



FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
August 15, 2021

Worship Online at 11:00am Sunday Mornings

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Click "Worship Together"

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Holy God, we praise you. Through your Word, you created all things. In the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ, you reveal your salvation in all the world. Through your Holy Spirit, you unite us in ministry and enable us to worship your divine majesty, so that with all the company of heaven we may glorify your name as we serve and praise you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever. Amen.

WELCOME

PRELUDE "Hyfrydol"

R. Prichard

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

In the beginning, God spoke into being light and life, bringing order to chaos.

The Word was God and the Word was with God.

The Word was in the beginning, and in the fullness of time the Word became flesh.

Born to a young girl in a stable, Jesus received the local shepherds and the wise men from afar to worship him.

Raised by a carpenter, Jesus realized he was most at home in the Temple.

Executed as King of the Jews, Christ rose and redeemed us.

King of Kings and Lord of Lords,

Christ's victory is love, his power is humility, his strength is vulnerability.

The Word has come, comes, and is coming,

to mend the brokenhearted and teach us compassion,

to liberate the oppressed and teach us to execute justice,
to lead the way and summon us to follow,
to establish a new covenant and write it on our hearts.
The Lord is in our midst, and our tongues shall sing his praise!

*HYMN OF PRAISE – No. 159 “O Sing a Song of Bethlehem”

**O sing a song of Bethlehem, of shepherds watching there,
and of the news that came to them from angels in the air. The
light that shone on Bethlehem fills all the world today. Of
Jesus’ birth and peace on earth the angels sing always.**

**O sing a song of Nazareth, of sunny days of joy; O sing of
fragrant flowers’ breath, and of the sinless boy. For now the
flowers of Nazareth in every heart may grow. Now spreads
the fame of his dear name on all the winds that blow.**

**O sing a song of Galilee, of lake and woods and hill, of him
who walked upon the sea and bade its waves be still. For
though, like waves on Galilee, dark seas of trouble roll, when
faith has heard the Master’s word, falls peace upon the soul.**

**O sing a song of Calvary, its glory and dismay, of him who
hung upon the tree, and took our sins away. For he who died
on Calvary is risen from the grave, and Christ, our Lord, by
heaven adored, is mighty now to save.**

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of grace, love, and communion, we confess that we have
failed to love you with all our heart, soul, and mind; and to
love our neighbor as ourselves. We ignore your
commandments, stray from your way, and follow other gods.
Have mercy on us. Forgive our sin and raise us to new life
that we may serve you faithfully and give honor to your holy
name.**

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.**

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 on 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. Ruth Lovell Bradham

All children are invited to come to the Chancel steps.

Afterward, young children may return their seat.

Worship bags are available beside the entrance to the Sanctuary.

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy One, guide us by your Spirit of truth to hear the Word of life you speak. Silence in us any voice but your own, that, hearing, we may also obey your will for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31:31-34

“The days are coming,” declares the LORD, “when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them,” declares the LORD. “This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel after that time,” declares the LORD. “I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. No longer will they teach their neighbor, or say to one another, ‘Know the LORD,’ because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest,” declares the LORD. “For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.”

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets." "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

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SERMON "I Believe: In Jesus Christ"

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 ANTHEM

Robert Lowry

"How Can I Keep From Singing"

My life flows on in endless song, above earth's lamentations; I hear the clear though far-off hymn that hails a new creation. Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear the music ringing; It finds an echo in my soul, How can I keep from singing?

What though the tempest loudly roars, I know the Savior liveth; although the darkness binds me close, deep in the night sweet songs he giveth. His inner peace makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing; since love is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

*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

Almighty God, you are the giver of every blessing and good gift. In all things, make us wise for the right use of the resources you have entrusted to us. Give us such awareness of your unmerited grace and mercy that our hearts may be thankful, and let our whole lives be praise to you; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

*HYMN – No. 134 “Joy to the World”

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king;
let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and
nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the
sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the
sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the
ground; he comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse
is found, far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is
found.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the
nations prove the glories of his righteousness and wonders of
his love, and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his
love.

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE Cantique

Elgar

* Stand as able.

Bold Type – congregation in unison

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AND RECORDED. ATTENDEES
IMPLICITLY AGREE THAT THEY, AND
ANY CHILDREN ACCOMPANYING
THEM, MAY BE ON CAMERA.

Participating in the service today:

Rev. Rebecca Luter, Pastor
Doug Barr, Director of Christian Education
Jim Thrash, Director of Music
Tom Bryant, Accompanist
Shelley Wann, Liturgist
Rev. Ruth Lovell Bradham, Children's Moment
Jackie Hall and MaryShelley Ritchey, Ushers
Hudson Barr, Acolyte

Welcome IN THE NAME OF JESUS, THE CHRIST

We hope that you will sense 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.

