



**FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP**  
**Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost**  
**October 31, 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 "Andante"

Mozart

\*CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>†</sup>

based on Psalm 146:5-10

Come and worship!

**We will praise the One between, within, and over.**

Trust in the One who co-creates the was, the now, and the will-be.

**Our hope is in the One who creates expansive love calling us to do the same.**

Follow the One who never breaks covenant.

**We follow the One whose extravagant love calls us to co-create justice for the oppressed,**

**feed the hungry, unlock prisons,**

**and welcome strangers, orphans, and widows.**

Praise the One whose justice is grace-full and inclusive.

**We praise the Spirit that spans the ages. Amen!**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE – No. 694 “Great God of Every Blessing”

**Great God of every blessing, of faithful, loving care, you are the fount of goodness, the daily bread we share. How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start: sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.**

**Your Word is our salvation, the source of endless grace, in death and life extending your covenant embrace. In Christ we are one body; each member has a part: sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.**

**Your Spirit is our teacher, the light that guides our search, transforming broken people into the holy church. For feeding us with mercy, for wisdom you impart: sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.**

BLESSED TO BE A BLESSING

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.**

\*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

Rachel Barr

*All children are invited to come to the Chancel steps.*

*Afterward, young children may return their seat.*

*Worship bags are available beside the entrance to the Sanctuary.*

## PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Proverbs 11:23-25

The desire of the righteous ends only in good, but the hope of the wicked only in wrath. One person gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty. A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

SECOND READING

Mark 12:38-44

As he taught, Jesus said, "Watch out for the teachers of the law. They like to walk around in flowing robes and be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and have the most important seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at banquets. They devour widows' houses and for a show make lengthy prayers. These men will be punished most severely."

Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few cents.

Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on."

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

“The Blessing of Blessing”

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**

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS

Bob Plotner

Mike Schneider

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM “Day by Day”

Martin How

\*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. 700 “I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”

**I’m gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

**I’m gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE “March in A Major”

Benjamin Britten

\* 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  
Susan Bryant, Liturgist  
Rachel Barr, Children’s Moment  
Elizabeth Demaree and Roland Mittag, Ushers  
Hadley Barr, Acolyte  
Chancel Choir



THIS SERVICE IS BEING LIVE-STREAMED  
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 Mo & Charlie Smithers to honor Charlie's Mom and in memory of Mo's Mom and Dad and Charlie's Dad.

**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** will meet today (Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>) from 2-4pm to help with Alan Graubart's Eagle Scout project. Dress to work outside. All Youth are encouraged to come help out!

**Young Adult Bible Study** will meet Mondays at 6:00pm in the Starbucks at Pinnacle Bank on Germantown Parkway.

**Friendsgiving on Friday** Invite your friends and plan to come for an evening of fellowship and fun in the backyard of Farmington, this Friday, 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.

**Things the Bible Doesn't Say** Join us next Sunday morning, November 7<sup>th</sup>, at 10am to explore some sayings you may think are Biblical, but really aren't! We meet 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 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.

**Summer Mission Trip** 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](mailto:rluter@farmingtonpres.org)).

**This week at Farmington...**we are excited that additional benches with backs are being added to the Outdoor Sanctuary by Alan Graubart as his Eagle Scout Project.

**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, Kenny Buckner, Renee Cantor, Ralph Carr, Jelena Colasurdo, Mary Lou Collins, D.J. Davis, Bethany Dodd, Jane Egan, Ed Gallagher, Rev. Jim Hamilton, Bill Harrington, Martha Noble Hathcock, Johnny Hofrichter, Gary Hutchins, Nancy & Dennis 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, Jennifer Young, and from our Presbytery: First Presbyterian Church, Caruthersville, MO.

**Sympathy...** to the family and friends of Dr. Terry Brimer, friend of Rev. Ruth Lovell Bradham.

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