



**FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**SERVICE OF TENEBRAE**

Good Friday

April 3, 2026

\*Rise in body or spirit.

**Bold Type**—Participate in unison.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

What wondrous love is this, O my soul? What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse for my soul?

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 “Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

Robert Elmore

\*SOLEMN REPROACHES OF THE CROSS

...what more could I have done for you?

**Holy God, have mercy upon us.**

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN—No. 209 “My Song Is Love Unknown”

Verses 1 & 2

*Please be seated.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

The Plot to Kill Jesus and an Anointing

The first candle is extinguished.

Matthew 26:1-16

**FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

8245 Farmington Blvd.

Germantown, TN 38139

(901)754-2794

[www.farmingtonpres.org](http://www.farmingtonpres.org)

SECOND READING

Matthew 26:17-30

Passover and the Lord's Supper  
The second candle is extinguished.

HYMN NO. 100 "My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout"

Verse 1

THIRD READING

Matthew 26:31-46

Peter's Denial Foretold and Prayers in Gethsemane  
The third candle is extinguished.

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

based on 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

**We believe in the God of Good Friday,  
who sent us Jesus of Nazareth  
to be wounded for our transgressions  
and bruised for our iniquities.**

**While some seek more knowledge,  
and others look for signs and omens,  
we place our trust in Christ crucified.**

**We believe that those who hoard their life will lose it,  
yet those who lose life for Christ's sake will find it.**

**We believe that Christ crucified is the power of God  
and the saving wisdom of God.**

**We believe this foolishness of God is wiser than earthly knowledge,  
and the weakness of God is stronger than human arrogance.**

**This we dare to believe because we have seen the glory of God  
in the face of Jesus Christ.**

FOURTH READING

Matthew 26:47-56

Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus  
The fourth candle is extinguished.

FIFTH READING

Matthew 26:57-68

Appearance before a Sanhedrin  
The fifth candle is extinguished.

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** Many hands have been involved in organizing and facilitating Holy Week observances. May we all consider how our lives will be transformed by the good news that Christ is alive and active in the world.

## Prayer Concerns

**Remember in Prayer** Our Farmington Family, Session, and Staff; Kathy and Bill Argo, Jackie Baker, Kevin Beard, Bonnie Blair, 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: Farmington Presbyterian Church, Germantown, TN, and Matthew 25: Building Vital Congregations Ministry.

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

# Happenings

## Easter Weekend Schedule

- 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 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!

## Easter Weekend Volunteer Opportunities

- 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 on Saturday 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.

**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

## SIXTH READING

Matthew 26:69-75

Peter Denies Jesus

The sixth candle is extinguished.

## ANTHEM “Out of the Depths”

Frost

Out of the depths have I cried unto you. Lord, hear my voice, Lord hear my voice. Lord, let you ear be attentive to my cry; Lord, hear my cry for mercy. If you, O Lord kept a record of sin, who, then, could stand? But with you, Lord, there is forgiveness. Therefore, you may be feared. I wait for the Lord, my soul does wait, and in his word do I hope. If you, O Lord kept a record of sin, who, then, could stand? But with you, Lord, there is forgiveness. Therefore, we will not fear. I wait for the Lord, my soul does wait, and in his word do I hope. (Psalm 130)

## SEVENTH READING

Matthew 27:1-14

Jesus before Pilate

The seventh candle is extinguished.

## EIGHTH READING

Matthew 27:15-26

Pilate Condemns Jesus To Be Crucified

The eighth candle is extinguished.

## HYMN NO. 218 “Ah, Holy Jesus”

Verses 1 & 2

## NINTH READING

Matthew 27:27-31

Soldiers Mock Jesus

The ninth candle is extinguished.

## THE SOLEMN INTERCESSION

...we join the cries of the suffering,

**My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?**

## 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.**

TENTH READING

The Crucifixion of Jesus  
The tenth candle is extinguished.

Matthew 27:32-44

ELEVENTH READING

The Death of Jesus  
The eleventh candle is extinguished.

Matthew 27:44-56

ANTHEM “God So Loved the World”

Goss

God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. Amen.

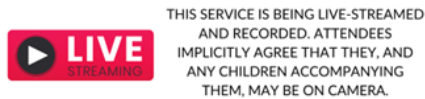
TWELFTH READING

The Burial of Jesus  
The twelfth candle is extinguished.

Matthew 27:57-66

THE STRIPPING OF THE CHURCH

*Please exit in silence.*



Worship Online at 11:00 Sunday Mornings  
[www.farmingtonpres.org](http://www.farmingtonpres.org), click “Worship with us!”

Affirmation of Faith ©2006 B.D. Prewer (Revised 2011)

Reprinted with permission under One License #731533-A and CCLI #1162543-A. All rights reserved.

**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**

Susan Bryant, Rev. Ruth Lovell Bradham,

Bailey Wann, and Ashleigh Williams, Readers

Jackie Hall and Leslie McNamara, 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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:rluter@farmingtonpres.org).

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