



FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
October 10, 2021

Worship Online at 11:00am Sunday Mornings

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Click "Worship Together"

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Eternal God, you are always speaking to us, coming to us, reaching out and inviting us into a deeper relationship with you. During this hour of worship help us to hear your Word. Silence in us anything that distracts us from your voice. Through the power of the Holy Spirit help us to listen to your call as we humbly seek to discern and do your will. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

WELCOME

PRELUDE "Here Am I, Lord"

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Psalm 95:1-7

O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

For the Lord is a great God and a great King above all gods.

In God's hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land, which his hands have formed

O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

For Yahweh is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. O, that today we would listen to his voice!

***HYMN OF PRAISE – No. 451**

Verses 1 & 2

"Open My Eyes, That I May See"

Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me. Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free. Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see. Open my eyes; illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear. And while the wave notes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear. Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see. Open my ears; illumine me, Spirit divine!

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Jason Hood, Chair of Pinecrest Board

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Great and good God, we confess that you have called, and we have failed to answer. We have ignored your voice, distorted your instructions, and tried to escape your total claim on our lives. We have hoped that we could listen to only those portions of your word that suit us, while stopping our ears to the parts that call for us to change. Forgive our evasions and excuses. In your mercy, put people in our path that will help us to discern your life-giving call. Through your grace, grant us the power to do whatever it takes to place ourselves in front of Jesus Christ when he comes so that we will be transformed into the people you want us and have created us to be.

KYRIE

**Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

2 Corinthians 5:17

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation! The old is continually being passed away. A new life has begun. Believe the good news of the Gospel:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Hallelujah! Amen.

*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

from A Declaration of Faith

God sends us to proclaim the gospel.

God sent the Son to proclaim release to those who are bound, to announce that God's promised kingdom is at hand, to urge everyone to repent and believe the good news.

The Lord is moving toward a time when the glorious liberty of the children of God will be manifest throughout the whole creation.

We testify God is at work here and now when people obey Christ's commission to witness to him and make disciples of all nations, when they spread the good news by their words and embody it in their lives.

THROUGH CHILDREN'S EYES

Lucy Cummings

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

1 Samuel 3:1-10

The boy Samuel ministered before the Lord under Eli. In those days the word of the Lord was rare; there were not many visions. One night Eli, whose eyes were becoming so weak that he could barely see, was lying down in his usual place. The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the house of the Lord, where the ark of God was.

Then the Lord called Samuel. Samuel answered, "Here I am." And he ran to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." But Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down." So he went and lay down.

Again the Lord called, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." "My son," Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down."

Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord: The word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. A third time the Lord called, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me."

Then Eli realized that the Lord was calling the boy. So Eli told Samuel, "Go and lie down, and if he calls you, say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. The Lord came and stood there, calling as at the other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" Then Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way.

When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today." So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly. All the people saw this and began to mutter, "He has gone to be the guest of a sinner."

But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount."

Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

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

"Worthy"

Lucy Cummings

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please remember those on our prayer list.

....humbly and sincerely say:

Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening.

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 "Meditation" Cecile Chaminade, arr. Charles Callahan

*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.

*HYMN – No. 69 “I, the Lord of Sea and Sky”

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry. All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain. I have wept for love of them. They turn away. I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone. I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? *Refrain.*

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame. I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? *Refrain.*

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE Prelude in Bb Major

J.S. Bach

* Stand as able.

Bold Type – congregation in unison

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Participating in the service today:

Rev. Rebecca Luter, Pastor
Lucy Cummings, Executive Director of Pinecrest Camp
Jason Hood, Chairperson of Pinecrest Board
Doug Barr, Director of Christian Education
Jim Thrash, Director of Music
Tom Bryant, Accompanist
Bonnie Blair, Liturgist
Lucy Cummings, Children's Moment
Jinney Hart 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 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 Ray Bendall in loving memory of his daughter, Laura.

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 We are leaving from the church at 2pm (October 10th), taking the bus to the Corn Maze. Bring \$10, plus any other money for snacks or drinks.

Young Adult Bible Study will meet Mondays 6:30pm - 7:30pm in the Starbucks at Pinnacle Bank on Germantown Parkway. Read Luke chapter 18 for this week's discussion.

Presbyterian Women Picnic Tomorrow! All women are invited to bring your favorite salad to share at a Potluck Salad Lunch on Monday, October 11th (if raining, Tuesday, October 12th), 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. Our next meeting will be next Sunday on Zoom. We will be studying Lesson 2 at 2pm.

CampFood and Cocktails supporting Pinecrest Camp and Conference Center is October 24th, 5-8pm, outside at Shady Grove Presbyterian. Tickets are \$59 and are available at camppinecrest.org/campfood. (\$75 at the door)

Trunk or Treat is October 30, 3:30-5pm. Sign up to host a trunk on our website! www.farmingtonpres.org/sign-ups

Friendsgiving Invite your friends and plan to come for an evening of fellowship and fun in the backyard of Farmington, November 5th 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.

Half Truths: God Helps Those Who Help Themselves and Other Things the Bible Doesn't Say Join us Sunday morning (October 24th) 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 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 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 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...Bonnie Blair, Jackie Hall, Bob Plotner, and Mike Schneider were elected to serve as active Ruling Elders on Session. Thank you to all of those serving on Session for sharing your gifts and skills with the Farmington family and for leading us in doing God’s will in the coming years and we welcome Lucy Cummings, the Executive Director of Pinecrest Camp and Conference Center and longtime friend of the Farmington family, to lead in worship and share God’s Word with us this morning as well as Jason Hood, the Chairperson of the Pinecrest Board.

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, Dr. Terry Brimer, 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, Carol Lovell, Harland Lovell, Nancy Palmer, Rit Pangburn, Dennis Peeples, Bob Pointer, Jonathan Riley, Patti Simpkins, Williams Stevens, Susan St. John, Beth Tobey, Judy Tobey, Joan Wallace, Rob Wentzel, Jayme White, Faye Woods and from our Presbytery: Bethesda Presbyterian Church, Selmer, TN.

Sympathies...to the family and friends of Brian Cox, great-nephew of Cooper Patterson, to the family and friends of Sue Patterson Pine, cousin of Ed Patterson, to the family and friends of Linda Perry, mother of Cristaldawn Smith, to the family and friends of Mitch Katz, coworker of Melanie Oest, to the family and friends of Ed Mize, husband of Martha Mize and to the family and friends Mrs. Carr, mother-in-law of Martha Carr.

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