



**FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP**

**Seventh Sunday of Easter  
May 29, 2022**

Worship Online at 11:00am Sunday Mornings

[www.farmingtonpres.org](http://www.farmingtonpres.org)

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**ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME**

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

O God, your Son, Jesus, prayed for his disciples, and sent them into the world to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. By your Holy Spirit, fill your church with compassion and keep it faithful to your Word, so that, together we may be one with Christ in faith and love and service, now and forever. Amen.

WELCOME

PRELUDE "Amazing Grace"

Gilbert Martin

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Revelation 22:17

The Spirit and the church say, Come.

**And let everyone who hears say, Come.**

And let everyone who is thirsty come.

**Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE – No. 331 "God of the Ages"

**God of the ages, whose almighty hand leads forth in beauty all the starry band of shining worlds in splendor through the skies, our grateful songs before thy throne arise.**

**Thy love divine hath led us in the past. In this free land by thee our lot is cast. Be thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay: thy word our law, thy paths our chosen way.**

**From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence, be thy strong arm our ever sure defense. Thy true religion in our hearts increase. Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.**

**Refresh thy people on their toilsome way. Lead us from night to everlasting day. Fill all our lives with love and grace divine, and glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.**

*(Please be seated.)*

#### CALL TO RECONCILIATION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Loving and generous God, you are the source of every blessing and all we have. Your abundance is given freely to all. But God, forgive us for wanting more, even when we have more than we need. Create in us new hearts to love our neighbors as much as we love ourselves. Help us to know that our abundance is for others' needs. Forgive us our dulled generosity. Teach us to serve you faithfully by recognizing that your abundance is enough for all if we share.**

#### 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

from the Second Helvetic Confession

**Faith is a pure gift of God, given by the Holy Spirit, by means of the preaching of the Gospel and steadfast prayer. Our salvation is not a result of our good works, rather works necessarily proceed from faith. For good works grow out of a living faith by the Holy Spirit and are done by the faithful according to the will or rule of God's Word. These works are not done that we may earn eternal life by them, for eternal life is the gift of God, but they are done for the glory of God and the profit of the neighbor. For our Lord says, "Let your light so shine before others, that they may see your good works and give glory to God."**

#### THROUGH CHILDREN'S EYES

Elizabeth Demaree

*All children are invited to come to the Chancel steps.  
Afterward, young children may remain or proceed to the nursery.  
Worship bags are available beside the entrance to the Sanctuary.*

## PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### FIRST READING

1 Chronicles 29:14-16

But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand. We are foreigners and strangers in your sight, as were all our ancestors. Our days on earth are like a shadow, without hope. Lord our God, all this abundance that we have provided for building you a temple for your Holy Name comes from your hand, and all of it belongs to you.

Holy wisdom. Holy Word.

**Thanks be to God!**

#### SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 9:6-8

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

Holy wisdom. Holy Word.

**Thanks be to God!**

**Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.**

#### SERMON

“Sow What?”

Kirsten King, Ruling Elder

#### 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

\*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

**Divine Giver, all that we have is a gift from you, and your grace is our sufficiency. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts, our resources, and our lives that they may increase your blessing to others, through the grace and mercy of Christ. Amen.**

\*HYMN No. 716 “God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

**God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store, nature’s wonder, Jesus’ wisdom, costly cross, grave’s shattered door: gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise; thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.**

**Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of Christ, your Son: all at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the church made one. Now direct our daily labor, lest we strive for self alone. Born with talents, make us servants fit to answer at your throne.**

**Treasure, too, you have entrusted, gain through powers your grace conferred: ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel word. Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ’s ageless call, healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving you by loving all.**

\*BENEDICTION

\*SENDING FORTH HYMN No. 826

Verse 4

“Lift High the Cross”

***Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.***

**So shall our song of triumph ever be: praise to the Crucified for victory. *Refrain.***

\*POSTLUDE Postlude on “Beach Spring”

\*Stand as able.

**Bold Type** – congregation in unison

**Participating in the service today:**

Rev. Rebecca Luter, Pastor  
Kirsten King, Guest Speaker  
Doug Barr, Director of Christian Education  
Jim Thrash, Director of Music  
Tom Bryant, Accompanist  
Paul King, Liturgist  
Elizabeth Demaree, Children's Moment  
Charlie and Maureen Smithers, Ushers  
Delilah Davis, Acolyte  
Chancel Choir  
Jim Laycock, Guitar



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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. We are grateful for the visitors and friends of the Farmington family who add to our community each week.

**Curious to know what church membership means? Wonder why a person would want to join or how a person joins?** Our pastor, Rev. Rebecca Luter, would love to talk with you. You may reach her by email at [rluter@farmingtonpres.org](mailto:rluter@farmingtonpres.org) or by phone in the church office, 901-754-2794. She'll answer questions you may have about Farmington or Presbyterianism and walk you through meeting our leadership and making your spot in our family official. Just let us know if this feels like the right step for you, or if you are curious to learn more.

