



**FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP**  
**Second Sunday of Easter**  
**April 27, 2025**

Worship Online at 11:00am Sunday Mornings

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

Click "Worship Together"

**ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME**

**PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP<sup>†</sup>**

God of the Resurrection, you open the tomb and invite us to sing and dance in the new life you give us. In Jesus Christ, whose wounds are not erased but glorified in resurrection, touch our wounds that they may be transformed into channels of healing for others. Holy Spirit, breathe into us the power to forgive so that all may have new life. In the name of Jesus we pray. 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 "Arabesque No. 1"**

Debussy

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

based on Psalm 150

**Alleluia! Come celebrate God in this sacred space!**

Praise God's mighty deeds! Praise God's resurrecting power!

**Praise God with a fanfare of trumpets.**

Praise God with the harp and the cello.

**Praise God with tambourines and dancing.**

Praise God with flutes and guitars.

**Praise God with cymbals and drums.**

Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed! Let everything with life and breath  
praise God!**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE – No. 641 "When in Our Music God Is Glorified"**

*(Please be seated.)*

**CALL TO RECONCILIATION**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION†

**God of the empty tomb, when we hesitate to speak of your hope, forgive us, and give us a voice. When we find it difficult to love one another, forgive us, and give us fresh compassion. When we want to stand with the high and mighty, forgive us, and seat us next to the poor and oppressed. When we stay locked behind our fears and doubts, forgive us, and send us out to share your grace. When we cannot believe your Word of new life, forgive us, and fill us with your joy.**

*(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

from A Brief Statement of Faith

**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.**

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

Romans 8:18-30

Pew Bible Page No. 1757

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

SECOND LESSON

John 20:24-31

Pew Bible Page No. 1687

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

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

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

SERMON “The Body of Christ”

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 “Eternal Light, Shine in My Heart” Englert

Eternal Light, shine in my heart; eternal hope, lift up my eyes, eternal power, be my support; eternal wisdom, make me wise. Eternal life, raise me from death; eternal brightness, help me see; Eternal Spirit, give me breath, Eternal Savior, come to me. Until by your most costly grace invited by your holy word, at last I come before your face to know you, my eternal God.

\*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, bless our gifts of time, talent, and treasure and transform them into healing for the wounded, hope for the discouraged, help for the vulnerable, and faith for the doubting. In the name of Jesus we pray, Amen.**

\*HYMN - No. 817 “We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight”

\*BENEDICTION

\*SENDING FORTH HYMN No. 648

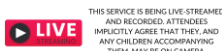
“Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise”

**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 “This Is the Day the Lord Has Made” Johann Cruger

\*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  
Elizabeth Williams, Liturgist  
Jennifer Young, Children’s Moment  
Gerry and Gerrie Wilder, Ushers  
Choral 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](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

**Flowers** The flowers this morning are given to the glory of God by Charlie and Mo Smithers in celebration of their anniversary and Mo's birthday.

**Pizza for Lunch** Everyone is encouraged to stay this afternoon for Firehutch Fine Food's homemade pizzas by Scott Hutchins and to participate in the Rise Against Hunger packaging event. We will eat in the Youth Room and package in Fellowship Hall.

**Rise Against Hunger** Today (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's homemade pizza and to package from 1pm-4pm.

**Youth Fellowship** This afternoon, youth are encouraged to stay for pizza lunch and packaging meals for Rise Against Hunger. Regularly, on Sunday evenings 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!

### Next Week

**Potluck** Next Sunday, May 4, 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.

## 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 (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Recognition of Graduates** If you, or a member of your family, are graduating in 2025, we want to recognize this milestone in worship. Please email Rev. Rebecca and ensure that your graduation is celebrated by your Farmington family.

## Announcements

**Mark Your Calendar** June 8 is FPC 50<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 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** Session approved upgrades to the church's security system recommended by Farmington's Safety Committee. Thank you to all who have worked to determine needs and obtain bids for this project. If you would like to serve on the Safety Committee or are ever aware of a safety concern at Farmington, please let Rev. Rebecca or Ann Erickson know.

**Remember in Prayer** Our Farmington Family, Session and Staff; Jackie Baker, Hank Baron, Kevin Beard, Elsie Black, Betty Boyd, Jeanne Carr, Judith Cassidy, Mark Fisher, Chelsea Moyer Fitzpatrick, Joe Gaul, Betsabet Guzman, Elizabeth Hall, Rob Hall, Bill Harrington, Martha Hart, Zeda Hazen, Pam James, Chris and Sabrina Johnson, Bill Jones, Bill Knight, Annette Main, Bobette Manees, Steve Mason, Sara Millar, Bill Novic, Nancy & Dennis Palmer, Sandra Piggies, Pat Register, Bill Renfrow, Caitlin Shirazee, JoAnne Simpkins, Molly Smith, William Stevens, Jon Still, Kasi Wann, Frank Whited, Renee Williams, Reggie Wilson, and from our Presbytery: First Presbyterian Church, Huntingdon, TN and Anderson Presbyterian Church, Jackson, TN.

**Sympathy to the family and friends...**of Harold Williams, brother of Nathan Williams, and of Jack Webb, brother of Brenda Geise.

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