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This Week at Farmington The patio/turf project in the backyard is underway and soon we will have a beautiful new space for backyard gatherings.

Prayer Concerns

Remember in Prayer Our Farmington Family, Session, and Staff; Kathy and Bill Argo, 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, Jack Ingram, Bill Jones, Bill Knight, Tammy Lee, Julia Lively, Annette Main, Judy Markham, Sara Millar, Tommy Nagel, Nancy & Dennis Palmer, Bill Renfrow, Ellen Renfrow, Bob and Linda Seidman, JoAnne Simpkins, Karen Smaili, Marty Steele, William Stephens, Jon Still, Joan Wallace, Frank Whited, and from our Presbytery: Justice Advocacy Sunday.

Sympathy to the family and friends of Kaye Mathews, friend of Sandy Wann.

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FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP

Palm Sunday

March 29, 2026

*Rise in body or spirit.

Bold Type—Participate in unison.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PRAYER OF PREPARATION†

God who enters the city humbly riding on a donkey, let the story of your triumphant entry transform us today. As we wave our palm branches in praise and adoration, fill us with the good news of your abundant, extravagant love. Cleanse us with the good news of your justice that protects the vulnerable and mercy that forgives our sin. Heal us with the good news of your welcome and blessing and humble us so that we are like you, looking for donkeys to ride rather than horses. Hear our prayer, “Hosanna! Lord, save us!” 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 “Ride On! Ride On in Majesty”

J. Dykes

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

I wonder who he is. They say he is anointed by God - the Christ, the Messiah, the Savior, the...King?

The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

Is it really him? Could it be? I want him to triumph, to conquer the Romans, to save us from poverty and hunger.

The Lord is with me; I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me? The Lord is with

me; he is my helper. I look in triumph on my enemies. It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in humans. It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes.

Why are we cheering him on? Is he good or bad? Is he rich? Powerful? Will he save us?

Open for me the gates of the righteous; I will enter and give thanks to the Lord. With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession.

Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN—No. 196 “All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

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. With hope we cry out, “Hosanna! Lord, save us.”

A time for silent prayer.

KYRIE

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

will be available for pictures!

- Easter Sunrise Service, April 5, at 7 am – Led by the youth, we will gather in the Outdoor Chapel to celebrate Jesus’s Resurrection.

- Easter Brunch will be served in Fellowship Hall immediately following the Sunrise Service with a second seating at 9:30am.

- NO SUNDAY SCHOOL EASTER MORNING!

- Easter Sunday Worship at 11 am – Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed!

Holy Week Volunteer Opportunities

- Maundy Thursday – Set tables for dinner and/or help with cleanup.

- Easter Egg Hunt – Arrive at 9am to hide eggs, set tables and serve donuts and juice in Fellowship Hall, and assist with cleanup for Easter morning.

- Easter Sunrise Rehearsal – Youth will gather in the Outdoor Sanctuary at 11am to rehearse.

Presbyterian Women All women are welcome to join us in our Bible studies and other gatherings. Our Horizon Bible study series concludes Sunday, April 19. We will be discussing Lesson 9 and finding our identity as we walk with Jesus. Hope to see you then! Mark your calendar for a potluck and enjoying the Kentucky Oaks at Ann Erickson’s home Friday, May 1. More information to follow.

Rise Against Hunger April 26 at 1pm in Fellowship Hall is our next packaging event. We will have pizza for lunch after church and get started. We are usually finished around 4pm. Invite your friends and family to come and join us for this fun and rewarding event!

Rise Against Hunger Challenge Each Rise Against Hunger meal costs 46 cents. Each year we hope to package 20,000 meals. Our church budgets \$6,000 from your tithes and offerings each year for this mission work, and the rest of the meals are funded by fundraisers and designated gifts. Rather than having something for you to purchase this year, we are encouraging you to make your gift by taking on a spiritual discipline. Is there something you can give up in April that will allow you to give \$1.50 per day to feed a child? If each of us gives \$1.50 per day for the month of April (\$45), we will meet our goal of raising an additional \$3,200 to provide 20,000 meals.

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.

Happenings

The Palms this morning are given to the glory of God by the Demaree family in memory of our loved ones that we have lost and the **Palm Crosses** are given to the glory of God by Ann Erickson in memory of her husband, Ken Erickson.

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 the youth will be watching a movie and stuffing eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt! For more information, 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.

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.

Bake Sale The Presbyterian Women's Spring Bake Sale is this Wednesday, April 1, 10am-6pm. Please like and share the posts on social media and stop by to purchase a treat or a holiday dessert. All sales and donations support mission organizations chosen by Presbyterian Women.

Holy Week Schedule

- Maundy Thursday Dinner, April 2, at 6 pm in Fellowship Hall with Communion Service at 7 pm in the Sanctuary – We will enjoy a meal together, then we will remember Jesus washing the disciples' feet and the Passover meal they ate together as we receive the Lord's Supper.
- Good Friday Service, April 3, at 7 pm – As the light fades we remember Jesus' crucifixion with a Tenebrae service and stripping of the Sanctuary.
- Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, April 4, at 10 am in the Sanctuary beginning with a telling of the Easter Story followed by a hunt outside and reception in Fellowship Hall. The Easter Bunny

*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 the Belhar Confession

We believe that God has revealed himself as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people; that God, in a world full of injustice and hostility, is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor and the wronged, that God calls the church to follow him in this; for God brings justice to the oppressed and gives bread to the hungry; that God frees the prisoner and restores sight to the blind; that God supports the downtrodden, protects the stranger, helps orphans and widows and blocks the path of the ungodly; that God wishes to teach the church to do what is good and to seek the right; that the church must therefore stand by people where the Lord stands, namely against injustice and with the wronged; that in following Christ the church must witness against all the powerful and privileged who selfishly seek their own interests and thus control and harm others.

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 READING

Malachi 3:7-18

Pew Bible No. 1490

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Mark 11:1-11

Pew Bible No. 1572

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 “Jesus Rode a Donkey”

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 “Let Your Glad Hosannas Ring” Lloyd Larson

*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, as we enter this Holy Week call us to follow the way of Jesus and be your good news. As we offer our gifts and ourselves, root us in your abundant love, ground us in your care for the vulnerable, and nourish the fruit of justice and mercy in our lives. In the name of Christ, Amen.

*HYMN—NO. 377 “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

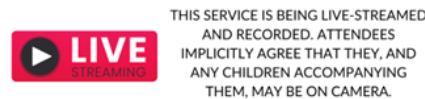
*INVITATION, CHARGE, AND BLESSING

*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 “March in F” Cromer

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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

Shelley Wann, Liturgist

Lizzie Luter, Children's Moment

Leslie McNamara and Nadine Oest, 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.