



**FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP**

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 18, 2025

Worship Online at 11:00am Sunday Mornings

www.farmingtonpres.org

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ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP[†]

Surprising God, in the resurrection of Jesus Christ you make all things new. Long ago you called your church to a love beyond all social and cultural differences and gave them the gift of your Holy Spirit to open their hearts to enact such love. Give us the same spirit of openness, that we too might discern new directions in our day for your dream to reconcile and heal all creation. 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 "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

Bradbury

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Come, all who are weary of wealth, of poverty, of power, of struggle, of division.

We come to dream of a world made new, where together we shout for justice and fight oppression as one.

Come, all who are heavy-laden with too much, with too little, with anxiety, with fear, with anger.

We come to dream of a world made new, where together we seek God's Will and sing God's praise as one.

Come all who have hope for liberation, for peace, for freedom, for the kingdom.

We come to dream of a world made new, where together we proclaim the good news of God's kingdom, and we enjoy its peace, abundance, and love as one.

Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people.

See, our God is making all things new.

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

Lily Anderson	Xavier Jamaal Mason
Autumn Colley	Carter Paine
Mia Mittag	Lorelei Phillips
Julia Lively	Keith Donald Puz
Natalie Lively	Meg Williams

(Please be seated.)

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION[†]

God of the clean and the unclean, we too easily think we can see from your point of view. We exclude, hold grudges and nurse contempt, all the while hiding ourselves for fear we too would be found wanting. We think we are justified because we are made holy by your love, and we assume holiness means more like us. We forget, or never really knew, that all that you touch is holy, and that you created all that is. So when we exclude, we exclude you. When we hold grudges, we hate you. When we show contempt, we are contemptuous of those you love. May we be made holy in truth, loving as you love, clean and unclean alike.

(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

Lizzie Luter

*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

Acts 11:1-11

Pew Bible Page No.1711

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SECOND LESSON

Revelation 21:1-7

Pew Bible Page No. 1937

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

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

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

SERMON “Time for a Makeover”

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 “Anthem of Fellowship”

Althouse

*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, accept these gifts and our lives for the ministry of reconciliation to which you call us. May they be a testament to your love for us as we share them in love for you; through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

*HYMN - No.300 “We Are One in the Spirit”

*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 “Let the Whole Creation Cry”

Jakob Hintze

*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

Pat Sherman, Liturgist

Lizzie Luter, Children’s Moment

Bo Bradham and Roland Mittag, 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

Fellowship Coffee After worship this morning, everyone is invited to Fellowship Hall. Thank you to Merry Bonner for providing refreshments. We hold Fellowship Coffee on the third Sunday each month. If you would like to help host, please sign up on our website.

Middle School Kick-off This afternoon, May 18, at 2pm there will be a giant water balloon fight (and food and drinks) to kick-off summer. All youth, rising 6th and older, are encouraged to attend!

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! The youth will not meet tonight.

Sunday School Classes – Summer Break Sunday School Classes for all ages except youth (6th-12th grades) are on Summer Break until August 3rd.

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*.

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. Still needed are:

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 weather was beautiful, the entertainment and food were delightful, and the fellowship was fantastic as we celebrated the end of the school year and the coming of summer at the Spring Picnic and Silent Auction on Wednesday.

Remember in Prayer Our Farmington Family, Session and Staff; Jackie Baker, Hank Baron, Kevin Beard, Elsie Black, Betty Boyd, Jeanne Carr, Deni Carroll, 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, Iris Lawing, Annette Main, 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, Reggie Wilson,

and from our Presbytery: Campers & Staff at Pinecrest & NaCoMe Camp and Retreat Center.

Sympathy to the family and friends of...Elizabeth Hall, mother of Rob Hall; Beverly Givens, wife of John Bivens; Bobette Manees, sister of Tommy Nagel; and Chip Gordon, nephew of Glen Watkins.

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