



FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP
Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost
November 15, 2020

Worship Online at 11:00am Sunday Mornings

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Click "Worship with Us!"

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 Allemande in G Major

J.S. Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP

God has gathered us to worship,

To hear God's Word and to rejoice in God's presence.

God summons us to be one body, the Body of Christ,

To love as Christ and live in Christ.

God sends us to serve,

To proclaim through our words and our actions that God has brought healing in our lives and we live to praise and glorify God.

HYMN OF PRAISE – No. 634 “To God Be the Glory”

To God be the glory; great things he has done! So loved he the world that he gave us his Son, who yielded his life an atonement for sin, and opened the lifegate that all may go in.

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice! O
come to the Father through Jesus the Son, and give him the
glory: great things he has done!*

Great things he has taught us; great things he has done, and
great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son; but purer and
higher and greater will be our wonder, our transport, when
Jesus we see. *Refrain.*

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

Charlie Smithers

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Galatians 5:22-26

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SECOND READING

Matthew 9:9-13

As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him.

While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?"

On hearing this, Jesus said, “It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. But go and learn what this means: ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.”

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?
Gathered to Worship, Sent to Serve

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 “Lord, Make My Prayer” Gonfalon Royal

Lord, make my prayer a sacrifice, like incense rising to your throne;
Be mindful as I call for help; be swift and make your answer
known.

And make my prayer a force for change, upholding right, opposing
wrong, Till your word judges every thought, and your praise sounds
from every tongue.

Lord, make my prayer a pledge of faith: you see the trials along my
way, But all my hopes are set on you; I trust myself to you today.
Amen.

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. 761 “Called as Partners in Christ’s Service” Verses 1&2

Called as partners in Christ’s service, called to ministries of grace, we respond with deep commitment fresh new lines of faith to trace. May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend, equal partners in our caring to fulfill God’s chosen end.

Christ’s example, Christ’s inspiring, Christ’s clear call to work and worth, let us follow, never faltering, reconciling folk on earth. Men and women, richer poorer, all God’s people, young and old, blending human skills together gracious gifts from God unfold.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Toccata in F Major

Buxtehude

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
Bonnie Blair, Liturgist
Charlie Smithers, 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.

Youth Group will meet in person this afternoon at the church for an outdoor movie night. 5pm - 6:30ish. Mask up, invite a friend, and bring a chair or blanket.

Stewardship Sunday Please return your 2021 Estimate of Giving to the church by mailing it to the church office or returning it to the church this afternoon (Nov. 15th) between 2-3pm. Rev. Rebecca will be on the front steps with the model church for you to place your card inside and share in a moment of prayer.

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 www.farmingtonpres.org/weekday-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.

Presbyterian Women will meet November 22nd at 2pm on Zoom. Kirsten King will be leading our study on *Horizon's* Into the Light, Lesson 4. The Meeting ID is 527 795 3657 and the passcode: grace. All women are encouraged to join us.

Young Adult Bible Study Each week a group of young people gather for a drop in Bible Study. No prep is necessary. It is a time to check in, chill out, and see how the book of Mark speaks to our current events. 6:00pm on Thursday evenings via Zoom. Contact Doug Barr for more information, doug@farmingtonpres.org.

Saturday Morning Small Group Now studying Luke's Gospel on Saturday mornings at 9am. Ann Erickson and Jinney Hart lead this group in discussion and study.

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...be sure to notice the front yard when you come to drop off your 2021 Estimate of Giving this afternoon. Last Saturday Jinney Hart; Chris and Rebecca, Nic and Lizzie Luter; Roland, Oliva, and Mia Mittag; Cooper and Kay Patterson; Paula Patterson; Pat Sherman; Charlie and Mo Smithers worked in the front beds and power washed the West entrance area. Thanks to all who came and helped!

Remember in Prayer...Our Farmington Family, Session and Staff; Essential workers and all affected by Covid-19, and the Junn Family in Asia; Jack Arendt, Mary Lou Barrentine, Kenny Buckner, Jeremy Bukauskas, Jelena Colasurdo, Mary Lou Collins, D.J. Davis, Lisa Dick, Jane Egan, Ed Gallagher, Rev. Jim Hamilton, Bill Harrington, John Hazen, Gary Hutchins, Lori Kent, Joe Knittig, Ashley & Kevin Lewis, Harland Lovell, The McDonald Family, Greg McKenna, The Phillips family, Beverly Ryan, Patti Simpkins, Williams Stevens, Susan St. John, Joan Wallace, Mary Webb, Lewis Weiss and Gloria, Jean Wiseman, Faye Woods and from our Presbytery: Oak Street Community Presbyterian Church, Union City, TN.

Sympathies...to the family and friends of Joe Emrich, grandfather of Katie Conner (FPDS employee) and to the family and friends of John David Kauffman, father-in-law of Jennifer Kauffman (FPDS employee).

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