



FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP

Second Sunday of Easter

April 12, 2026

*Rise in body or spirit.

Bold Type—Participate in unison.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Living God, in Christ Jesus you have shown us how to live the Good News. When everything was dark and it seemed that the sun would never shine again, your love broke through. Jesus listened deeply, showed compassion, offered help, gracefully forgave, created community, and brought peace. As we follow the way he showed us to live, we come to know your love and receive the abundant life you intend for us more fully. O Lord, call us out of darkness, reveal your way to us, and keep us faithful in following it. 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 cantabile”

Beethoven

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We are here today because the weeping Mary of Magdala once said: “I have seen the Lord!”

We are here because Jesus still comes into our locked spaces and says: “Peace be with you. Receive the Holy Spirit.”

We are here today like doubting Thomas who finally cried: “My Lord and my God.”

We’re here this morning because Jesus asks: “Do you truly love me?”

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We gather here to answer like Peter: “Yes, Lord, you know that we love you.”

For even though we have not seen Jesus, we love him. We have not seen him, yet we believe.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN—NO. 826 “Lift High the Cross”

Please be seated.

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of empty tombs and empty people, we confess our doubts. When our childhood understandings fall away, we feel naked and exposed. When our long-held beliefs and convictions are questioned, we feel lost and confused. Forgive us when, like the disciples, we find the truth of Easter hard to believe. Guide us into right paths, O God. Call us back the way of Jesus, and renew our faith. Lead us to live your good news in our lives.

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

Sharaze Colley

*All children are invited to come at the Chancel steps.
Afterward, young children may remain or proceed to the nursery.
Worship bags are available beside the entrance to the Sanctuary.*

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 Thank you to everyone who contributed and shopped at the Presbyterian Women’s Easter Bake Sale. Your efforts have resulted in almost \$800 to support our mission partnerships including Mexico Cistern Ministry, Send a Kid to Camp (Pinecrest), Rise Against Hunger, Room in the Inn, and Church Health Center.

Prayer Concerns

Remember in Prayer Our Farmington Family, Session, and Staff; Earleen Anderson, 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: Germantown Presbyterian Church, Germantown, TN.

Happenings

Coffee in the Narthex After worship this morning, you are encouraged to enjoy fellowship over coffee and cookies in the Narthex.

Youth Fellowship Each Sunday evening the youth meet in the Youth Room from 5:30-7:30pm for a time of fellowship, games, faith-building, and food. Friends are welcome! Tonight the youth will meet at the IKEA at 5:00pm with an optional dinner afterwards.

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.

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.

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Pew Bible 1692

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

John 20:19-31

Pew Bible 1686

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 “Living the Good News: Learning Trust”

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 “Eternal Light, Shine In My Heart”

Englert

*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.

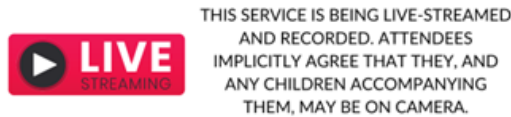
*HYMN—NO. 817 “We Walk By Faith” Verses 1, 2, & 3

*INVITATION, CHARGE, AND BLESSING

*SENDING FORTH HYMN—NO. 765 “May the God of Hope Go with Us”

May the God of hope go with us every day, filling all our lives with love and joy and peace. May the God of justice speed us on our way, bringing light and hope to every land and race. Praying, let us work for peace; singing, share our joy with all; working for a world that’s new, faithful when we hear Christ call.

*POSTLUDE “Gigue Fugue in C Major” Buxtehude



Worship Online at 11:00 Sunday Mornings

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

†Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon written by Thom Shuman, and posted on **Lectionary Liturgies**.

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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.