Need more information? Want to sign up for something? Looking for the livestream of worship? Go to our website: www.farmingtonpres.org

Need to give us information? Want to ask a question? Looking for assistance with signing up? Email us at: church@farmingtonpres.org

Happenings AT FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN

Sanctuary Flowers this morning are given to the glory of God by John Hazen in memory and honor of his father, John T. Hazen.

Sunday School All ages meet each Sunday morning at 10am for study and fellowship. Elementary in A6, youth in the Youth Room, and adults have the option of a Men's Bible Study in Fellowship Hall or a study with Rev. Rebecca in the East Room (Rev. Rebecca's study will begin on September 12).

Youth Group Find your place in God's story by joining us from 2 to 4pm today (Sunday, August 15th) for fellowship, exploration, and cultivated time together.

Presbyterian Women Potluck Salad Luncheon All women are invited to come to share our favorite salads and enjoy fellowship. We will gather in Fellowship Hall at 11:30am on Saturday, August 21st. A brief meeting will be held following the luncheon.

Do You Know My Story? Join us Monday morning, August 16th, at 9am as we study the story of Queen Esther. We meet on Zoom each Monday morning from 9-10am with Meeting ID: 811 5596 9116 Passcode: Bible. All are welcome!

Room in the Inn Wednesday lunches for guests will continue through September. We need volunteers to provide lunch for 15 on August 25, September 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29. If you prefer, Jinney Hart will deliver the meal for you. Go to farmingtonpres.org and click "Sign up" at the top of our website.

Half Truths: God Helps Those Who Help Themselves and Other Things the Bible Doesn't Say Sunday mornings at 10am in the East Room AND via Zoom Meeting ID: 835 3196 2842 (no passcode needed) beginning September 12th. This study by Adam Hamilton is engaging and enlightening. While the book may be purchased for study, the class will begin with a video presentation and no homework is required! Rev. Rebecca Luter will be facilitating our discussions.

Wednesday Night Dinners We have decided to delay the start of dinners as we were aware that many were not planning to attend due to the current wave of COVID-19 in our community. We will continue to monitor the situation and are planning an outdoor event in September.

Young Adult Bible Study meets at the Starbucks in Pinnacle Bank on Germantown Parkway from 6 to 7 PM Wednesdays. Join us for lively discussion of the Gospel of Luke.

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 between 5:00-5:30pm. They are donating 10% back to Farmington. If you would like to order, please contact them at hutchinsathome@gmail.com.

Bulletin Mailing List While we were all worshiping on YouTube Premier, we sent a bulletin weekly to every household. If you are returning to worship in the Sanctuary and would like to be removed from the weekly mailing, please email us at church@farmingtonpres.org and let us know.

Communications from the Church If you do not get the Happenings email each week and would like to, please email and let us know. We also send text reminders about upcoming Farmington events. You can get those by texting "@farmpres" to "81010."

Worshipping In the Sanctuary Please be mindful of social distancing. Alternate pews are closed to assist in maintaining maximum capacity and distancing. Masks are required while inside the building of those 12 years of

age and older who have not been fully vaccinated. All are encouraged to wear a mask indoors.

Gathered to Worship...Sent to Serve In response to God's blessings and to support what God is doing through the Farmington family, you can make your offering through the website, using a checking account, or mail your offering to Farmington Presbyterian Church, 8245 Farmington Boulevard, Germantown, TN 38139.

Fellowship Coffee Sign up on our website to provide refreshments following worship, www.farmingtonpres.org Please keep it simple-something sweet and something salty.

Flowers for Worship as we regather for worship, we once again have the opportunity to give flowers to grace the Sanctuary in honor or memory of our loved ones. The Flower Calendar is located on our website and is posted on the bulletin board near Fellowship Hall.

This week at Farmington...we encourage you to notice the banners in the Sanctuary and see how many symbols from the Apostles' Creed you can identify.

Remember in Prayer...Our Farmington Family, Session and Staff; Essential workers and all affected by Covid-19; Ryan Andrews, Jack Arendt, Mary Lou Barrentine, Natalie Bergeron, Bill Brown, Kenny Buckner, Jelena Colasurdo, Mary Lou Collins, D.J. Davis, Pat Rush Davis, Jane Egan, Ed Gallagher, Rev. Jim Hamilton, Bill Harrington, Martha Noble Hathcock, Gary Hutchins, Carol Lovell, Harland Lovell, Bettye Lucas, David McCandless, Norma Murphy, Rit Pangburn, Dennis Peeples, Sue Patterson Pine, Bob Plotner, Jonathan Riley, Patti Simpkins, Williams Stevens, Susan St. John, Tim Struble, Joan Wallace, Rob Wentzel, Faye Woods and from our Presbytery: College and Youth Ministry & Youth Groups and Shady Grove Church, Memphis, TN.

Sympathies...to the family and friends of Carolyn Brooks, mother of Susan Bryant, grandmother to Sam Bryant and to the family and friends of Lori Lucas Kent, daughter of Bettye Lucas.

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