



FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP
Baptism of the Lord
January 11, 2026

*Rise in body or spirit.

Bold Type—Participate in unison.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PRAYER OF PREPARATION†

Holy God, you sent your Son into the world to be the light of the world, so that all might know the brightness of your love. Fill us with your grace this day that our lives would radiate your light and your love would be shown in all our interactions. In Jesus's name 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 “Baptized in Water”

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come! Let us follow Jesus to the edge of the Jordan River to be baptized.

We come to be cleansed and made whole.

Come! Let us witness John's confusion and Jesus' insistence that John baptize God Incarnate.

We come to join Jesus in choosing life in the kingdom of God.

Come! Let us hear God declare the truth of Jesus' identity and the truth of our identity as baptized people.

We come to remember and embody who we are as beloved children of God.

Come! Let us worship God who leads us into the baptismal waters and salvation life.

We come to worship God who empowers us through divine presence to live together as the family of God.

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*PROCESSIONAL HYMN—NO. 156 “Sing of God Made Manifest” Verses 1 & 2

Please be seated.

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we are estranged from you and from one another. We treat others as strangers rather than as people created in your image and fellow children of God. We exploit the earth as though it were our possession rather than a gift entrusted to our care and a reflection of your image and glory. Forgive us our sins and transform us by your Spirit that we might live as people who have been baptized as your own children. Amen.

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

Philippians 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus:

Who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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.*

This week at Farmington...Rev. Dr. Barb Johnson began her ministry among us as Associate Pastor. Please take a moment to welcome Barb and her husband Bob and try to wear your nametag (on the bulletin board outside Fellowship Hall).

PRAYER CONCERNS

Remember in Prayer Our Farmington Family, Session, and Staff; Jackie Baker, Kevin Beard, Jennifer Boynton, Mary Ann Carraway, Judith Cassidy, Jim Collins, Joe Gaul, Brenda Geise, Betzabe Guzman, Bill Harrington, Martha Hart, Jerry Hosier, Sharon Johnson, Bill Jones, Marilyn Kemper, Bill Knight, Annette Main, Judy Markham, Kaye Mathews, Sara Millar, Bonner Morgan, Tommy Nagel, Nancy & Dennis Palmer, Bill Renfrow, Ellen Renfrow, JoAnne Simpkins, Karen Smaili, William Stephens, Jon Still, Joan Wallace, Kasi Wann, Subias Whitaker and family, Frank Whited, and from our Presbytery: The Presbyterian Church (USA), Synods, Presbyteries, and Churches.

Our Mexico Cistern Ministry Mission Team: Scott Dawson, Carolyn and Steve Demaree, Ann Evans, John Hazen, Bill Hooker, and Charlie Smithers.

Sympathy to the family and friends of Virginia Haertlein, sister of Iris Lawing, and of Bob Wood, friend of Rev. Ruth Lovell Bradham.

FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Rebecca Luter, Pastor

Rev. Dr. Barb Johnson, Associate Pastor

Davis Howe, Youth Director

Jim Thrash, Director of Music

Dr. Tom Bryant, Accompanist

PARTICIPATING IN THE SERVICE TODAY

Jackie Hall, Liturgist

Elizabeth Demaree, Children’s Moment

Paula Patterson and Linda Stamps, Ushers

The book can be ordered from Amazon. This class meets in the Fellowship Hall from 9:30-10:30am.

Prayers for Mexico Cistern Ministry Mission Team Please pray for our 7-member team traveling to Mexico to build cisterns for 4 families in the village of Centauro del Norte. They will fly to Tulum and drive to Xpujil tomorrow, work Tuesday—Friday, and return home on Saturday, January 17.

Fundraiser for Mexico Cistern Mission On Friday, January 23, at 5:30pm come to Fellowship Hall to hear about and see pictures of the 2026 trip and enjoy a Spaghetti Dinner. The Mexico Cistern Ministry is funded by the church budget, the participants who travel, and by fundraising. You are requested to make a generous donation in support of this important, life-giving work. Church and school families are invited. You are encouraged to wear your Farmington shirt and nametag as you offer Farmington family hospitality.

2nd Wednesday Night Dinner This month we will gather on January 14 at 6pm for dinner together and a conversation about the church calendar for 2026. Chef Scott will be preparing Roast beef with homemade noodles with vegetables in gravy. What would you like to see continue? What might we take a break from doing? What might we add? Dinner is \$10/adult and \$5/children (under 12) with a \$30 family maximum.

