



FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 17, 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 “The Swan”

Saint-Saens

*CALL TO WORSHIP†

Christ the Lord is our true foundation! Let us come and be built into a spiritual house.

Jesus was rejected by the world, but God chose him to be the cornerstone.

By Christ, we have been called out of darkness into God’s marvelous light.

Once, we were not a people, but now we are God’s people.

Like living stones, we are being formed into a God’s beloved community.

Together we lift our voices to proclaim our faith and our hearts to serve our Lord.

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*PROCESSIONAL HYMN—NO. 463 “How Firm a Foundation”

Please be seated.

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

Jonas Haguewood	Lizzie Luter
Nora Haguewood	Cole Ritchey
Anthony Jones, Jr.	Jack Ritchey
Kyndall Jones	Bailey Wann
Jackson Juckett	Kenneth Williams

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 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.

Prayer Concerns

Remember in Prayer Our Farmington Family, Session, and Staff; Earleen Anderson, Kathy and Bill Argo, Jackie Baker, Kevin Beard, Bonnie Blair, Martha Carr, Judith Cassidy, Jim Collins, Dan Freymeyer, Joe Gaul, Brenda Geise, Adrienne Pakis Gillion, Betzabe Guzman, Bill Harrington, Martha Hart, Annette Hosier, Jerry Hosier, Peter Kendall, Bill Knight, Tammy Lee, Jim Mabile, Annette Main, 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: Memphis Homeless Shelters; First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, TN.

information or to be notified of upcoming events, text or email Davis at 901-482-2503 or davis@farmingtonpres.org.

No Sunday School Next Sunday on Memorial Day Weekend

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.

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 VBS is rapidly approaching and there are still ways for you to help. June 8-12, the church will be turned into a Snowball Mountain Challenge. To make this happen, we need items for decorating, crafts, science, and recreation. If you can share any of the following, please bring them to the church: green artificial Christmas trees, snow skis/poles/ski goggles, hockey sticks/helmets, sleds, winter hats/scarves/puffer jackets, white poly-fill, tripods, empty cardboard rolls, soccer goal/nets, blank or used CDs no longer want, or inexpensive chess sets. If you mark your items clearly with your name, we will return them after VBS. All unmarked items will be disposed of in an appropriate manner. Any questions contact Rev Barb or Liv Palmer.

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 dedicated the turf/patio project and celebrated the beauty of spring and fellowship at the Annual Church and Day School Spring Picnic. Thank you to Bluff City Turf and Morgan Benson and to Anthony Jones for their work on the project. Special thanks to Assistant Director of the Day School, Andrea Soto, for coordinating the project.



THIS SERVICE IS BEING LIVE-STREAMED
AND RECORDED. ATTENDEES
IMPLICITLY AGREE THAT THEY, AND
ANY CHILDREN ACCOMPANYING
THEM, MAY BE ON CAMERA.

Worship Online at 11:00 Sunday Mornings
www.farmingtonpres.org, click "Worship with us!"

THROUGH CHILDREN'S EYES

Shelley Wann

*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

FIRST READING

Luke 24:44-53

Pew Bible 1644

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

I Peter 2:2-10

Pew Bible 1888

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: Built as a Community"

Rev. Rebecca Luter

RESPOND TO GOD

PRESENTATION OF HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP PIN

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 “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms” Eric Nelson
Jackie Hall, Flute, and Estefan Perez, Cello

*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. 691 “Lord, When I Came into This 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 “Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated” Malan

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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

Chris Luter, Liturgist

Shelley Wann, Children’s Moment

Jackie Hall, Flute

Estefan Perez, Cello

Ann Erickson and Paula Gale, 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.

Happenings

Fellowship Coffee After worship this morning, everyone is invited to the Fellowship Hall. Thank you to the Women of Farmington Presbyterian Church for providing refreshments in honor of two of our PW members for their faithful service and in celebration of our 2026 graduates. We hold Fellowship Coffee on the third Sunday each month. If you would like to help host, please sign up on our website.

Sanctuary Flowers The flowers this morning are given to the glory of God by Jinney Hart to honor all women of Farmington PW and in recognition of two of our PW members for their faithful service and in celebration of our Seniors graduating this Spring.

Pentecost Sunday Next Sunday we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit. It is tradition to wear red on Pentecost to represent the symbol of the flame of the Spirit.

Youth Fellowship The youth meet on Sunday evenings in the Youth Room from 5:30-7:30pm for a time of fellowship, games, faith-building, and food. Friends are welcome! For more