



FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP

Third Sunday of Easter

April 19, 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 “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

Prichard

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Early each and every morning, God waits to greet us with joy and wonder.

All: We awake to see we are surrounded by grace, if only we will notice.

One: Yet some, who have excellent eyesight, cannot see further than their noses.

One: During the day, Jesus comes to invite us to serve.

All: We rise from our work and leisure to bring healing and hope to others.

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One: Yet some, who have sight, choose to see only a fragment of the truth and love of Christ.

One: In the shadowed evenings of our fears and worries, the Spirit is with us.

All: The Light of life shines on us in every moment of every day.

One: And some, though they may have no physical sight, see brilliantly.

All: We cannot see God in every moment, yet we know that we once were blind, and now we see.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN—NO. 15 “All Creatures of our God and King” Verses 1, 4, & 6
Please be seated.

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of empty tombs and empty people, we confess that we are reluctant to take a truthful look at ourselves, yet you see us as we really are. We close our ears to you, not wanting to listen to your ways or respond to your call; yet you hear us and respond when we call your name. We keep the light of your word hidden to ourselves, though you gave it to us to share with the world. Forgive us and open our eyes to see ourselves and our need for you. Forgive us and open our ears to hear your instruction and follow your call. Forgive us and open our mouths and our lives to proclaim your praise and to serve in you. Show us the way of Jesus, and 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

Save the Date The Annual Spring Picnic will be at Farmington on our new patio and backyard on Thursday, May 14 from 5-7pm. We will have facepainting, bounce house, and music by Sarah Spain, lead singer of Landslide, and a Silent Auction. Scott Hutchins will be fixing hamburgers and hot dogs. The cost is \$10/adult and \$5/child with a family maximum of \$30.

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 We are proud of J.B. Wann for receiving the Germantown Education Commission's Exceptional Student Award for Spring 2026! Way to go, J.B.!

Prayer Concerns

Remember in Prayer Our Farmington Family, Session, and Staff; Earleen Anderson, Kathy and Bill Argo, Jackie Baker, Allie Barnett, Kevin Beard, Bonnie Blair, 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, Jim Mabile, Annette Main, Judy Markham, Sara Millar, Tommy Nagel, Nancy & Dennis Palmer, Bill Renfrow, Ellen Renfrow, Bob and Linda Seidman, JoAnne Simpkins, Karen Smaili, Josiah Sparks, Marty Steele, William Stephens, Jon Still, Joan Wallace, Frank Whited, and from our Presbytery: Mission Workers.

Happenings

Fellowship Coffee After worship this morning, everyone is invited to the Fellowship Hall. Thank you to Kay Patterson for providing refreshments. We hold Fellowship Coffee on the third Sunday each month. If you would like to help host, please sign up on our website.

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! 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 life of Mary Magdalene. 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 studying John Ortberg's *Eternity Is Now in Session*. 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 this afternoon, Sunday, April 19, at 12:30pm in the East Room. We will be discussing finding our identity as we walk with Jesus. Hope to see you there! Mark your calendar for a potluck and enjoying the Kentucky Oaks at Ann Erickson's home Friday, May 1. More information to follow.

Spring Music and Art Show You are invited to celebrate with the preschool classes of Farmington Presbyterian Day School as they present their science-themed music program and art show this Thursday and Friday beginning at 10am in the Sanctuary.

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.

Senior Sunday We will be recognizing our graduating Seniors on May 17th during worship. If you have a senior who is graduating this Spring, please email Rev. Rebecca so that he or she will be included (rluter@farmingtonpres.org).

catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

THROUGH CHILDREN'S EYES

Elizabeth Demaree

*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 OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

Pew Bible 955

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

John 9:1-11

Pew Bible 1664

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: A Spirit of Compassion “

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 “To Sing Once More” Craig Courtney

Awake our souls to sing once more the songs that long have silent been. From troubled nights and fearful days, our notes of praise and joy begin. Inspired by hope, compelled by grace, we sing Your everlasting praise. Most holy God, Your song we seek and trust in Your unchanging ways. With comfort, Your eternal voice is music to our fainting soul. It speaks in times of hurt and wrong, it whispers peace, it makes us whole. Arise, His children, rise again, your God and maker now adore. No longer silent, lift your voice, awake your soul to sing once more. Amen.

*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.

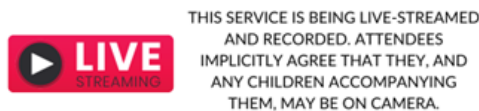
*HYMN—NO. 450 “Be Thou My Vision”

*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 “Psalm 19” Marcello



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

Kay Patterson, Liturgist

Elizabeth Demaree, Children’s Moment

Ann Erickson and Jinney Hart, 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.