



FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP
Fourth Sunday of Easter
May 11, 2025

Worship Online at 11:00am Sunday Mornings

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Click "Worship Together"

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP[†]

Holy God, you have called a people to be your family out of every tribe, language, and nation to love and serve you daily in a world of beauty, complexity, and diversity. Help us to honor and respect the dignity of difference as we seek to be one with you and each other. You are the shepherd of our souls. Shepherd us beyond our wants, beyond our needs, from death into life. Open our hearts to feed on your goodness, that by the power of the Holy Spirit we might dwell evermore deeply in you. 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 "Impromptu in G-flat Major"

Schubert

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, God gathers us for worship, like a mother hen gathers her chicks under her wings.

Daily, God leads us to deep, deep pools of peace and to the green lush lawns of grace.

Come, God teaches us the way we should go, like a shepherd tends his flock.

Daily, Jesus calls us to pour ourselves out in service, to anoint the stranger with hope.

Come, God shows us the community we could be, like a parent sharing dreams for their child.

Daily, the Holy Spirit leads us to become the people and the family God desires us to be.

Come, trusting in God, let us continually offer our praise!

Daily, we will rise and sing of the goodness and mercy of our God, who is our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer!

*HYMN OF PRAISE – No. 268 “Crown Him with Many Crowns”

(Please be seated.)

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION[†]

Gentle Shepherd, you guide us in right paths, you lead us in the ways of righteousness, but we have allowed our anger, our rage, our greed, and at times even hate, to direct our paths. We have overreacted, we have taken more than our share, we have despised others that seem to have it all. Forgive us, God, for not following your ways. Forgive us for not remembering that we are your sheep, and you are our Shepherd. Forgive us when we have not listened for your voice and instead have acted in the ways of the world. Guide us back to your path, to loving you and loving our neighbors. Help us to unclench our fists and lend out our hands in hope and healing, forgiveness and love. In the name of Christ, our Shepherd, we pray.

(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

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

Revelation 7:9-17

Pew Bible Page No. 1921

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SECOND LESSON

John 21:15-19; 10:22-30

Pew Bible Page No. 1688

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

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

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

SERMON

Rev. Rebecca Luter

“They Listen to My Voice; They Follow Me”

RESPOND TO GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please remember those on our prayer list.

Like a mother eagle teaching her young to fly, you push us to stretch our wings and risk falling, yet you do not abandon us but lift us up protecting us from evil.

We thank you, mothering God.

Like a mother bear, furious when her cubs are in danger, you bring justice on those who oppress the young.

We thank you, mothering God.

Like a mother hen, Your Spirit comforts and protects us as chicks drawn together under your wings.

We thank you, mothering God.

Holy Spirit, you are everywhere the Lord and Giver of life. We praise you for the gift of mothers through whom you give us life.

We thank you for their willingness to nurture life, for their trust in you to guide them through the labor of childbirth, the uncertainties of youth, the letting go of young adulthood.

We thank you for all those women, who did not give us birth, but through whom you give us abundant life:

We thank you for school teachers, aunts, grandmothers, sisters, pastors, elders, Sunday School teachers, supervisors, and friends who share wisdom.

We ask your comfort for all those who wished to be mothers, but were not; those who wanted to have mothers, but had not; and those whose mothers were less than they needed them to be.

Grant them peace that is beyond human understanding.

We ask your tender mercies on all those whose mothers now sing with the heavenly chorus, and on those whose sons and daughters they have had to entrust wholly to your arms, for those whose tears are not yet dry.

Grant them grace to trust their dearly loved ones to your never-ending care.

We pray for those who are alienated from their mothers by harsh words, distance, misunderstanding.

Grant them your grace to forgive and to love again.

We pray for mothers who work but cannot earn enough to feed and clothe and educate their children.

Wake us to our responsibility for common welfare.

We pray for mothers who are dying of diseases for which we know no cure.

Raise up among us caregivers for their children and expand our compassion.

We pray for mothers who are guardians for grandchildren whose parents are unable or unwilling to care.

Grant them courage and strength and patience for the living of each day.

We pray for mothers whose children face limitations and challenges of ability.

Deliver them from hovering: grant them wisdom to encourage each child's full potential with you.

We pray for mothers whose sons and daughters defend our way of life as firefighters, officers of the law, and in the military.

Grant them confidence in your presence with their children in life, in death, in life beyond death.

This morning, we also lift to you, Holy and Perfect Parent, the concerns on our hearts and minds:...Now with the bold confidence

of beloved children, we pray as Jesus taught his brothers and sisters to pray.

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 "For the Beauty of the Earth" arr. Eric Nelson

*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, you call us to feed your lambs and tend your sheep, and our hearts overflow with your love. We offer our tithes and offerings, and ourselves, to you. May they be used for your glory, bringing healing, hope, and joy in the name of Jesus. Amen.

*HYMN - No. 187 "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

*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 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" Oliver Holden

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



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AND RECORDED. ATTENDEES
IMPLICITLY AGREE THAT THEY AND
ANY CHILDREN ACCOMPANYING
THEM, MAY BE ON CAMERA.

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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

Shelley Wann, Liturgist

Elizabeth Demaree, Children's Moment

Paula Gale and Melissa Still, 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

Flowers The flowers this morning are given to the glory of God by Iris Lawing in loving memory of her mother and to honor all the mothers at Farmington.

Youth Fellowship 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! We will not meet on Mother's Day!

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 studying Wendy Farley's *The Thirst of God*.

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.

This Week

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.

Recognition of Graduates Next Sunday, May 18, is Senior Recognition Sunday. 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.

Coming Up

VBS Volunteers If you are able to volunteer during VBS or would be willing to do prep work from home, please email Rev. Rebecca and let us know! We hope you will go with us as we “Road Trip with God” June 16-20.

50th Anniversary Celebration On Pentecost Sunday, June 8, we will celebrate that Farmington Presbyterian Church has been worshipping and serving God for 50 years. Be sure to invite your friends who have been part of the Farmington family to join you for worship and the reception and celebration following. If you would like for someone who is not a member at Farmington to receive an invitation, please email their name and address to church@farmingtonpres.org, and we will add them to the invitation list.

Announcements

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 The teachers of Farmington Presbyterian Day School were shown appreciation with a “Memphis” theme. Our staff are our greatest asset as we serve the families of our community! If you get a chance, be sure and tell them “Thank you, thank you very much!”

Remember in Prayer Our Farmington Family, Session and Staff; Jackie Baker, Hank Baron, Kevin Beard, Elsie Black, Betty Boyd, Jeanne Carr, Judith Cassidy, RB Davis, Mark Fisher, Chelsea Moyer Fitzpatrick, Joe Gaul, Betsabet Guzman, Rob Hall, Bill Harrington, Martha Hart, Pam James, Chris and Sabrina Johnson, Bill Jones, Bill Knight, Annette Main, Bobette Manees, Sara Millar, Bill Novic, Nancy & Dennis Palmer, Saundra 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: Memphis Homeless Shelters and First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, TN.

Sympathy to the family and friends of...Elizabeth Hall, mother of Rob Hall.

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