



**FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP**

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 26, 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 “Be Thou My Vision”

Healey Willan

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We come to worship God, who comes to us even when we have closed and locked the doors and proclaimed our doubt.

Come now, God, and reveal yourself to us. Bless our eyes that we might see you working in our lives.

We come to worship God, who meets us as we walk the dusty roads of discipleship together, sharing our questions and discussing our faith.

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Come now, Lord, and walk along with us. Bless our eyes and widen our gaze that we might see you in one another.

We come to worship God, who opens our eyes and sharpens our vision.

Come now, Holy Spirit, and be among us. Bless our eyes to see you and our hearts to know you.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN—NO. 252 “Day of Arising”

Please be seated.

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of empty tombs and empty people, we confess that we get so focused on ourselves that we fail to recognize you walking alongside us. We confess that we get so focused on our path that we fail to hear you guiding us in your way. Forgive us and open our eyes to see our need for you. Forgive us and open our ears to hear your direction. Lead us to live your good news in our lives.

A time of 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. Dr. Barb Johnson

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.

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 The preschool students of FPDS presented their Spring Art and Music Show. This year’s theme was World of Wonder, and the children sang not only about rainbows, magnets and states of matter, but also about “God’s World Is Singing a Song” and “Great Big God”. Be sure and take a look at the art hanging in Fellowship Hall during Rise Against Hunger.

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, 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: First Presbyterian Church, Huntingdon, TN and Anderson Presbyterian Church, Jackson, TN.

Sympathy to the family and friends of Bill Jones, uncle of Bonnie Blair.

Happenings

Rise Against Hunger Lunch and Packaging After worship this morning, you are encouraged to stay for pizza and to help package meals for Rise Against Hunger. There are ways everyone can help! We are usually finished around 4pm.

Rise Against Hunger Challenge Met! 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. This year, we were challenged to make a gift by taking on a spiritual discipline, giving something up in April that allowed each of us to give \$1.50 per day to feed a child. We met our goal of raising \$3,200!

Youth Fellowship Most Sunday evenings the youth meet in the Youth Room from 5:30-7:30pm for a time of fellowship, games, faith-building, and food. Today, the youth will be assisting with Rise Against Hunger. 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 Mark your calendar for a potluck and enjoying the Kentucky Oaks at Ann Erickson's home Friday, May 1. All women are invited to come. More information to follow.

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).

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. 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

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

I John 3:16-24

Pew Bible 1901

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Luke 24:13-35

Pew Bible 1642

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSE 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: In Breaking Bread"

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

"Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether"

Friedell

Draw us in the Spirit's tether; for when humbly, in your name, two or three are met together, Thou art in the midst of them: Alleluia! Alleluia! Touch we now thy garment's hem.

As the brethern used to gather in the name of Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the Father break the bread and bless the cup, Alleluia! Alleluia! So knit thou our friendship up.

All our meals and all our living make us sacraments of thee, that by caring, helping, giving we may true disciples be. Alleluia! Alleluia! We we will serve thee faithfully.

*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. 460 “Break Thou the Bread of Life”

*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 “Te Deum”

Charpentier



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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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Tom Moots, Liturgist

Rev. Dr. Barb Johnson, Children’s Moment

Madi Lewis and Abby McNeer, 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.