



Holy Week Services

All services are also available on livestream.
Come and worship with us!

MARCH 29	Palm Sunday Worship	11am
APRIL 2	Maundy Thursday Worship	7pm
APRIL 3	Good Friday Worship	7pm
APRIL 4	Easter Egg Hunt  <i>gather in the Sanctuary</i> 	10am
APRIL 5	Outdoor Sunrise Service Easter Morning Worship	7am 11am

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FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP

Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 22, 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 “Prelude in B-flat Minor”

JS. Bach

*CALL TO WORSHIP

God loves the field mouse.

God loves the pigeons that take flight when church bells ring.

God loves the child watching videos on a phone in the pew.

God loves the kids who play in the playground.

God loves the one with wrinkled hands and soft eyes.

God loves the young, the earnest, and the well-seasoned.

God loves those who crawl, walk, and use mobility aids.

God loves the giant oaks and the evergreens, standing strong over all of us.

God loves the bumblebees and the tabby cats.

There is no bit of creation that God does not love.

So let us worship this good-news God!

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN—No. 766 “The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound”

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,**

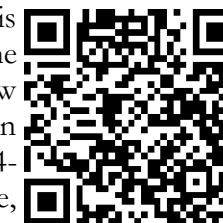
Candy Collection We are collecting candy for the Easter Egg Hunt. Please drop off candy in the bin located at the West Entrance. Last day of collection is March 22nd.

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 building has been filled with activity as Farmington provided Holiday Care to elementary students on Spring Break.

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, Adrienne Pakis Gillion, Betzabe Guzman, Bill Harrington, Martha Hart, Jerry Hosier, Carol Janowicz, Bill Jones, 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, Bob and Linda Seidman, JoAnne Simpkins, Karen Smali, Marty Steele, William Stephens, Jon Still, Joan Wallace, Kasi Wann, Frank Whited, and from our Presbytery: First Presbyterian Church, Dyer, TN.

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

Happenings

Sanctuary Flowers The flowers this morning are given to the glory of God by John Hazen in memory of his brother, Robert Timm Hazen.

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 games. This Sunday, we will be playing Pickelball! For details, 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 25 is Chicken with Basil Cream Sauce and Rice Pilaf (with salad, bread, and dessert). The cost for the meal is \$10/adult, \$5/child, and \$30 maximum for a family.

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 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!

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!"

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

Madi Lewis

*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

Deuteronomy 24: 17-22

Pew Bible No. 310

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Matthew 19: 13-15

Pew Bible No. 1528

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 "For the Vulnerable"

Rev. Dr. Barbara Johnson

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 “Children of the Heavenly Father” arr. Dan Forrest

*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. 762 “When the Poor Ones”

*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 “We All Are One in Mission” George Ratcliffe Woodward

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Worship Online at 11:00 Sunday Mornings
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

Rebecca Hutchins, Liturgist

Madi Lewis, Children's Moment

Bonnie Blair and Linda Stamps, 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.