



FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
October 18, 2020

Worship Online at 11:00am Sunday Mornings

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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 Adagio (from Second Sonata) Alexander Guilmant

HYMN OF PRAISE – No. 331 Verses 1 & 2

“God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand”

**God of the ages, whose almighty hand leads forth in beauty
all the starry band of shining worlds in splendor through the
skies, our grateful songs before thy throne arise.**

**Thy love divine hath led us in the past. In this free land by
thee our lot is cast. Be thou our ruler, guardian, guide and
stay: thy word our law, thy paths our chosen way.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, let us sing the Lord's praise!

Why? Sometimes it feels like God has forgotten us.

Come, let us remember God's faithfulness!

How long, O Lord, will you hide your face?

Come, for we live by faith, not by feelings.

We come waiting for God's voice to call us from beyond our fear.

Come, seeking answers to your questions for God is Creator of all.

We enter worship today with hope in our hearts, praying for God's neighborhood to come.

Come, for God has made a promise of faithfulness to us and we can trust the promise.

God answers our prayers! Let us sing the Lord's praise together.

THE HYMN CONCLUDES – No. 331

Verses 3 & 4

“God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand”

From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence, be thy strong arm our ever sure defense. Thy true religion in our hearts increase. Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

Refresh thy people on their toilsome way. Lead us from night to never-ending day. Fill all our lives with love and grace divine, and glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.

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

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

Rev. Rebecca Luter & Tom Bryant

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Psalm 13

How long, LORD? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me? How long must I wrestle with my thoughts and day after day have sorrow in my heart? How long will my enemy triumph over me? Look on me and answer, LORD my God. Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep in death, and my enemy will say, "I have overcome him," and my foes will rejoice when I fall. But I trust in your unfailing love; my heart rejoices in your salvation. I will sing the LORD's praise, for he has been good to me.

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbor, for we are all members of one body. “In your anger do not sin”: Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, and do not give the devil a foothold. Anyone who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with their own hands, that they may have something to share with those in need.

Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. Follow God’s example, therefore, as dearly loved children and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

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?

Good and Angry

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 “Spirit of the Living God”

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. 295 “Go to the World!”

Verses 2 & 3

Go to the world! Go into every place. Go live the word of God’s redeeming grace. Go seek God’s presence in each time and space. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Go to the world! Go struggle, bless and pray; the nights of tears give way to joyous day. As servant church, you follow Christ’s own way. Alleluia. Alleluia.

POSTLUDE Trumpet Tune in C

Michael McCabe

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

Paul King, Liturgist

Rev. Rebecca Luter & Tom Bryant, 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 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.

Session Survey Please complete the Session survey by Sunday, October 18th. 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.

Trunk or Treat is Sunday, October 25th from 3:30 – 5:30pm! Sign up to host a trunk or sign up for your time to bring the family here: <https://www.farmingtonpres.org/trunk-or-treat-2020/>. It will be a fun, safe, and festive event.

Halloween Caring Caravan We are reverse trick or treating! We have 13 young children in the Farmington family who will be eagerly waiting for us to stop by, wish them a Happy Halloween, and leave a bucket of treats! We will meet in the church parking lot at 10:30am on October 31st. Costumes are welcome – masks required! We will socially distance at all times.

Youth will meet Sunday, October 18th from 5-6pm at the church for outdoor games and activities. Bring a friend and a mask. Water and chips provided.

Monday Morning Bible Study will meet at 9am on Monday, October 19th. Rev. Rebecca will lead the study of Chapter 3 of William Barclay's Discovering Jesus on the recognition of Jesus as Messiah. Books are available

on pcusastore.com or 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 It's time to join us! We will begin studying Luke's Gospel on November 7 at 9am. Ann Erickson and Jinney Hart lead this group in discussion and study. If you would like to participate, let Ann know, and she'll order a book for you.

Presbyterian Women will meet Sunday, October 25th at 2pm on Zoom.com to reflect together on Lesson 3 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 527 795 3657 and the Passcode is grace.

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...we were blessed by Rev. Ruth Lovell Bradham leading the Wednesday evening service.

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, Bonnie Blair, Kenny Buckner, Jeremy Bukauskas, Jelena Colasurdo, Jim Collins, D.J. Davis, Lisa Dick, Jane Egan, Ed Gallagher, Rev. Jim Hamilton, Bill Harrington, John Hazen, Gary Hutchins, Kenneth Jack, Lori Kent, Joe Knittig, Ashley & Kevin Lewis, Harland Lovell, Jane and David Mayo, Greg McKenna, Lori Millar, Beverly Ryan, Patti Simpkins, Williams Stevens, Susan St. John, Joan Wallace, Michael Wann, Mary Webb, Nathan, Elizabeth, Joseph & Kenny Williams, Jean Wiseman, Faye Woods and from our Presbytery: First Presbyterian Church, Selmer, TN.

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