



**FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP**

Easter Sunday

April 20, 2025

Worship Online at 11:00am Sunday Mornings

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ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Faithful God, as we gather today to hear again the story of your love, take away our doubt and renew our faith in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Your Spirit is inviting us into an expansive life – a life not measured by wealth or accolades, but a life full to the brim with joy, overflowing with laughter, saturated in hope, and graced with good news. As we recall the story, do not allow it to be a story of “long ago” to us, take away our reservations and fill us with awe - death has lost its sting. We believe and are set free in the name of Jesus, Amen.

WELCOME

Visitors and members are encouraged to fill out the attendance folder located on the center aisle of each pew and pass it to those seated along the pew.

PRELUDE “Hail Thee, Festival Day!”

Vaughn Williams

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Celebrate and rejoice: Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Death is no more; love has won.

Sing praises to the rock of our salvation.

All creation joins in singing! Alleluia!

***HYMN OF PRAISE – No. 232** “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

(Please be seated.)

THROUGH CHILDREN'S EYES

Sharaze Colley

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.

THE FIRST EASTER MORNING

from John 20:1-10

Before the sun had risen on Sunday morning, Mary Magdalene made a trip to the tomb where Jesus's body was laid to rest. In the darkness, she discovered the stone had been rolled away. She darted out of the garden to find Simon Peter and the dearly loved disciple to deliver this startling news.

In a panic, she shouted, "They have taken the body of our Lord, and we cannot find him!"

Together, they all departed for the tomb to see for themselves. They began to run, and Peter could not keep up. The beloved disciple arrived first but did not go in. There was no corpse in the tomb, only the linens and cloths Jesus was wrapped in.

When Simon Peter finally arrived, he went into the tomb and observed the same: the cloth that covered his face appeared to have been folded carefully and placed, not with the linen cloths, but to the side.

After Peter pointed this out, the other disciple (who had arrived long before Peter) also entered the tomb; and based on what he saw, faith began to well up inside him!

Before this moment, none of them understood the Scriptures and why Jesus must be raised from the dead.

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of new life, we are a mixed bag. We want to be full to the brim with hope and joy, but often we overflow with comparison and doubt. We want to have the courage to be like Mary Magdalene on that Easter morning – to run and speak truth, but often we are weary of courage and uncertain of speaking up or speaking out. Forgive us for all the ways we remain unchanged. Meet us here. Roll back the stones that stop us. Give us energy to run toward you. Give us courage to live a resurrected life overflowing with meaningful work, meaningful relationships, joy, beauty, wonder, and awe.

(A time of silent prayer.)

KYRIE

**Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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.

*IN THE GARDEN

from John 20:11-18

When the two disciples saw that the tomb was empty, they returned to the place where they were staying.

Mary stood outside near the tomb, crying.

As she cried, she bent down to look into the tomb. She saw two angels dressed in white, seated where the body of Jesus had been, one at the head and one at the foot. The angels asked her, “Woman, why are you crying?”

She replied, “They have taken away my Lord, and I don’t know where they’ve put him.”

As soon as she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she didn’t know it was Jesus.

Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you crying? Who are you looking for?”

Thinking he was the gardener, she replied, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him and I will get him.”

Jesus said to her, “Mary.”

She turned and said to him in Aramaic, “Rabbouni” (which means *Teacher*). Jesus said to her, “Don’t hold on to me, for I haven’t yet gone up to my Father. Go to my brothers and sisters and tell them, ‘I’m going up to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’”

Mary Magdalene left and announced to the disciples, “I’ve seen the Lord.”

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

John 20:19-21

Pew Bible Page No. 1686

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SECOND LESSON

Acts 10:34-43

Pew Bible Page No. 1710

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

RESPONSE TO THE WORD – No. 587 “Alleluia!”

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

SERMON “Let It Be True”

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 “Rise to Sing! The Light is Breaking”

Rise to sing! The Light is breaking, gleaming gift of day begun. Hope now springs, like blossoms waking opening to the rising sun. Those who sow in pain and sorrow with the dawn in joy shall reap. God who governs each tomorrow wipes all tears from those who weep.

Lovely shine the courts in heaven; morning stars now brightly burn, Christ arises like the leaven festal bread for hearts that yearn. Death is swallowed up in victory. Where is now your sting, O grave? Earth, awake to radiant mystery: Christ shall come again to save! Hail the dawn of new creation! Gone are suffering, grief, and sighs. Glorious now the consummation. Music soars to fill the skies. Organs piping, church bells ringing, on this day all earth shall ring. In the grace of God's good timing, with the saints, we rise to sing!

