



**FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP**  
**Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**September 6, 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 "I Love to Tell the Story"

Fischer

CALL TO WORSHIP

Good News! We have reason for joy and dancing!

**The Lord our God claims us as God's own beloved children.**

Good News! The peace of Christ dwells in our hearts.

**We lift our praises in thanksgiving!**

Good News! The Holy Spirit is in our midst, ready to renew us with holy love.

**We rejoice in the Lord always, giving our hearts to God and sharing the love of God in our lives!**

For everyone born, a place at the table, for everyone born,  
clean water and bread, a shelter, a space, a safe place for  
growing, for everyone born, a star overhead,

*And God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy,  
compassion and peace: yes, God will delight when we are  
creators of justice, justice and joy!*

For everyone born, a place at the table, to live without fear,  
and simply to be, to work, to speak out, to witness and  
worship, for everyone born, the right to be free, *Refrain.*

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

Rev. Rebecca Luter

## **PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Isaiah 61:1-11

The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, and provide for those who grieve in Zion—to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the LORD for the display of his splendor. They will rebuild the ancient ruins and restore the places long devastated; they will renew the ruined cities that have been devastated for generations. Strangers will shepherd your flocks; foreigners will work your fields and vineyards. And you will be called priests of the LORD, you will be named ministers of our God. You will feed on the wealth of nations, and in their riches you will boast. Instead of your shame you will receive a double portion, and instead of disgrace you will rejoice in your inheritance. And so you will inherit a double portion in your land, and everlasting joy will be yours. “For I, the LORD, love justice; In my faithfulness I will reward my people and make an everlasting covenant with them. Their descendants will be known among the nations and their offspring among the peoples. All who see them will acknowledge that they are a people the LORD has blessed.” I delight greatly in the LORD; my soul rejoices in my God. For he has clothed me with garments of salvation and arrayed me in a robe of his righteousness, as a bridegroom adorns his head like a priest, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the soil makes the sprout come up and a garden causes seeds to grow, so the

Sovereign LORD will make righteousness and praise spring up before all nations.

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

SECOND READING

Luke 4:16-21

He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:

“The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. He began by saying to them, “Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.”

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: I’ve Got Good News!” 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 “Let All Things Now Living”

Welsh Fold Melody

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. 295 “Go to the World!” Verses 1 & 4

**Go to the world! Go into all the earth. Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth, baptizing as the sign of our rebirth. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**Go to the world! Go as the ones I send, for I am with you till the age shall end, when all the hosts of glory cry “Amen!” Alleluia. Alleluia.**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Fugue in D

Selby

**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  
Vanessa Howard, Liturgist  
Rev. Rebecca Luter, 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 [rluter@farmingtonpres.org](mailto:rluter@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](http://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** Mondays at 9am beginning September 14<sup>th</sup>. Rev. Rebecca will lead this six-week study of William Barclay's Discovering Jesus. Books are available on [pcusastore.com](http://pcusastore.com) or amazon or by letting us know at [churchoffice@farmingtonpres.org](mailto:churchoffice@farmingtonpres.org). Go to [zoom.com](http://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](mailto: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.

**Presbyterian Women** will meet Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup>. 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...**we gave thanks for the ministry of Linda Turner at Farmington Presbyterian Day School and bid her farewell with prayers for her retirement to be all she hopes it will be.

**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, Charlie Stone, Joan Wallace, Faye Woods and from our Presbytery: Oakland Presbyterian Church, Oakland, TN.

**Congratulations...**to Billy and Sandy Wann on their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary!

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