



FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 13, 2020

Worship Online at 11:00am Sunday Mornings

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ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Come, Holy Spirit, source of life and grace, bind us together with all believers into the body of Christ in the world. Come, Holy Spirit, who inspired prophets and disciples, who engages us through the Word proclaimed, who claims and feeds us in the Sacraments, and calls us to ministry in the world, come and give us courage. Come, Holy Spirit, bind your church together and give us courage to remain in communication with God without ceasing, to witness to all that Christ is Lord and Savior, to listen and hear the voices of those who have long been silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. Come, Holy Spirit, in our worship and in our daily tasks that we would serve you and live holy and joyful lives, watching for God's new heaven and new earth. Amen.

WELCOME

PRELUDE Andante, from Sonata in A Major Schubert

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, let us lift our praise above everything to our God and King!
My praise will never cease—I will praise the Lord every day. The Eternal is great and deserves endless praise. No one can measure or comprehend God's magnificence.

Let us share and celebrate God's great works with one generation after another, passing on the story of God's powerful acts.

For the Eternal's goodness is not exclusive—it is offered freely to all. God's mercy and unfailing love extends to all of God's creation.

God hears every cry for help and brings salvation, healing wholeness. All creation will stand in awe of the Eternal One!

We will not be silent; we will talk of the grandeur of God's kingdom and celebrate the wonder of God's power until everyone on earth who has ears to hear knows God's valiant acts and the splendor of God's kingdom.

God is faithful to God's promise, and God's acts are marked with grace. The Eternal stays close to those who call on the Lord. To those who are broken down, God is near. God raises them up in hope.

My lips will sing the praise of the Eternal. Let every creature join me and praise the holy name of God—forever and always!

HYMN OF PRAISE – No. 32

Verses 1 & 3

“I Sing the Mighty Power of God ”

I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise, that spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies. I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day. The moon shines full at God's command, and all the stars obey.

There's not a plant or flower below but makes thy glories known. And clouds arise and tempests blow, by order from thy throne, while all that borrows life from thee is ever in thy care, and everywhere that we can be, thou, God art present there.

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSON

Creating God, we confess that we do not live up to your vision for us. We struggle to be transformed disciples. The demands of the world pull us away from your heart. Our culture values wealth and power, and we set our priorities in an effort to be seen and recognized as successful. We walk away from neighbors in need wrapped up in our own concerns. We go along with pride, arguing, and divisiveness. Yet you side with the weak, the poor, the outcast, and the oppressed.

Our pursuits of the world's values have shaped us into people you never meant us to be. Forgive us and reshape us, Redeeming God. Reawaken us by your voice calling us to

serve; revive us by your vision for creation; refresh us to boldly proclaim Jesus as Lord both in our words and our deeds.

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

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 at 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

Christian Barlow

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 36:22-28

“Therefore say to the Israelites, ‘This is what the Sovereign LORD says: It is not for your sake, people of Israel, that I am going to do these things, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations where you have gone. I will show the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, the name you have profaned among them. Then the nations will know that I am the LORD,’ declares the Sovereign LORD, when I am proved holy through you before their eyes.

“For I will take you out of the nations; I will gather you from all the countries and bring you back into your own land. I will

sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols. I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws. Then you will live in the land I gave your ancestors; you will be my people, and I will be your God.

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SECOND READING

I Timothy 4:7b-16

..., train yourself to be godly. For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come. This is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance. That is why we labor and strive, because we have put our hope in the living God, who is the Savior of all people, and especially of those who believe.

Command and teach these things. Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity. Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to preaching and to teaching. Do not neglect your gift, which was given you through prophecy when the body of elders laid their hands on you.

Be diligent in these matters; give yourself wholly to them, so that everyone may see your progress. Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers.

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

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SERMON “Back to Basics: Getting into Heaven” Rev. Rebecca Luter

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please remember those on our prayer list.

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.

RESPOND TO GOD

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY “Freedom is Coming” Traditional South African

DOXOLOGY

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

Holy God, we give thanks for the abundance of your grace, your mercy, and your many blessings. Receive our gifts and our lives, too, which we offer in humble gratitude. Use them, and us, according to God’s Will so that God’s vision for humanity might come to fruition. We pray in the name of Christ our Savior. Amen.

HYMN – No. 100

Verses 1 & 2

“My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout”

My soul cries out with a joyful shout that the God of my heart is great, and my spirit sings of the wondrous things that you bring to the ones who wait. You fixed your sight on your servant’s plight, and my weakness you did not spurn, so from east to west, shall my name be blest. Could the world be about to turn?

My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your justice burn. Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn.

Though I am small, my God, my all, you work great things in me, and your mercy will last from the depths of the past to the end of the age to be. Your very name puts the proud to shame, and to those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the strong to flight, for the world is about to turn. *Refrain.*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Song of Joy”

Christopher Boodle

Bold Type – congregation in unison

The Prayer of Preparation is based on the portion of “A Brief Statement of Faith” pertaining to the Holy Spirit.

