



**FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP**  
**Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**August 22, 2021**

Worship Online at 11:00am Sunday Mornings

[www.farmingtonpres.org](http://www.farmingtonpres.org)

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 Prelude in Db Major

Chopin

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, Holy Spirit, breathe new life into us that we may be renewed.

**Come, Holy Spirit, fill us with your truth that we may speak your transformative word.**

Come, Holy Spirit, set our hearts on fire that we may have passion to serve with compassion.

**Come, Holy Spirit, unite our wills that we may desire the justice and peace that God desires.**

Come, Holy Spirit, comfort us, strengthen us, change us.

**Come, Holy Spirit, we bring our lives to you.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE – No. 291

Verses 1, 2, & 4

“Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”

*Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness, calling and free. Spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.*

You moved on the waters; you called to the deep; then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep; and over the eons you called to each thing, "Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings." *Refrain.*

You swept through the desert; you stung with the sand; and you goaded your people with a law and a land. When they were confounded with idols and lies, then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes. *Refrain.*

You call from tomorrow; you break ancient schemes; from the bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams. Our women see visions; our men clear their eyes. With bold new decisions your people arise. *Refrain.*

#### 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.

#### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

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

Charlie Smithers

*All children are invited to come to the Chancel steps.*

*Afterward, young children may return to their seat.*

*Worship bags are available beside the entrance to the Sanctuary.*

## PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

John 14:15-21

“If you love me, keep my commands. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever—the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be<sup>[s]</sup> in you. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them.”

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

SECOND READING

Acts 2:1-4, 14,17

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: “Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It’s only nine in the morning! No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: “In

the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.

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 “I Believe: In the Holy Ghost”

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

Cyril Vincent Taylor

Prelude on “Abbot’s Leigh”

\*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. 282 “Come Down, O Love Divine” Verses 1 & 2

**Come down, O Love Divine; seek out this soul of mine, and visit it with your own ardor glowing. O Comforter, draw near;**

within my heart appear, and kindle it, your holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn, till earthly passions turn to dust and ashes in its heat consuming. And let your glorious light shine ever on my sight, and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE Toccata in e minor Johann Pachelbel

\* Stand as able. **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  
Olivia Mittag, Liturgist  
Charlie Smithers, Children's Moment  
Bo Bradham and Scott Hutchins, Ushers  
Abigail Palmer, Acolyte  
Chancel Choir



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

# 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](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.

**Need more information? Want to sign up for something? Looking for the livestream of worship?** Go to our website: [www.farmingtonpres.org](http://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](mailto:church@farmingtonpres.org)

## Happenings AT FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN

**Sanctuary Flowers** this morning are given to the glory of God by Stephanie and Tom Nagel in celebration of their 43rd wedding anniversary.

**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 Fellowship** will meet from 2-4 today (Aug. 22<sup>nd</sup>) and begin looking at overlooked and sometimes misunderstood characters from the Bible. This, of course, will be light hearted and surrounded by games and fellowship.

**Presbyterian Women Potluck Salad Luncheon** We have, unfortunately, had to postpone our luncheon until we are able to hold it inside or the weather turns cooler.

**Do You Know My Story?** Join us Monday morning, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 9am as we study the description of a virtuous woman in Proverbs and the story of the prophet Hosea's wife, Gomer. 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 a simple lunch (sandwiches and chips) for September 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29. If you prefer, Jinney Hart will deliver the meal for you. Go to [farmingtonpres.org](http://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 12<sup>th</sup>. 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 a picnic on September 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Young Adult Bible Study** has moved to 6:30pm Monday evenings at the Starbucks in Pinnacle Bank off Germantown Parkway. We are reading the Gospel of Luke and discussing each chapter in our gathering time. This week, read Luke 11.

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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 2 years of age and older.

**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.

**Flowers for Worship** The Flower Calendar is located on our website and is posted on the bulletin board near Fellowship Hall. There are now only 3 open dates left for 2021: September 26, October 24, and November 28.

**This week at Farmington...**we were invited to participate in a Presbytery-wide collection of new and gently used backpacks, totes, cosmetic bags, and suitcases for children in foster care to pack when they move from one family to another. Please bring your donations by August 30<sup>th</sup>. During the week,

drop them off at the West entrance. We will store the donations in the East Room.

**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, Norma Murphy, Rit Pangburn, Dennis Peebles, 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: Public Education.

**Sympathies...** to the family and friends of Lori Lucas Kent, daughter of Bettye Lucas and to the family and friends of Barbara Kelly, wife of Bob Kelly, former members.

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