

Still, Joan Wallace, Kasi Wann, Frank Whited, and from our Presbytery: Self-Development of People, Celebrate the Gifts of Women, and Cordova Presbyterian Church.

Sympathy to the family and friends of Marilyn Kemper, friend of Pat Rush Davis.



FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 15, 2026

*Rise in body or spirit.

Bold Type—Participate in unison.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME

PRAYER OF PREPARATION†

Holy God, why is it that we look, but do not see? Hear, but do not listen? Yearn for your Kingdom, but do not live according to your way? Bring us again and again into your light and give us vision. Speak good news to us over and over and give us assurance. Nudge and direct us by the power of your Holy Spirit and let your glory become visible in our words and deeds. With praise and anticipation, we pray in Jesus’ name. 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 “Adagio” from Sonata in F Major

Mozart

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather here because we are broken; we have all sinned and fallen short of God’s glory.
God has called us here—drawn us here by the Holy Spirit—to make us whole again.

When our circumstances make it difficult to sing the Lord’s song,
we remember God’s grace and our hope is restored.

Even when we feel alone and everything seems hopeless,
we remember the faithfulness of God and our hope is restored.

When we pass through deep waters or go through times of trial and fire,
the Lord our God is with us, and we have bright hope for tomorrow.

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*PROCESSIONAL HYMN—No. 39 “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Please be seated.

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord Jesus, we have failed to believe your good news, that you love us no matter what. Over and over again we give in to the temptation to believe that we can earn our salvation. We try to be especially pious, to pray on our knees, to sit in somber silence, to quiet our questions, to be serious and still in worship, as though to be faithful we must be restrained. You spent your days teaching and healing, marching through streets and walking on water, laying hands on the sick, breaking bread at crowded tables, and drawing away to be refreshed, embraced by God’s presence. Your good news was not confined to conversation. It was not confined to the Temple. It was not restrained. It was an act of love, abundant and extravagant, alive in the world. Holy God, we long for unrestrained, abundant faith. Forgive us for the times we confine our faith to something we think about, rather than something we act on. Inspire us to be your good news, to love as you love.

A time for 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

**In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom and peace.**

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”

also email your nominations to Rev. Rebecca Luter (rluter@farmingtonpres.org). Nominations must be received by March 29 to be considered.

Palm Crosses Mark your calendar now to help make the palm crosses for Palm Sunday. We will gather at 10am on Friday, March 27, in the Youth Room. If you don’t know how to make a palm cross and would like to learn, we will be happy to teach you!

Candy Collection We are collecting candy for the Easter Egg Hunt. Please drop off candy in the bin located at the West Entrance. Last day of collection is March 22nd.

Easter Lilies Please consider ordering an Easter Lily to honor or remember a loved one this Easter Sunday. The lilies are \$17.50 for each honoree. Please make check payable to Farmington Presbyterian church. You can place an order by emailing church@farmingtonpres.org.

2026 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.”

Vacation Bible School We are beginning to plan this summer’s VBS and are excited to welcome you to the team. The dates are June 8-12, and the theme is Snowball Mountain Challenge. We have all sorts of volunteer positions – some can even be done from home! Please let Rev. Barb or Liv Palmer know that you want to help.

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** (not case-sensitive) to 1-888-364-GIVE (4483) in order to receive a reply with the link to your giving interface, or scan this QR code with your phone’s camera.



This Week at Farmington The Mexico Cistern Ministry Spaghetti Dinner incorporated fun for kids and a presentation for adults on the work that our team did (and pictures of the process of building cisterns). Several people commented on how much better they now understood the project after seeing the pictures. If you would like to donate, please memo your gift “Mexico Mission.”