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Participating in the service today:

Rev. Rebecca Luter, Pastor

Doug Barr, Director of Christian Education

Jim Thrash, Director of Music

Tom Bryant, Accompanist

Rachel Barr, Liturgist

Christian Barlow, Children’s Moment

Chancel Choir

Welcome IN THE NAME OF JESUS, THE CHRIST

We hope that you have sensed the presence of the Holy Spirit in this place and find here a place that feels like home. If you are interested in more information about the life of our congregation or in becoming a member, please speak with our pastor, Rev. Rebecca Luter. You may reach her by email at rsluter@farmingtonpres.org or by phone in the church office, 901-754-2794.

New members are received by the Session in one of three ways: Profession of Faith for those who have not previously joined a church, Transfer of Membership for those who are moving their membership from another congregation, or Reaffirmation of Faith for those who have been inactive for some time in church or who wish to rededicate themselves to Christ and his ministry in the world through the church.

Happenings AT FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN

A Message from Session While we are not able to worship together, the church is still carrying out the work and mission of God in the world. And, while we are not gathering on Sunday, the expenses of the church continue. If you have kept your pledge current, thank you. If you are able to bring your pledge current or make an offering at this time, your gift is critical. If you are not able to give in this time, we understand. You can make your offering through the website, using a checking account, at www.farmingtonpres.org or mail your offering to Farmington Presbyterian Church, 8245 Farmington Boulevard, Germantown, TN 38139.

Youth Group will meet this afternoon on Zoom. High School students meet at 2pm and Middle School at 3:10pm. Meeting ID: 77088458374 Password: farmyo.

NEW! Monday Morning Bible Study begins tomorrow at 9am. Rev. Rebecca will lead this six-week study of William Barclay’s Discovering Jesus.

Books are available on pcusastore.com or [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com). Go to zoom.com and enter the Meeting ID 869 8138 8088. The password is Bible.

Worship on Wednesdays Wednesday evenings from 5:15-5:45pm, bring your lawn chair as we worship together outdoors. Come a bit early to get set up so that we are all social distancing and wear your mask. In response to current advice of the CDC, we will not be singing. We will be gathered, we will hear the Word of God, and we will respond in praise! If it is raining, we will not gather.

Wednesday Night Dinners Scott and Becky Hutchins (Firehutch Fine Foods) are now catering to-go orders for dinner to be picked up on Wednesday evenings at the church at 5:45pm. They are donating 10% back to Farmington. If you would like to order, please contact them at hutchinsathome@gmail.com.

Saturday Morning Small Group We are studying Matthew's Gospel and invite you to join us! Each Saturday mornings at 10am, Ann Erickson and Jinney Hart lead this group in discussion and study. If you are interested in joining this "virtual/telephone" study, please let Rev. Rebecca, Ann, or Jinney know.

Office Hours: Pop-Up Bible Study is returning to Sunday mornings at 8:30am beginning September 20th to study the book of Ruth. Lessons are live on Facebook at Office Hours Bible Study or available later there or on YouTube or as podcasts. Take advantage of this opportunity to learn from scholars discussing their area of expertise in an accessible way – for free!

Presbyterian Women will meet Sunday, September 27th at 2pm on Zoom.com to reflect together on Lesson 2 of Lament to Hope, led by Kirsten King. If you need help learning how to Zoom, please contact Rev. Rebecca and we will get you connected! The Meeting ID is 797 2658 6999 and the Passcode is Horizons.

FPDS is open! We are thankful to be able to serve our community as parents return to work. **Unless you are a staff member or a student, you will not be admitted into the building.** Members are strongly encouraged not to enter the building even if they have keys. It is important that we ensure that all surfaces that have been touched are clean. If you would like to meet with Rev. Rebecca, please call and make an appointment to meet off campus.

Virtual Preschool FPDS is offering virtual preschool classes for 3's and 4's beginning September 8th. If you have friends or family who have a 3 or 4 year-old who is not going to preschool in-person, this is an excellent option no matter where they live! More information is in New Vision – please share!

This week at Farmington...a Caring Caravan left from the church at 8:30am for the second Saturday in a row to visit and deliver gift baskets and roses to those in our congregation who have been more isolated during the pandemic. Thank you to all who coordinated, baked, donated, and participated! It was a true joy for all! We will be continuing this ministry intermittently – let Jinney Hart know if you want to be involved.

Remember in Prayer...Our Farmington Family, Session and Staff; Essential workers and all affected by Covid-19; the Junn Family in Asia; Johnny Applewhite, Jack Arendt, Mary Lou Barrentine, Re Baritella, Kenny Buckner, Jelena Colasurdo, Mary Lou Collins, D.J. Davis, Lisa Dick, Jane Egan, Ed Gallagher, Rev. Jim Hamilton, Bill Harrington, Gary Hutchins, Eric Jones, Joe Knittig, Ashley & Kevin Lewis, Jane and David Mayo, Greg McKenna, Lori Millar, Beverly Ryan, JoAnne Simpkins, Patti Simpkins, Williams Stevens, Susan St. John, John T. Tanner, Joan Wallace, Mary Webb, Faye Woods and from our Presbytery: First Presbyterian Church, Paris, TN.

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