



FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP
Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 25, 2025

Worship Online at 11:00am Sunday Mornings

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ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Holy God, you give us a vision of your new creation, your home among mortals on earth. All peoples and nations stream to your presence and find nourishment, healing, and peace. As we seek to share your dream, you call us to move beyond our comfortable assumptions and alliances, to risk and to trust your vision as attainable. Enliven our faith and witness that through deepened prayer we might rise to action in your service. 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 "Deep River"

Spiritual

***CALL TO WORSHIP[†]**

The Spirit of God bids us, "Come."

Let everyone who hears within their hearts come.

Hear the whole earth rejoice and the coastlands sing of our God's steadfast love.

We come to rejoice in the Holy One, our God. We give thanks for God sets us free!

Let everyone who is thirsty for the Spirit "Come."

Let anyone who wishes come and receive the water of life as a gift.

We come to rejoice in the Holy One, our God. We give thanks for God's steadfast love that brings joy to our hearts in the night, lights our lives like the dawn, and sets us free.

“Shall We Gather at the River”

(Please be seated.)

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of every nation, we confess that we have not done all that is possible to promote peace in our world. We have not loved our neighbors, let alone our enemies. We have remained silent when confronted with tyranny and oppression, failing to speak your call to justice for all. Forgive us for not living according to your commandments. Keep us from being complacent in our comfort, from turning away from those who suffer. Empower us to work for your light to shine in all this world and in the darkness of our own hearts.

(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.

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.

REMEMBERING WITH HOPE[†]

In our remembrance we know silence is not enough to change the world.

I have come that you may have life and life to the full.

In our remembrance we know silence is not enough to bring peace to the world.

Behold, I make all things new.

In our remembrance we know silence is not enough to change the minds of leaders.

Your light must shine before people.

In our remembrance we know silence is not enough to change the way we do things.

This is what I command you: love one another.

In our remembrance we know silence is not enough to convey the truth of war.

Every tree is known by the fruit it bears. The mouth speaks what the heart is full of.

In remembrance we know silence is not enough but your words are.

Come, and follow me.

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 67

Pew Bible Page No. 902

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SECOND LESSON

Revelation 22:1-5

Pew Bible Page No. 1938

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

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

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

SERMON “No More Night”

Rev. Rebecca Luter

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from the Confession of Belhar

We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another;

We believe that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ; that through the working of God's Spirit it is a binding force, yet simultaneously a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought: one which the people of God must continually be built up to attain,

We believe that this unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways; in that we love one another; that we experience, practice and pursue community with one another; that we are obligated to give ourselves willingly and joyfully to be of benefit and blessing to

one another; have one God and Father, are filled with one Spirit, are baptized with one baptism, eat of one bread and drink of one cup, confess one name, are obedient to one Lord, work for one cause, and share one hope and together come to know the height and the breadth and the depth of the love of Christ.

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

“Thy Word is a Light Unto My Path”

John Carter

*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. 377

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

Verses 1 and 3

*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

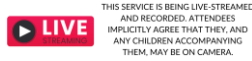
people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia,
alleluia.

*POSTLUDE “Gavotte in G Major”

Bach

*Stand as able.

Bold Type – congregation in unison



†Call to Worship from *Free Indeed*, written by Rev. Dr. Cari Jackson.

Remembering with Hope adapted from liturgy by Roddy Hamilton of New Kilpatrick Parish Church, UK.

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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
Becky Hutchins, Liturgist
Paula Gale, Children’s Moment
Paula Patterson and Jack Ingram, 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

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

Middle School Kick-off Next Sunday afternoon, June 1, 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!

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. We still need help with snacks, preschool music, and preschool science.

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.

Service of Ordination Paul King will be ordained as a Minister of Word and Sacrament by the Presbytery of the Mid-South at Farmington Presbyterian on Saturday, June 28, at 11am, with a reception following. All are invited to attend. Paul has been called to serve as Pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Greenville, MS.

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 We received a card from a member who is not physically able to attend worship thanking us for mailing the bulletin weekly. This member shared, "I read it through church time, and other times throughout the week. It is a comfort."

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, Betzabet 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: Ministers, Candidates, Inquirers, Commissioned Ruling Elders, & Deacons.

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

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