



FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP
Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost
November 1, 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 "All Saints' Day"

Richard Strauss

CALL TO WORSHIP

In all our weakness and strength, singing our praise and whispering our prayers,

We come to be your people, O God.

For you are our God and we are your people, and we are grateful that you have claimed us as your own.

You have surrounded us with saints, a cloud of witnesses, who have testified to your goodness and your truth.

Write the stories of your people deep into our hearts so that we may learn to trust you beyond our doubts and beyond our fears.

Give us sufficient hope to trust and follow wherever your Spirit leads, confident that you will not lead us beyond your loving embrace.

Filled with saintly determination and mindful of our human limitations, we come to be your people, O God.

Hold us securely in your grace.

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

PAUL BOURASSA

GWYNNE GLADDEN

PERRY MAIN

ED PATTERSON

FRANCES RYAN

HYMN OF PRAISE – No. 326 “For All the Saints” Verses 1, 2 & 3

For all the saints who from their labors rest, who thee by faith before the world confessed, thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress and their might; thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight; thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light. Alleluia! Alleluia!

O blest communion, fellowship divine! We feebly struggle; they in glory shine; yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. Alleluia! Alleluia!

REFLECTIONS ON STEWARDSHIP

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

Rev. Rebecca Luter

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Psalm 111

**Praise the LORD. I will extol the LORD with all my heart in the
council of the upright and in the assembly. Great are the works of
the LORD; they are pondered by all who delight in them. Glorious
and majestic are his deeds, and his righteousness endures forever.
He has caused his wonders to be remembered; the LORD is
gracious and compassionate. He provides food for those who fear
him; he remembers his covenant forever. He has shown his people**

the power of his works, giving them the lands of other nations. The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy. They are established for ever and ever, enacted in faithfulness and uprightness. He provided redemption for his people; he ordained his covenant forever—holy and awesome is his name. The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow his precepts have good understanding. To him belongs eternal praise.

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SECOND READING

Romans 8:31-39

What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? As it is written:

“For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.”

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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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?
The Importance of Remembering

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 ANTHEM “Shall Tribulation or Distress” Morris
 Tucker Williams, Tenor Soloist

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. 649 “Amazing Grace”

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved. How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come. ‘Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me; his word my hope secures. He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Land of Rest"

Callahan

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

Lance Palmer, 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 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.

No Youth Group on Sunday, Nov. 1. The youth are invited to take part in the Caring Caravan, Saturday (Halloween morning) at 10:30am. Leaving from the back parking lot.

Monday Morning Bible Study will meet at 9am on Monday, November 2nd. Rev. Rebecca will lead the study of Chapter 5 of William Barclay's Discovering Jesus on the resurrection of Jesus. Books are available from the church office. Go to zoom.com and enter the Meeting ID 869 8138 8088. The password is Bible.

Worship on Wednesdays Wednesday evenings are moving inside! We will meet in the Sanctuary from 6:15-6:45pm. There is a limit of 30 persons. Sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0d49aeaa2ca4fa7-worship>. Come a bit early to find your seat 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! Please do not visit in the hallways!

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.

Caring for the Church Grounds Come and help us beautify Farmington. Saturday, November 7th starting at 9:30am. We will gather in the church parking lot and clean up leaves, pine straw, flower beds etc. Bring your family, some work gloves and a leaf blower or rake if you have one. And don't forget your masks, please. It'll be a fun morning outside, having some fellowship while doing a little fall clean up around the property. If someone has a power washer we could borrow that would be great as well. Please let Roland know at 901.672.3648 or Roland.Mittag@gmail.com. Thanks.

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.

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 hosted an incredible COVID-conscious Trunk-R-Treat! Thank you to all who decorated their trunks. It was wonderful to see over 100 children and their families relaxed and enjoying themselves.

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, Bo Bradham, Kenny Buckner, Jeremy Bukauskas, Jelena Colasurdo, Jim Collins, D.J. Davis, Lisa Dick, Jane Egan, Joe & Lurline Emrich, Ed Gallagher, Rev. Jim Hamilton, Bill Harrington, John Hazen, Gary Hutchins, Lori Kent, Joe Knittig, Ashley & Kevin Lewis, Harland Lovell, Greg McKenna, Beverly Ryan, Patti Simpkins, Williams Stevens, Susan St. John, Suzanne Thomas, Joan Wallace, Mary Webb, Jean Wiseman, Faye Woods and from our Presbytery: Caregivers.

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