
*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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. 275 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

*BENEDICTION

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



*POSTLUDE "The Agincourt Hymn" John Dunstable

*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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LIVE
THIS SERVICE IS BEING LIVE-STREAMED 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
Chris Luter, Liturgist
Paula Gale, Children's Moment
Jinney Hart and Jennifer You, 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

Flowers The flowers this morning are given to the glory of God by Ann Erickson in memory of her parents, Margaret and Charles Sherrod.

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

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 9th Disc Golf with Covenant PCG, March 16 & 23 – Spring Break, no youth group, March 30th – 5:30-7:30pm in the Youth Room. Friends are welcome!

This Week

Mothers in Community Gather with mothers of children of all ages for a time of fellowship and support on Thursday, March 13, at 6pm. Free childcare is provided.

Room in the Inn Farmington Presbyterian will be hosting for the last time this winter on Saturday, March 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. 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 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.

Coming Up

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.

Guest Preachers Rev. Ruth Lovell Bradham and Rev. Joshua Narcisse will be preaching on March 16 and 23. Rev. Lovell Bradham served as the Associate Pastor at Farmington from 2001-2006 and now is an active participant in the Farmington family. Rev. Joshua Narcisse serves as Spiritual Care Director at Church Health Center. Please welcome them warmly.

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 We began our Lenten journey toward Easter on Ash Wednesday with a simple supper and worship with imposition of ashes. Each year, we receive the sign of the cross in ashes on our foreheads as a reminder of our mortality. The theme for Lent this year is "Full to the Brim." Our earthly lives have a beginning and an end, and as we live our days, God invites us to live abundantly. What does a life of abundance look like? We will be looking to Jesus's life for our example over the coming weeks.

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, 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: First Presbyterian Church, Brownsville, TN.

Sympathy to the family and friends…of David Beck, father of FPDS employee Makayla Beck.

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