



FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 19, 2021

Worship Online at 11:00am Sunday Mornings

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Click "Worship Together"

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

from Mark 9:30-37

God of the first and the last, give us strength of mind that we might walk the path of obedience and discipleship without wasting our time thinking about who is more important. Instead, guide our thoughts and our emotions that we may be like children, totally dependent on you, welcoming all with hospitality and love. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

WELCOME

PRELUDE "My Hope is Built"

Wilbur Held

*CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 1

Happy are those who follow the ways of the Lord

God's ways are just and merciful.

Those who follow God's ways are continually nourished in faith;

their delight is in Lord!

Come, let us open our hearts to God's compassionate love!

Come, let us celebrate God's mercy and justice; let us worship and praise our God together!

*HYMN OF PRAISE – No. 41

Verses 1, 4, & 5

"O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!"

O worship the King, all glorious above! O gratefully sing God's power and God's love: our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days, pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

Your bountiful care what tongue can recite? It breathes in the air; it shines in the light; it streams from the hills; it descends to the plain, and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail, in you do we trust, nor find you to fail; your mercies how tender, how firm to the end, our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O God, who makes known to us all truth,
we confess that we are weighed down by our failings:
envy distances us from other people;
greed alerts us only to our own desires.
Where we might bring reconciliation, we create conflicts.
Where you call us to give, we take.
Where your presence beckons, we resist.
Deal with us not as we deserve, O God,
but forgive us, cleanse us, and teach us your way. Amen.**

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.

*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

Mark 9:30-37

They left that place and passed through Galilee. Jesus did not want anyone to know where they were, because he was teaching his disciples. He said to them, "The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men. They will kill him, and after three days he will rise." But they did not understand what he meant and were afraid to ask him about it.

They came to Capernaum. When he was in the house, he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the road?" But they kept quiet because on the way they had argued about who was the greatest. Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, "Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all." He took a little child whom he placed among them. Taking the child in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me."

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SECOND READING

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. Such "wisdom" does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice. But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness.

What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you? You desire but do not have, so you kill. You covet but you cannot get what you want, so you quarrel and fight. You do not have because you do not ask

God. When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.

Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Come near to God and he will come near to you.

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Singing Together: **Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.**

SERMON “WISDOM FROM ABOVE”

Rev. Susan Carter Wiggins

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 “Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”

Bradbury

*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

Our great Gardener, we are like trees planted by streams of water that yield their fruit in season and prosper in you. We are grateful for all that you have provided, and we dedicate our first fruits to you and to the work of your church, now and forever. Amen.

*HYMN – No. 307

Verses 1, 3, & 4

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power; crown thine ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.

Cure thy children's warring madness; bend our pride to thy control; shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore. Let the gift of thy salvation be our glory evermore. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore, serving thee whom we adore.

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE "Festival Flourish"

Charles Callahan

* Stand as able.

Bold Type – congregation in unison

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Participating in the service today:

Rev. Rebecca Luter, Pastor

Rev. Susan Carter Wiggins, Guest Pastor

Doug Barr, Director of Christian Education

Jim Thrash, Director of Music

Tom Bryant, Accompanist

Mike Schneider, Liturgist

Elizabeth Demaree, Children's Moment

Elizabeth Demaree and Paula Patterson, Ushers

Delilah Davis, 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 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 Becky and Scott Hutchins in honor of their 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.

Youth Sunday School we are in a season of Confirmation. Each lesson on Sunday mornings will focus on what it means to be Presbyterian. All youth are invited to participate 10 - 10:45am.

Youth Fellowship Join us 2 - 4pm (Sunday, Sept. 19) for a fun afternoon of EPIC games and discussion.

Presbyterian Women will meet on Sunday, Sept. 19 at 2:00pm on Zoom to discuss chapter 1 of What My Grandmothers Taught Me. This discussion will be led by Kirsten King. The meeting ID is 527 795 3657 and the passcode is grace.

Young Adult Bible Study will meet Mondays 6:30pm - 7:30pm in the Starbucks at Pinnacle Bank on Germantown Parkway. Read Luke chapter 15 for this week's discussion.

Room in the Inn Wednesday lunches for guests will continue through September. Thank you to all who have volunteered!

Half Truths: God Helps Those Who Help Themselves and Other Things the Bible Doesn't Say Join us next Sunday morning (Sept. 26th) as

we discuss “God Helps Those Who Help Themselves” at 10am in the East Room AND on Zoom, Meeting ID: 835 3196 2842 (no passcode needed). 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.

Church-wide Picnic The whole Farmington family (members, visitors, and friends) is encouraged to enjoy an evening outdoors at Johnson Road Park on Wednesday, September 29th. We will have hamburgers and hot dogs, fun and games, and fellowship with friends. Bring your lawn chairs to accommodate everyone and facilitate social distancing. We will begin to gather at 5:45pm. Dinner is \$8 for adults, \$4 for children, and the maximum cost for a family is \$25.

Hiking at Pinecrest Enjoy the beauty of the autumn leaves at Pinecrest on one of two hikes. 1) Wednesday, September 22, 10am-noon, \$5 per person, Follow this guided moderate, 1.5 mile hike to the Overlook. 2) Wednesday, November 17, 10am-1pm, \$5 per person, Catch some scenery into Mississippi on the ridgetops and varying forest community types on this moderate 3 mile hike around the Blue trail. Bring your own lunch. For either or both hikes, RSVP to Charity@camppinecrest.org or 901-878-1247.

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 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 are blessed to welcome Rev. Susan Carter Wiggins to lead in worship and share God's Word. Rev. Wiggins is Associate Pastor for Congregational Care and Nurture at Germantown Presbyterian Church. She holds a Masters of Divinity and a Masters of Marriage and Family Therapy from Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary. Rev. Wiggins says, "I'm delighted to be with y'all this morning!"

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 and Hurricane Ida, Ryan Andrews, Jack Arendt, Mary Lou Barrentine, Bill Brown, Stephanie Brown, Kenny Buckner, Ralph Carr, Jelena Colasurdo, Mary Lou Collins, D.J. Davis, Pat Rush Davis, Jane Egan, Ed Gallagher, Rev. Jim Hamilton, Bill Harrington, Martha Noble Hathcock, George Hazen, Johnny Hofrichter, Gary Hutchins, Carol Lovell, Harland Lovell, Nancy Palmer, Rit Pangburn, Dennis Peeples, Harley Patterson, Sue Patterson Pine, Bob Pointer, Jonathan Riley, Patti Simpkins, Williams Stevens, Susan St. John, Joan Wallace, Rob Wentzel, Faye Woods and from our Presbytery: Marl Bluff Church, Reagan, TN.

Sympathies...to the family and friends of Bill Kennedy, son of Peggy Kennedy, former FPDS employee who also recently lost her sister and to the family and friends of Larry Barr, uncle of Doug Barr.

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