*DOXOLOGY – No. 606

**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, as we celebrate the joy and promise of this day, we dedicate to you not only these gifts, but also ourselves, in deep gratitude for the fullness of our lives. Grant us faith and courage to allow you to bring resurrection in our world through us: overturning evil, overcoming hate, and slowly yet forcefully cultivating love and justice. In the name of Jesus we pray, Amen.

*HYMN - No. 234 “Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain”

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING FORTH HYMN No. 648

“Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise”

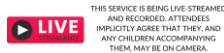
Thankful hearts and voices raise; tell everyone what God has done. Let everyone who seeks the Lord rejoice and bear the name of Christ. Send us with your promises and lead your people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

*POSTLUDE “Thine is the Glory”

Handel

*Stand as able.

Bold Type – congregation in unison



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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
Kay Patterson, Liturgist
Sharaze Colley, Children’s Moment
Leslie McNamara and Bob Plotner, 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

Easter Schedule

Easter Sunrise Service @7am

Youth-led in the Outdoor Chapel

Easter Brunch 8:30am – 10:30am

Fellowship Hall

Easter Morning Worship @11am

In person and live-streamed from the Sanctuary

Easter Brunch Easter Sunday morning all are invited to enjoy a time of fellowship from 8:30-10:30 am. Scott Hutchins will be preparing brunch. Invite your family and friends to come for brunch and worship with you!

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! We will not meet Easter Sunday.

This Week

Adult Ministries Luncheon On April 24th, Mr. Scott Schoefernacker, Science Director for *Protect Our Aquifer (POA)*, will be with us to share concerns about the future safety of our water supply. POA is a 501(c)3 community organization founded in December 2016 to protect the drinking water source for the Memphis Metro Area. The Memphis Sand Aquifer is a unique geologic jewel and supplies all of west Tennessee, northern Mississippi, and parts of eastern Arkansas with the best drinking water in the country. The Memphis Metro is the largest metropolitan area in the U.S. that solely relies on groundwater to meet residential, industrial, and

agricultural water demands. Scott Hutchins is catering. The menu this month will be Chicken Pitas, Greek salad and dessert. The cost of \$13 is payable at the luncheon. Please ensure you RSVP to Sandy Wann by April 21 and indicate whether or not you will be having lunch (srvann@bellsouth.net).

Rise Against Hunger On Sunday, April 27, we will package 20,000 meals for distribution to children in developing countries or to people impacted by a natural disaster. Volunteer jobs range from weighing filled bags to running supplies to filling stations. There is something for everyone 5 years – 95 years! Plan to stay after church for Scott Hutchins' homemade pizza and to package from 1pm-4pm.

Sunday School Classes

Children's Sunday School Children meet at 10am in A6 for fun, engaging lessons on Bible stories led each week by volunteers from the congregation.

Youth Sunday School Youth (6th-12th grades) meet in the Youth Room at 10am. Interim Youth Director Davis Howe leads this class; we are currently learning about the Book of Psalms and studying the structure and meaning of some of the more well-known psalms.

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.

Coming Up

Spring Picnic and Silent Auction Our spring picnic will be at Farmington this year as we welcome church and school families for an evening of outdoor fun. On May 14th from 5-7pm, we will have hamburgers and hotdogs (\$10/adult, \$5/child, \$30/family maximum), face-painting, silent auction, and the music of Sarah Spain, lead singer of Landslide. Bring a folding chair and be ready to bid – we have some great auction items to support Rise Against Hunger.

Announcements

Mark Your Calendar 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 Members of the Farmington family have readied the church and themselves for Easter by preparing the grounds for the Sunrise Service, by hosting a PW bake sale to support missions, by sharing a Maundy Thursday dinner, by enjoying an Easter Egg Hunt, and by preparing the Sanctuary and participating in Holy Week services.

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, Rob Hall, Bill Harrington, Martha Hart, Chris and Sabrina Johnson, Bill Jones, Bill Knight, Annette Main, Steve Mason, Sara Millar, Nancy & Dennis Palmer, Sandra Piggies, Pat Register, Bill Renfrow, Caitlin Shirazee, JoAnne Simpkins, Molly Smith, William Stevens, Jon Still, Kasi Wann, Frank Whited, Reggie Wilson, and from our Presbytery: Mission Workers One Great Hour of Sharing.

Sympathy to the family and friends...of Harold Williams, brother of Nathan Williams.

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