



FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP

Easter Sunday

April 5, 2026



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AND RECORDED. ATTENDEES
IMPLICITLY AGREE THAT THEY, AND
ANY CHILDREN ACCOMPANYING
THEM, MAY BE ON CAMERA.

Worship Online at 11:00 Sunday Mornings
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*Rise in body or spirit.

Bold Type—Participate in unison.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Living God, when everything was dark and it seemed that the sun would never shine again, your love broke through. Your love was too strong, too wide, too deep for death to hold. The sparks cast by your love dance and spread and burst forth with resurrection light.

We praise you for the hope of new life that shines today as we gather with joy. We pray that the Easter light of life, hope and joy, will live in us each day that we may be bearers of your light in the lives of others. 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 “Thine Is the Glory”

Handel

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather this morning as a community of believers. We come with joy proclaiming the amazing news:

The tomb is empty! The stone has been rolled away!

The darkness has been overcome; the brilliant light of hope has dawned!

Sin and death shall reign no more.

Let the earth resound in joy!

Love is victorious over death!

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN—NO. 232 “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

Please be seated.

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak, and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

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

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

THROUGH CHILDREN'S EYES

Rev. Rebecca 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

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

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) Most Sunday evenings, the youth will gather from 5:30-7:30pm for dinner and games. Youth will not meet Sunday, April 5. Next Sunday evening, they will have an outing to IKEA. 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.

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 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

FIRST READING

Proverbs 8:1-8, 19-21, 9:5-6

Pew Bible 994

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Matthew 28:1-10

Pew Bible 1549

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD—NO. 240 “Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks”

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

SERMON

“Hope – Alive in the World ”

Rev. Rebecca Luter

RESPOND TO GOD

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM “Christ the Lord is Risen Again”

Foster

Christ the Lord is risen again! Christ hath broken every chain! Hark, the angels shout for joy, singing evermore on high, Alleluia!

He who gave for us his life, who for us endured the strife, is our Paschal Lamb today! We too sing for joy, and say, Alleluia!

He who bore all pain and loss comfortless upon the Cross, lives in glory now on high, pleads for us, and hears our cry, Alleluia!

Thou, our Paschal Lamb indeed, Christ, today thy people feed; take our sins and guilt away, that we all may sing for ay, Alleluia!

*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

Generous and surprising God, when we thought that death had won, you amazed us with the resurrection. Surprise us again with your ability to transform the world

through our witness to your love. Accept and dedicate this offering and our lives, O God, using us to bring hope and new life to this world. Amen.

THE INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

SUNG RESPONSES—NO. 552, 553, & 554

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.

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

*Communion elements at the allergen-free station this morning are
gluten, soy, nut, and dairy-free bread and grape juice.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*HYMN—NO. 246 “Christ Is Alive” Verses 1, 3, & 5

*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 “Festival Trumpet Tune” German

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

Davis Howe, Liturgist

Susan Bryant, Mike Colley, Elizabeth Demaree

Paula Gale, and Nadine Oest, Communion Servers

Carol and Jamie Jameson, 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.