



**FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP**

**All Saint's Sunday**

**November 7, 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 "Largo"

Edward Elgar

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

God sets before us the ways of life and of death.

**We long to choose life.**

God sets before us blessings and impediments.

**We long to choose blessings.**

Christ invites us to gather around Christ's Table.

**We long to hear and receive God's Word of hope.**

Christ offers us the bread of life and the cup of salvation and invites us to follow him to life everlasting.

**We gather with all the saints to worship the Lord with joy!**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE – No. 309

Verses 1, 2, & 3

"Come, Great God of All the Ages"

**Come, great God of all the ages; make your earthly mission known; speak through every deed and person; let your way and will be shown. Guide the church to true commitment;**

give direction now, we ask; fit us for the work of building  
dedicate us to the task.

Come, Christ Jesus, flesh and spirit, sure foundation,  
cornerstone; help us form the church eternal; may your vision  
be our won. Send a message to each follower; lead all people  
to your way; urge us to strong faith and action as we build the  
church today.

Come, great Spirit, in and with us, tune our ears to hear your  
call; through the moving of your presence, let redeeming love  
recall ministry in dedication, love embodied in our deeds;  
challenge us to do your bidding, see your purpose, fill all  
needs.

BLESSED TO BE A BLESSING

Ann Erickson

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

Shelley Wann

*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

Isaiah 25:6-9

On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples, a banquet of aged wine—the best of meats and the finest of wines. On this mountain he will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations; he will swallow up death forever. The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears from all faces; he will remove his people's disgrace from all the earth. The LORD has spoken.

In that day they will say, "Surely this is our God; we trusted in him, and he saved us. This is the LORD, we trusted in him; let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation."

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

SECOND READING

Mark 10:17-31

As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. "Good teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

"Why do you call me good?" Jesus answered. "No one is good—except God alone. You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, you shall not defraud, honor your father and mother.'"

"Teacher," he declared, "all these I have kept since I was a boy."

Jesus looked at him and loved him. "One thing you lack," he said. "Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."

At this the man's face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth.

Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!"

The disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God."

The disciples were even more amazed, and said to each other, "Who then can be saved?"

Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God."

Then Peter spoke up, "We have left everything to follow you!"

"Truly I tell you," Jesus replied, "no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age: homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields—along with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last first."

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 with Choices"

Rev. Rebecca Luter

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Please remember those on our prayer list.*

## RESPOND TO GOD

INSTALLATION OF ELDERS

Bonnie Blair

Jackie Hall

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "In Deepest Night"

David Schwoebel

In deepest night, in darkest days, when harps are hung, no songs we raise, When silence must suffice as praise, yet sounding in us quietly there is the song of God.

When friend was lost, when love deceived dear Jesus wept, God was bereaved; So with us in our grief God grieves, and round about us mournfully there are the tears of God.

When through the waters winds our path, around us pain, around us death, deep calls to deep, a saving breath, And found beside us faithfully there is the love of God. (*Susan Palo Chervien*)

\*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.**

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.**

SUNG RESPONSES – No. 552, 553, & 554

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

LORI LUCAS KENT

EDWARD MIZE

SHARON THRASH

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. 326 “For All the Saints” Verses 1, 2 & 3

**For all the saints who from their labors rest, who thee by faith  
before the world confessed, thy name, O Jesus, be forever  
blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Thou wast their rock, their fortress and their might; thou,  
Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight; thou, in the  
darkness drear, their one true light. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**O blest communion, fellowship divine! We feebly struggle;  
they in glory shine; yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE Chorale

Karg-Elertnd

\* 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  
Kay Patterson, Liturgist  
Shelley Wann, Children’s Moment  
Ann Erickson and Jackie Hall, 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 Melanie Oest in honor of Nadine's birthday.

**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 (November 7<sup>th</sup>) from 2-4pm to continue its viewing of *Fellowship of the Rings* in the East Room. This film is PG-13 for fantasy violence.

**Young Adult Bible Study** continues to meet at the Starbucks in Pinnacle Bank in Germantown, Monday at 6:00pm to discuss chapter 19 of Luke.

**Things the Bible Doesn't Say** Join us next Sunday morning, November 14<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). Rev. Rebecca Luter will be facilitating our discussion.

**An Evening of Gratitude** Wednesday, November 17 at 6pm a Thanksgiving Service of Worship will be held in the Sanctuary and livestreamed on our website. Let us gather together to thank our God, who has blessed us on our way with countless gifts of love.

**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 welcomed visitors from Bedrock to Wonderland and from the Hundred Acre Wood to Transylvania to Trunk or Treat. Thank you to all who decorated trunks and brought joy to the children.

**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, Gary Hutchins, Meredith Oest, Nancy & Dennis Palmer, Steve Patterson, Jimmy Robinson, Rit Pangburn, Dennis Peeples, 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: Hunger & Homelessness.