**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

**Flowers** this morning are given to the glory of God by Mike & Sharaze Colley in loving memory of their son, Grant.

**Join us for Fellowship Coffee** immediately following the service in the Fellowship Hall. Refreshments provided by Jerry & Ellen Renfrow.

**Children's Sunday School** is on Summer Break! Be sure to register for VBS!

**Summer Adult Sunday School Class** will meet Sundays at 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall. This group will study Adam Hamilton's *John: The Gospel of Light and Life*. Any who are interested are encouraged to attend – even youth! This group will be led by Cooper Patterson.

**Youth Fellowship** will not meet today. Have a safe Memorial Day Weekend!

**Vitality Educational Event** is June 4th from 9am - 1pm at Farmington. This is an opportunity to imagine the church in a post-pandemic world. All are invited to explore these questions. How have we changed? What stays the same? How can we better serve our congregations? Register online at [www.farmingtonpres.org](http://www.farmingtonpres.org). Cost is \$25 and includes lunch provided by FireHutch catering.

**Rise Against Hunger Packaging Event** is June 5<sup>th</sup> at 1pm. A pizza lunch will be served for those who stay after worship. We will package 20,000 meals to be distributed to shelters and schools around the world in areas of disaster or in developing countries so that hungry people are fed. The cost of 20,000 meals is \$7,500. The children will be collecting in the Narthex after service today. In addition, you may purchase a card sharing that you have given in honor of your mother or father or a person who is special to you! The cards are \$20 each and are being sold after Sunday services in the Narthex.

**Pentecost Offering** Each year, we have 4 denominational offerings. The Pentecost Offering supports the local church's, as well as the denomination's, ministries with youth and young adults. 40% of the offering will be used to send Farmington youth to Montreat this summer, 25% supports the Young Adult Volunteer (YAV) program, 25% supports the development of youth ministry resources and retreats, and 10% advocates for all children to have access to education. We invite you to be generous as we collect the Pentecost Offering on June 5<sup>th</sup>. Please memo your gift on your check or online "Pentecost" for proper attribution.

**Eagle Scout Car Wash Fundraiser** June 11<sup>th</sup> from 8:30am-2pm in the back parking lot, Austin Brewster of Farmington's Boy Scout Troop 368

will be raising funds for his Eagle Scout Project. All are encouraged to come, support him, and get a car wash. Let your friends and neighbors know!

**Congregational Meeting** Session has called a Congregational Meeting following worship on Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup> for the purpose of receiving the Nominating Committee Report and electing Ruling Elders to the Class of 2025. The slate of nominees is: Doug Barr, Ann Erickson, and Jinney Hart. Any member may be nominated by you are the Congregational Meeting. We do ask that you have agreement from the member to serve, if elected, prior to nominating that person.

**VBS is June 13-17, 9am-noon.** Registration forms available outside the sanctuary or on our website. Those attending FPDS summer camp will be attending without registration. Adults and youth are encouraged to let Doug know if you are interested in helping!

**Flowers for Worship** It is a time-honored tradition to give flowers to grace the Sanctuary in honor or memory of our loved ones. The cost for the flowers is \$60. The Flower Calendar is located on our website and is posted on the bulletin board near Fellowship Hall.

**Fellowship Coffee** has returned! Sign up on our website to provide refreshments following worship, [www.farmingtonpres.org](http://www.farmingtonpres.org) Please keep it simple-something sweet and something salty.

**Wednesday Night Dinner** Scott and Becky Hutchins (Firehutch Fine Foods) will continue 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.”

**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.

**This week at Farmington...**Kirsten King, member of Farmington Presbyterian, Candidate for Ordained Ministry in the Presbytery, and May 2022 graduate of Columbia Theological Seminary is preaching.

**Remember in Prayer...**Our Farmington Family, Session and Staff; Those impacted by war, Buffalo, NY community, Irvine Taiwanese Presbyterian and Geneva Presbyterian Church, Laguna Woods, CA community, Robb Elementary School and Uvalde, TX community, Jack Arendt, Bruce Bennett, Bonnie Blair, Bill Brown, Renee Canter, Martha Carr, Ralph Carr, Jelena Colasurdo, Mary Lou Collins, Pat Rush Davis, Jamecka Donley, Bill Dyer, Bill Harrington, Vanessa Howard, Loyd Hudson, Gary Hutchins, Louise Jacobson, Micci Leake, Julia Lively, Virginia Lively, Carol Lovell, Sue Odom, Meredith Oest, Nancy & Dennis Palmer, Bob Pointer, Bill Renfrow, Jonathan Riley, Jack Scherer, JoAnne Simpkins, Patti Simpkins, Mary Elizabeth Simpson, Williams Stevens, Susan St. John, Joan Wallace, Jim Waller, Frank Whited, Faye Woods, and from our Presbytery: 1001 New Worshiping Communities.

**Sympathies...**to the family and friends of Bette Marie Calhoun Whited, mother of Barbara Whited, FPDS employee, to the family and friends of Ed Gallagher, friend of John Hazen, and to the family and friends of Joshua Gault, son of Jennifer Vaughn (friend of Jackie Hall).

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