



**FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP**

**World Communion Sunday**

**October 3, 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 gather here to worship and to recall your many blessings in our lives. We assemble in person and online to sing our praise together, joining our voices with all the saints from east and west, north and south, in heaven and on earth. We give thanks to you and rejoice, for your steadfast love endures forever! You are our strength, our salvation, and our hope. Amen.**

**WELCOME**

**PRELUDE** "Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee" Emma Lou Diemer

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** - No. 188 "Jesus Loves Me!"

Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice! The kingdom of this world has become the kingdom of our Lord.

**God has rescued us from the power of evil and claimed us for the realm of Jesus Christ, who will reign forever and ever.**

***Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong. They are weak, but he is strong.***

Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.

**As he prepared to lay his life down for us, Jesus said, "Little children, I'm with you for a little while longer" and he gave us a new commandment, "Love each other. Just as I have loved you, so you also must love each other. This is how everyone will know that you are my disciples, when you love each other."**

***Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
The Bible tells me so.***

In the beginning, when there was only the chaos of darkness, God spoke, “Let there be light.”

**The heavens declare the glory of God. The skies proclaim God’s handiwork from sunrise to sunset and from sunset to sunrise.**

God’s light shines in our hearts as we are united with our brothers and sisters around the world and empowered by the Holy Spirit to love the unloved.

**God’s majesty can be seen in all the earth. How can the wonder of God’s world be missed when we look through the eyes of a child?**

***Jesus loves me! This I know, as he loved so long ago, taking children on his knee, saying, “Let them come to me.”***

***Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
The Bible tells me so.***

#### CALL TO RECONCILIATION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, in response to your overwhelming love, we are humbled. We mean to love you with all our hearts and minds, with all our strength, but there are so many other things that clamor for our focus. Lord Jesus, in response to your lavish love, we are awed. We mean to live and move and have our being following you, but there are so many other paths calling for our attention. We forget who you are, the source of every blessing. We forget who we are, blessed to be a blessing. Forgive us, Living God. Restore us and form us into the people you dream we will be, focused on loving you and our neighbor in response to your love.**

#### 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

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

Psalm 8

LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory in the heavens. Through the praise of children and infants you have established a stronghold against your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger. When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them? You have made them a little lower than the angels and crowned them with glory and honor. You made them rulers over the works of your hands; you put everything under their feet: all flocks and herds, and the animals of the wild, the birds in the sky, and the fish in the sea, all that swim the paths of the seas. LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

SECOND READING

Mark 10:13-16

People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God

belongs to such as these. Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.” And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them.

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.**

SERMON

“Blessed to Be Childlike”

Rev. Rebecca Luter

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Please remember those on our prayer list.*

## RESPOND TO GOD

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM    Nocturne in E Minor

Chopin

\*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

**Generous God, we can never measure your blessings; your loving presence steadfastly supports and guides us. You are present with us in our darkest moments; you rescue us. You are present with us in our deepest despair; you sit with us. You are present with us in our greatest joys; you celebrate with us. We give thanks for your constant presence, guidance, and care. Receive our offerings of thanksgiving and transform them into the mystery of your reign on earth, with your will being done in all times and all places. In Jesus’s name, Amen. Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks for the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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.**

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

*The Communion elements we share this morning are gluten, sugar, nut, and dairy-free bread and white grape juice.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

\*HYMN – No. 702 “Christ Be Beside Me”

**Christ be beside me; Christ be before me; Christ be behind me, King of my heart. Christ be within me; Christ be below me; Christ be above me, never to part.**

**Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand, Christ all around me, shield in the strife. Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting, Christ in my rising, Light of my life.**

**Christ be in all hearts thinking about me; Christ be on all tongues telling of me. Christ be the vision in eyes that see me; in ears that hear me Christ ever be.**

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE Allegro Moderato (from Concerto in G) Handel

\* 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  
Pat Sherman, Liturgist  
Charlie Smithers, Children’s Moment  
Bonnie Blair and Nadine Oest, Communion 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](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 Annette & Jerry Hosier in celebration of their October birthdays.

**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, Oct. 3). We will watch *Fellowship of the Rings*. FYI – there is fantasy violence and its rated PG-13. Bring snacks!

**Young Adult Bible Study** will meet Mondays 6:30pm - 7:30pm in the Starbucks at Pinnacle Bank on Germantown Parkway. Read Luke chapter 17 for this week's discussion.

**Friendsgiving** Invite your friends and plan to come for an evening of fellowship and fun in the backyard of Farmington, November 5<sup>th</sup> from 5-7pm. Scott Hutchins will be making pizza to be sold by the slice, and we will

have Kona Ice and face painting. Ted Horrell and the Monday Night Card will be providing musical entertainment. Proceeds and donations will be given to assist the flood victims of Waverly, TN as they begin the long process of rebuilding.

**Room in the Inn** For months, we have provided lunches on Wednesday for guests in Restorative Care and the Family Inn. The ministry is continuing to grow and flourish and now requires and has hired a kitchen staff to coordinate meals for all who are receiving help. Thank you to all who have ensured our neighbors were not hungry!

**Presbyterian Women Picnic** All women are invited to bring your favorite salad to share at a Potluck Salad Lunch on Monday, October 11<sup>th</sup> (if raining, Tuesday, October 12<sup>th</sup>), at 11:30am in the backyard at Farmington. Attire is casual; desserts and drinks will be provided. RSVP to Jinney Hart at 901-262-5292.

**Half Truths: God Helps Those Who Help Themselves and Other Things the Bible Doesn't Say** Join us Sunday morning (October 24<sup>th</sup>) as we discuss "God Said It, I Believe It, That Settles It" 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.

**Hiking at Pinecrest** Enjoy the beauty of the autumn leaves at Pinecrest on a hike on 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. RSVP to [Charity@camppinecrest.org](mailto: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](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 is now only 1 open date left for 2021: October 24.

**This week at Farmington...**we enjoyed a delicious picnic at Johnson Road Park. What a blessing to share fellowship, food and games with our Farmington family.

**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, Robert Applewhite, 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, Johnny Hofrichter, Gary Hutchins, Mitch Katz, Carol Lovell, Harland Lovell, Nancy Palmer, Rit Pangburn, Dennis Peebles, Linda Perry, Sue Patterson Pine, Bob Pointer, Jonathan Riley, Patti Simpkins, Williams Stevens, Susan St. John, Beth Tobey, Judy Tobey, Joan Wallace, Rob Wentzel, Faye Woods and from our Presbytery: First Presbyterian Church, Savannah, TN.

**Sympathy...**to the family and friends of Brian Cox, great-nephew of Cooper Patterson.

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