



**FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP**  
**Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**August 29, 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 Allegretto

Hermann Schroeder

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Earthquakes and floods; pandemic and political unrest;  
**cancer and heart disease; poverty, injustice and oppression.**

The ways of death in this world are many and fear is too often our companion.

**But we come now in response to a nudge, gathered by God's Holy Spirit to hear the Word that gives us life.**

God is here as we gather, the church united across space and time.

**God is making all things new, wiping away our tears and setting a banquet of blessing before us.**

A new heaven and a new earth, where the home of God is among God's people, is coming and is here.

**We do not fully understand it and we may struggle to believe it.**

Yet, we are the holy catholic Church and the communion of saints,

**So let us be glad and rejoice!**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE – No. 409 “God Is Here”** Verses 1, 2, & 4

**God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer, may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.**

**Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace; here are table, font, and pulpit; here the cross has central place. Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence, as in speech, here, in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.**

**Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt keep us faithful to the gospel; help us work your purpose out. Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive: we, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!**

**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

Rev. Rebecca Luter

*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

Isaiah 25:3-9

Therefore strong peoples will honor you; cities of ruthless nations will revere you. You have been a refuge for the poor, a refuge for the needy in their distress, a shelter from the storm and a shade from the heat. For the breath of the ruthless is like a storm driving against a wall and like the heat of the desert. You silence the uproar of foreigners; as heat is reduced by the shadow of a cloud, so the song of the ruthless is stilled.

On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples, a banquet of aged wine—the best of meats and the finest of wines. On this mountain he will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations; he will swallow up death forever. The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears from all faces; he will remove his people's disgrace from all the earth. The LORD has spoken.

In that day they will say, "Surely this is our God; we trusted in him, and he saved us. This is the LORD, we trusted in him; let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation."

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

SECOND READING

Revelation 5:6-14

Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing at the center of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders. The Lamb had seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. He went and took

the scroll from the right hand of him who sat on the throne. And when he had taken it, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each one had a harp and they were holding golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of God's people. And they sang a new song, saying:

"You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased for God persons from every tribe and language and people and nation. You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth."

Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. In a loud voice they were saying:

"Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!"

Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, saying:

"To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!"

The four living creatures said, "Amen," and the elders fell down and worshiped.

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 Church"

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

\*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. 733 “We All Are One in Mission”

**We all are one in mission; we all are one in call, our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all. A single, great commission compels us from above to plan and work together that all may know Christ’s love.**

**We all are called for service to witness in God’s name. Our ministries are different; our purpose is the same: to touch the lives of others by God’s surprising grace, so every folk and nation may feel God’s warm embrace.**

**Now let us be united and let our song be heard. Now let us be a vessel for God’s redeeming word. We all are one in mission; we all are one in call, our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.**

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE Poco Vivace

Hermann Schroeder

\* 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  
Laurinda Ingram, Liturgist  
Rev. Rebecca Luter, Children's Moment  
Nadine Oest and Pat Sherman, Ushers  
Delilah Davis, Acolyte  
Chancel Choir  
Ilace Mears, Hammered Dulcimer

## 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 Nadine Oest in memory of her parents, Alice and Ernest Bertalot.

**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. 29<sup>th</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 30<sup>th</sup>, at 9am as we hear from two Old Testament women we don't know well: Susanna and Judith. 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. Thank you to all who have volunteered!

**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 to the West entrance by Monday, August 30<sup>th</sup>.

**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 12.

**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 worshipping 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...**our Chapter-by-Chapter Luke reading this week is Chapter 12. If you struggle with worry or anxiety, read Luke 12:22-34 each day and let Jesus's message speak to you.

**Remember in Prayer...**Our Farmington Family, Session and Staff; Essential workers and all affected by Covid-19; those impacted by the floods of Waverly, TN, Ryan Andrews, Jack Arendt, Larry Barr & family, Mary Lou Barrentine, Natalie Bergeron, Bill Brown, Kenny Buckner, Ralph Carr, Jelena Colasurdo, Mary Lou Collins, D.J. Davis, Pat Rush Davis, Jane Egan, D.J. Davis, Ed Gallagher, Rev. Jim Hamilton, Bill Harrington, Martha Noble Hathcock, Gary Hutchins, Carol Lovell, Roland Mittag, Nancy Palmer, Rit Pangburn, Dennis Peebles, Harley Patterson, Sue Patterson Pine, Bob Pointer, Bob Plotner, Jonathan Riley, Patti Simpkins, Williams Stevens, Susan St. John, Joan Wallace, Rob Wentzel, Faye Woods and from our Presbytery: Kerrville Presbyterian Church, Millington, TN.

**Sympathies...**to the family and friends of Barbara Kelly, wife of Bob Kelly, former members, to the family and friends of Jean Vaughan, mother of Martha Jones and to the family and friends of Tim Struble, friend of Rachel Barr.

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