Prayer Concerns

Remember in Prayer Our Farmington Family, Session, and Staff; Jackie Baker, Kevin Beard, Mary Ann Carraway, Judith Cassidy, Jim Collins, Joe Gaul, Brenda Geise, Betzabe Guzman, Bill Harrington, Martha Hart, Jerry Hosier, Carol Janowicz, Bill Jones, Marilyn Kemper, Bill Knight, Sherry Knight, Tammy Lee, Julia Lively, Annette Main, Judy Markham, Kaye Mathews, Sara Millar, Tommy Nagel, Nancy & Dennis Palmer, Cooper Patterson, Bill Renfrow, Ellen Renfrow, JoAnne Simpkins, Pat Sherman, Karen Smaili, Marty Steele, William Stephens, Jon

Happenings

Sanctuary Flowers The flowers this morning are given to the glory of God by Merry Bonner in loving memory of her husband, Joe.

Fellowship Coffee After worship this morning, everyone is invited to the Fellowship Hall. Thank you to Jinney Hart 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.

Youth Fellowship (6th-12th grades) Most weeks the youth gather from 5:30-7:30pm for dinner and games. Youth will not meet Sunday, March 15. Happy Spring Break! 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 Ecclesiastics. 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* in February. The book can be ordered from Amazon. This class meets in the Fellowship Hall from 9:30am to 10:30am.

Lenten Dinners & Devotions Each Wednesday of Lent we will gather at 6pm in Fellowship Hall for dinner followed by a time of devotion at 6:45pm. If you are not able to come for dinner, you are welcome to arrive in time for devotion. If you have food allergies, please let us know. Scott Hutchins is our chef and is happy to accommodate your needs. There is always a gluten-free option available. The menu for March 18 is Pork Loin Chops, braised in mushroom gravy and Potatoes Romanoff. (with salad, bread, and dessert). The cost for the meal is \$10/adult, \$5/child, and \$30 maximum for a family.

Room in the Inn Our last night to provide hospitality for our guests experiencing homelessness this winter season is March 21. All volunteer roles are already filled. Thank you for being part of providing hospitality and safety for the most vulnerable in our community.

Presbyterian Women After Fellowship Coffee (12:30) today, Sunday, March 15, all women are invited to the East Room for the Horizon's Bible Study. We will be discussing how we are identified as God's own children in baptism and charged to serve faithfully, justly, and lovingly. Come connect with other women and our community.

Nominating Committee Our session is tasked with providing for the worship and nurture of the congregation. Elders serve on the session in 3-year terms. The nominating committee requests your nominations for consideration to serve in the Class of 2029. You may request a nomination form from an usher or find one in the information kiosk in the Narthex. You may

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

THROUGH CHILDREN'S EYES

Bailey Wann

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 READING

Psalm 126

Pew Bible No. 967

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

John 8:2-11

Pew Bible No. 1661

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD—NO. 458 “Thy Word”

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

SERMON “Rooted in Grace”

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.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM “A New Commandment” Richard Hubbard

A new commandment I give unto you, that you love one another as I have loved you. By this shall all know you are my disciples, if you have love one for another.

Love one another for love comes from God. Those who love each other have been born of God, and God showed his love by sending his Son that we might live through him.

(John 13:34-35; I John 4:7-9)

*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

Gracious God, in this season of Lent, you draw us back to what grounds us - your extravagant, living good news. As we offer these gifts, root them in your love for neighbor, your care for the vulnerable, and your call to justice and mercy. Use what we give to grow hope, to nourish the hungry, and to make your goodness visible in the world. Ground us in your grace and send us forward to live the good news. Amen.

*HYMN—NO. 749 “Come! Live in the Light!” Verses 1 & 2

*INVITATION, CHARGE, AND BLESSING

*SENDING FORTH HYMN—NO. 726 “Will You Come and Follow Me” Verse 5

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name. Let me turn and follow you and never be the same. In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show. Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

*POSTLUDE “Bless the Lord, My Soul and Being!” Hubert H. Parry

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ANY CHILDREN ACCOMPANYING
THEM, MAY BE ON CAMERA.

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www.farmingtonpres.org, click “Worship with us!”

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

Sandy Wann, Liturgist

Bailey Wann, Children's Moment

Paula Gale and Paula Patterson, Ushers

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.