



**FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP
Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost
October 17, 2021**

Worship Online at 11:00am Sunday Mornings

www.farmingtonpres.org

Click "Worship Together"

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Almighty and Eternal God, You are the Fountain of Mercy. Prepare in us humble hearts and the desire to devote our lives to you, with purpose and intention. Take our wayfaring lives and orient us to your will as we come to give you thanks and praise. Amen.

WELCOME

PRELUDE Prelude on "Ash Grove"
Burkhardt

Michael

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Creator and Living Lord, you paint strokes of hope on the canvas of each life;

Thanks be to you, Author of Life, utterly beyond our sight and totally within.

Redeemer and Saving Lord, your compassion hears and holds our prayers;

Thanks be to you, Alpha and Omega, Beginning and End

Sustainer and Ever-present Lord, you gather us to worship and provoke us towards love;

Thanks be to you, Advocate and One who reconciles our lives. Let us worship God together.

***HYMN OF PRAISE – No. 37 "Let All Things Now Living"**

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving to God our Creator triumphantly raise; who fashioned and made us,

protected and stayed us, by guiding us on to the end of our days. God's banners are o'er us; pure light goes before us, a pillar of fire shining forth in the night: 'til shadows have vanished, all fearfulness banished, as forward we travel from light into light.

By law God enforces, the stars in their courses, the sun in its orbit obediently shine; the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains, the depths of the ocean proclaim God divine. We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing; with glad adoration, a song let us raise, 'til all things now living unite in thanksgiving: to God in the highest, hosanna and praise!

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

MERCIFUL LORD, we present ourselves before you, ready to confess. When we turn away from you and care more for ourselves than another, Lord, have mercy upon us and turn us around. When we fail to speak out against injustice, and choose silence, encourage us to utter the truth in your loving kindness. Soften our hearts when they are hardened by sin and held in the grip of fear and, always and forever, forgive us we pray.

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

Jinney Hart

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

1:4-20

On the day that Elkanah sacrificed, he would give portions to his wife Peninnah and to all her sons and daughters, but to Hannah he gave a double portion, because he loved her, though the Lord had closed her womb. Her rival used to provoke her severely, to irritate her, because the Lord had closed her womb. So it went on year by year; as often as she went up to the house of the Lord, she used to provoke her. Therefore Hannah wept and would not eat. Her husband Elkanah said to her, "Hannah, why do you weep? Why do you not eat? Why is your heart sad?" Am I not more to you than ten sons?"

After they had eaten and drunk at Shiloh, Hannah rose and presented herself before the Lord. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple of the Lord. She was deeply distressed and prayed to the Lord, and wept bitterly. She made this vow: "O Lord of hosts, if only you will look on the misery of your servant, and remember me, and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a male child, then I will set him before you as a Nazarite until the day of his death. He shall drink neither wine nor intoxicants, and no razor shall touch his head."

As she continued praying before the Lord, Eli observed her mouth. Hannah was praying silently, only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard; therefore Eli thought she was drunk. So Eli said to her, "How long will you make a drunken spectacle of yourself? Put away your wine."

But Hannah answered, "No, my Lord, I am a woman deeply troubled; I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I have

been pouring out my soul before the Lord. Do not regard your servant as a worthless woman, for I have been speaking out of my great anxiety and vexation all this time.”

Then Eli answered, “Go in peace; the God of Israel grant the petition you have made to him.” And she said, “Let your servant find favor in your sight.” Then the woman went to her quarters, ate and drank with her husband, and her countenance was sad no longer. They rose early in the morning and worshiped before the Lord, then they went back to their house at Ramah. Elkanah knew his wife Hannah, and the Lord remembered her. In due time, Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, “I have asked him of the Lord.”

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SECOND READING

Philippians 4:4-9

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

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

“How Do We Know”

Rev. Anne HK Apple

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 “The Summons”

John Bell

*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. 643 “Now Thank We All Our God”

**Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices;
who, from our mothers’ arms, hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.**

**O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us; and
keep us in God’s grace, and guide us when perplexed, and
free us from all ills in this world in the next.**

**All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven, to
Father and to Son and Spirit now be given: the one eternal
God, whom heaven and earth adore, the God who was, and is,
and shall be evermore.**

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE “Now Thank We All Our God”

Karg-Elert

* Stand as able.

Bold Type – congregation in unison

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

Participating in the service today:

Rev. Rebecca Luter, Pastor
Rev. Anne HK Apple, Guest Pastor
Doug Barr, Director of Christian Education
Jim Thrash, Director of Music
Tom Bryant, Accompanist
Mike Schneider, Liturgist
Jinney Hart, Children's Moment
Paula Patterson and MaryShelley Ritchey, Ushers
Hudson Barr, Acolyte
Chancel Choir
Rebecca Hutchins, soprano

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 and in honor of Harland and Carol Lovell's 50th anniversary.

This morning we welcome Rev. Anne HK Apple, a PC(USA) colleague and friend of Rev. Rebecca Luter, to Farmington Presbyterian. A graduate of Rhodes College and Columbia Theological Seminary, Anne most recently served Idlewild Presbyterian Church. Anne is married to Jim, and they have three young adult children: Betsy (Daniel), James, and Abigail, who when they left home left behind three lovely creatures: a rescue pup, Jake, a persnickety cat, Holly Holiday; and that fish, Pluto.

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.

The Women of Farmington Presbyterian are encouraged to attend the next ZOOM circle meeting Sunday, October 17 at 2:00 PM and discuss Lesson 2 of What My Grandmothers Taught Me. We will be discussing Tamar in Lesson 2 and sharing our Visio Divina images from Lesson 1. We will also share a Visio Divina image or a verbal description that represents what was revealed to us about Tamar's story. All women are invited. Contact Jinney Hart for more information.

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 will not meet today. Have a fun and safe fall break.

Young Adult Bible Study will meet Mondays 6:30pm - 7:30pm in the Starbucks at Pinnacle Bank on Germantown Parkway. Read Luke chapter 19 for this week's discussion.

CampFood and Cocktails supporting Pinecrest Camp and Conference Center is Sunday, 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 next 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 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 is now only 1 open date left for 2021: next Sunday, October 24.

This week at Farmington... Service Committee invites you to join the mission team traveling to Mexico June/July 2022 to build cisterns. We are in the process of setting the dates and want to include you if you are interested. For more info, contact Rev. Rebecca (rluter@farmingtonpres.org).

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: First Presbyterian Church, Selmer, TN.

Sympathies... 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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