



**FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP**  
**Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**October 11, 2020**

Worship Online at 11:00am Sunday Mornings  
[www.farmingtonpres.org](http://www.farmingtonpres.org)  
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**ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME**

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

God of community, we gather with praise and thanksgiving for who you are and for all that you have done for us. You know us better than we know ourselves—all our thoughts and actions—and yet you love us, gently leading and guiding and blessing us. May your Spirit move in our hearts and minds as we worship —examine our attitudes and actions, lay bare the things we need to confess, challenge us with your Word, and guide us on to paths that lead to life. For we are your people, called by your name. Amen.

WELCOME

PRELUDE Sonata in F Major: Adagio

Mozart

CALL TO WORSHIP

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; God's mercies never come to an end.

**Our God, the Creator of all life, has blessed us with wealth in funds, in time, in abilities, and in relationships.**

When we call out in distress, God answers; God is our strength, our song, and our salvation.

**Our God, the Redeemer of all life, directs us to respond to others' cries with blessing, sharing our funds, time, abilities, and being in relationship.**

Great is God's faithfulness; God's mercies are fresh every morning.

**Our God, the Sustainer of all life, instructs us to give generously and cheerfully of our funds, our time, our abilities, and in our relationships.**

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, relying not on your own insight.

**Our God blesses us that we might be a blessing. Let us respond in worship with our lips and our lives to bless God's church, God's people, and God's creation.**

HYMN OF PRAISE – No. 327

Verses 1 & 2

“From All That Dwell Below the Skies”

**From all that dwell below the skies let the Creator's praise arise: Alleluia! Alleluia! Let the Redeemer's name be sung through every land, in every tongue.**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**In every land begin the song; to every land the strains belong: Alleluia! Alleluia! In cheerful sound all voices raise and fill the world with joyful praise.**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of Covenant and Promise, we want to be a people of peace, reconciliation, and healing of the spirit, yet we know we often fall short of what you would have us to be. Be patient with us. You call us to reflect your grace and generosity, yet we know we often fail to live up to our call as disciples. Help us see your image in each person we meet with fresh eyes.**

**You blessed each person with skills, talents, and opportunities to minister, yet we know we often fall short of what you would have us do. Be patient with us. You call us to reflect your love and sacrifice, yet we know we often fail to live up to our call as disciples. Help us use our gifts for service and ministry in our congregation, our neighborhood, our city...and wherever we have opportunity.**

**Forgive us, we pray. Free us to be joyfully obedient disciples, transforming the world around us to match your vision of life abundant.**

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

**We belong to God, maker of all that is and all that is to come, abundant provider of all things, who loves all people. It is God alone who gives life, who is generous beyond measure with grace and blessing.**

**We follow Christ, who loved and served humbly, healed the broken and included the outcast, chose to suffer rather than harm, gave his life for our redemption, and was raised by God to new life.**

**In his teaching and healing, his death and resurrection, and in his presence with us in all circumstances, he reveals God to us. Christ calls us to serve him for the sake of proclaiming God's grace and grants his spirit to us to guide, heal, and empower us.**

**We live by that Holy Spirit, flowing through us, uniting us for the sake of the healing of the world. As members of the church, the Body of Christ, we devote ourselves to lives of love, rejoicing in the power of forgiveness, the reality of resurrection, and the mystery of eternal life. Amen.**

THROUGH CHILDREN'S EYES

Shelley Wann & JB Wann

## PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

#### FIRST READING

Romans 13:8-10

Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery," "You shall not murder," "You shall not steal," "You shall not covet," and whatever other command there may be, are summed up in this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no harm to a neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

Then the word of the LORD came to him: “Go at once to Zarephath in the region of Sidon and stay there. I have directed a widow there to supply you with food.” So he went to Zarephath. When he came to the town gate, a widow was there gathering sticks. He called to her and asked, “Would you bring me a little water in a jar so I may have a drink?” As she was going to get it, he called, “And bring me, please, a piece of bread.”