Room in the Inn Our next night to provide hospitality for our guests experiencing homelessness this winter season is January 17. You are encouraged to volunteer on our website under “Sign Ups” or to let Rev. Rebecca or Madi Lewis know that you will be hosting.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration At 3pm on January 18, Parkway Gardens United Presbyterian Church will host “The Dream Is Not Dead; We Will Not Go Back” with speaker Alice Faye Duncan. Ms. Duncan has won many awards for her children’s books and is a retired Memphis City Schools elementary librarian. Let Rev. Rebecca know if you would like to carpool from the church to attend.

Presbytery “Beloved Community” Workshops Mark your calendar and register for up to 4 workshops, lunch, and worship on Saturday, January 31 at Idlewild Presbyterian. Come and explore different ways to pray, the history of sit-ins and worship in this Presbytery, the role and work of elders in the church, and more. Registration fliers are available in the Narthex.

Electronic Giving We are now able to receive gifts through texts and this QR code. It is a simple process to set up an account or to make a one-time gift as a visitor. You will soon receive much more information about our new church app with Church Directory, calendar, signups, and more available on your mobile phone. Text **FarmPresGive** to 1-888-364-GIVE (4483) in order to receive a reply with the link to your giving interface. The code is not case sensitive, or scan this QR code with your phone’s camera.



PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Isaiah 42:1-9

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Pew Bible 1124

SECOND READING

Matthew 3:13-17

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Pew Bible 1499

RESPONSE TO THE WORD—NO. 587 “Alleluia”

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

SERMON

“True Humility”

Rev. Rebecca Luter

RESPOND TO GOD

PRAYER CONCERNS—*Please remember those on our prayer list.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

COMMISSIONING OF MEXICO CISTERN MISSION TEAM

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Walk in the Light”

Karen Marolli

*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

O Lord, we give you thanks with all we are for all you have done for us. In your divinity you have come to dwell with us in the muddy waters of humanity, and comingled your glory with our sin so that the ribbon of corrupting time is becoming

a sparkling River of Life flowing through our days. Take all we are, Lord, and use it for your purpose. Bless the gifts we give this day that the church might stand as shining witnesses to your glory, planted by your living water to bring healing to all peoples. Use us as you will to the praise of Christ Jesus, we pray. Amen.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you to share with us in the ministry of Christ, for we are all one in him.

*HYMN—NO. 688 “Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart” Verses 1, 4, & 5

*INVITATION, CHARGE, AND BLESSING

*SENDING FORTH HYMN—NO. 295 “Go to the World” Verse 1

Go to the world! Go into all the earth. Go preach the cross where Christ renews life’s worth, baptizing as the sign of our rebirth. Alleluia. Alleluia.

*POSTLUDE “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing” Gilbert Martin



THIS SERVICE IS BEING LIVE-STREAMED
AND RECORDED. ATTENDEES
IMPLICITLY AGREE THAT THEY, AND
ANY CHILDREN ACCOMPANYING
THEM, MAY BE ON CAMERA.

Worship Online at 11:00 Sunday Mornings
www.farmingtonpres.org, click “Worship with us!”

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WELCOME

We seek to be a community that is a home for all of God’s family with a heart for God’s world. We hope that you will sense the presence of the Holy Spirit in this place and find that you feel at home. We are grateful for the visitors and friends of the Farmington family who add to our community each week.

Need more information? What to sign up for something? Looking for the livestream of worship? Go to our website: www.farmingtonpres.org

Need to give us information? What 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 (for those who have never been a member of a church), Reaffirmation of Faith (for those who have joined a church in the past but not been involved in a while), and Transfer of Membership (for those who are coming from active participation in another church). If you are interested in knowing more about Farmington Presbyterian or about joining, let Rev. Rebecca or Rev. Barb 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 church office. You may reach Rev. Rebecca Luter at (901)674-8000 or rluter@farmingtonpres.org.

Large print hymnals and hearing assistance devices are available from the ushers.

HAPPENINGS

Coffee in the Narthex After worship this morning, you are encouraged to enjoy fellowship over coffee and cookies in the Narthex.

Youth Fellowship (6th-12th grades) The youth gather on Sunday evenings from 5:30-7:30pm for dinner and recreation. For more information or to be notified of upcoming events, text or email Davis at (901)482-2503 or davis@farmingtonpres.org

Youth Sunday School (6th-12th grades) All youth are encouraged to come for discussion on the Book of Jude. Donuts will be provided!

Adult Sunday School Rev. Rebecca Luter and Cooper Patterson each teach an adult class on Sunday mornings. Rev. Rebecca’s class, Centering in the Word, offers an introduction to the Scriptures for worship that day and meets in the East Room at 10am. Cooper’s class is taking the month of January off and will begin John Ortberg’s *Eternity Is Now in Session* on February 1.