“As surely as the LORD your God lives,” she replied, “I don’t have any bread—only a handful of flour in a jar and a little olive oil in a jug. I am gathering a few sticks to take home and make a meal for myself and my son, that we may eat it—and die.”

Elijah said to her, “Don’t be afraid. Go home and do as you have said. But first make a small loaf of bread for me from what you have and bring it to me, and then make something for yourself and your son. For this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: ‘The jar of flour will not be used up and the jug of oil will not run dry until the day the LORD sends rain on the land.’”

She went away and did as Elijah had told her. So there was food every day for Elijah and for the woman and her family. For the jar of flour was not used up and the jug of oil did not run dry, in keeping with the word of the LORD spoken by Elijah.

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

Rev. Rebecca Luter

Please, Won't You Be My Neighbor?

A More Perfect Way

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 “Sing a New Song”

Daniel Schutte

### 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

**God of Power and Glory, we come to your altar this morning, offering our gifts and praying for your presence in a world that is hurting and divided. Much of what we see is chaos, confusion, and anxiety – a world that desperately needs to glimpse your presence and your glory. Help us to be people who restore relationships. Use us and our offerings to be a window into your love and compassion for our neighbors and the world. Amen.**

HYMN – No. 203 “Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love” Verses 2 & 3

*Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love; show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.*

**Neighbors are wealthy and poor, varied in color and race; neighbors are near us and far away. *Refrain.***

**These are the ones we should serve; these are the ones we should love; all these are neighbors to us and you. *Refrain.***

### BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Fanfare in C Major

Steven Blackmon

**Bold Type** – congregation in unison

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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  
Jackie Hall, Liturgist  
Shelley Wann & JB Wann, 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 October 11th at 2pm at Shelby Farms disc golf course. Purchase your own discs and we will use them regularly. Email Doug Barr for details or questions [doug@farmingtonpres.org](mailto:doug@farmingtonpres.org).

**Session Survey** Please complete the Session survey by Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup>. You should have received one in your email, and the link is also in the October newsletter. If you don't see the email, it should have come from Survey Monkey and might be in your "Junk" folder. If you would like a printed survey, please let Rev. Rebecca know.

**Monday Morning Bible Study** will not meet tomorrow. Enjoy your Fall Break! We will meet again at 9am on Monday, October 19th. Rev. Rebecca will lead the study of Chapter 3 of William Barclay's Discovering Jesus on Jesus as Messiah. Books are available on [pcusastore.com](http://pcusastore.com) or [amazon.com](http://amazon.com). 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.

**Saturday Morning Small Group** We are studying Matthew's Gospel and invite you to join us! Each Saturday morning 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.

**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 elected elders to serve on the Session. The Session is charged with discerning our fidelity to the Word of God and strengthening and nurturing the life and faith of the congregation. Please keep the work of Session in your prayers as we make decisions that will set the course as we move through this time of great change.

**Remember in Prayer...**Our Farmington Family, Session and Staff; Essential workers and all affected by Covid-19, and by the wildfires in the Western United States; the Junn Family in Asia; Jack Arendt, Mary Lou Barrentine, Kenny Buckner, Jeremy Bukaukas, Jelena Colasurdo, Jim Collins, D.J. Davis, Lisa Dick, Jane Egan, Ed Gallagher, Rev. Jim Hamilton, Bill Harrington, John Hazen, Gary Hutchins, Evans Jack, Kenneth Jack, Lori Kent, Joe Knittig, Ashley & Kevin Lewis, Jane and David Mayo, Greg McKenna, Lori Millar, Beverly Ryan, Patti Simpkins, Williams Stevens, Jon Still, Susan St. John, Joan Wallace, Michael Wann, Mary Webb, Jean Wiseman, Faye Woods and from our Presbytery: Bethesda Presbyterian Church, Selmer, TN.

**Sympathies...**to the family and friends of Evelyn Jones, mother of Anthony Jones and to the loved ones of Gwynne Gladden.

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