



FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 14, 2022

Worship Online at 11:00am Sunday Mornings

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ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PRAYER OF PREPARATION[†]

God of Christ Jesus, you call us out from the cloying comfort of pleasing ourselves, to the exhilarating adventure of pleasing you, no matter what the cost. Should division and pain be our lot, let us receive it gracefully, not licking our wounds or sulkily demanding special favors. May your holy fire let loose on earth, inflame us with love both for friend and foe, and purge us from things that are unfaithful and unloving. Through Christ Jesus our Savior, Amen.

WELCOME

PRELUDE Sarabande in G Major

Bach

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather in faith to worship the God of help in all generations past and hope for all generations to come.

By faith, we will be filled to overflowing with grace and hope.

We gather in faith to follow the Bread of Life for the hungry and oppressed.

By faith, we will be filled to overflowing with justice and righteousness.

We gather in faith to hear and learn the song of the Spirit of community and love.

By faith, we will be filled to overflowing with songs of joy and praise.

*HYMN OF PRAISE – No. 24

Verses 1, 3, & 4

“God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens”

God, who stretched the spangled heavens infinite in time and place, flung the suns in burning radiance through the silent fields of space, we, your children in your likeness, share inventive powers with you. Great Creator, still creating, show us what we yet may do.

We have ventured worlds undreamed of since the childhood of our race; known the ecstasy of winging through untraveled realms of space; probed the secrets of the atom, yielding unimagined power, facing us with life's destruction or our most triumphant hour.

As each far horizon beckons, may it challenge us anew, children of creative purpose, serving others, honoring you. May our dreams prove rich with promise, each endeavor well begun. Great Creator, give us guidance till our goals and yours are one.

(Please be seated.)

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of hope, we confess our disregard of your creation, our doubt of your justice, our deafness to your call. We are afraid: afraid to risk our comfort, afraid to live differently from our neighbors, afraid to love as you love. Help us have courage to live as your faithful people, bearing the fruits of your Holy Spirit – love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control – in the world.

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

Nic Luter

*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

Jeremiah 1:4-10

The word of the LORD came to me, saying,
“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations.”
“Alas, Sovereign LORD,” I said, “I do not know how to speak; I am too young.”

But the LORD said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am too young.’ You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you,” declares the LORD.

Then the LORD reached out his hand and touched my mouth and said to me, “I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and kingdoms to uproot and tear down, to destroy and overthrow, to build and to plant.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SECOND READING

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as on dry land; but when the Egyptians tried to do so, they were drowned.

By faith the walls of Jericho fell, after the army had marched around them for seven days.

By faith the prostitute Rahab, because she welcomed the spies, was not killed with those who were disobedient.

And what more shall I say? I do not have time to tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson and Jephthah, about David and Samuel and the prophets, who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered

justice, and gained what was promised; who shut the mouths of lions, quenched the fury of the flames, and escaped the edge of the sword; whose weakness was turned to strength; and who became powerful in battle and routed foreign armies. Women received back their dead, raised to life again. There were others who were tortured, refusing to be released so that they might gain an even better resurrection. Some faced jeers and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were put to death by stoning; they were sawed in two; they were killed by the sword. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, persecuted and mistreated—the world was not worthy of them. They wandered in deserts and mountains, living in caves and in holes in the ground.

These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised, since God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

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 “When You’re in the 20th Mile” 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

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM “All Earth Rejoice with a Gladsome Voice”

All the earth rejoice with a gladsome voice; now sing we alleluia.

Praise the Lord. Rejoice, and sing.

Sound the trumpet; sound the harp. Praise the Lord.

*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

God of all generations, surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses, we faithfully offer you our lives and our resources.

Bless these gifts that they may continue to spread your message of love to the world. Amen.

*HYMN No. 269 “Lead On, O King Eternal!”

Lead on, O King eternal! The day of march has come; henceforth in fields of conquest your tents shall be our home. Through days of preparation your grace has made us strong, and now, O King eternal, we lift our battle song.

Lead on, O King eternal, till sin’s fierce war shall cease; and holiness shall whisper the sweet amen of peace; for not with swords’ loud clashing, nor roll of stirring drums; with deeds of love and mercy the heavenly kingdom comes.

Lead on, O King eternal: we follow, not with fears, for gladness breaks like morning where’er your face appears; your cross is lifted o’er us; we journey in its light. The crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might!

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING FORTH HYMN No. 741

Verses 1 & 5

“Guide My Feet”

Guide my feet while I run this race; guide my feet while I run this race; guide my feet while I run this race, for I don’t want to run this race in vain!

Search my heart while I run this race; search my heart while I run this race; search my heart while I run this face, for I don’t want to run this race in vain!

*POSTLUDE

*Stand as able.

Bold Type – congregation in unison

† Rev. B..D. Prewer, 2000.

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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
Tom Moots, Liturgist
Nic Luter, Children's Moment
Stephanie Nagel and MaryShelley Ritchey, Ushers
Charlotte Moots, 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. 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 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

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

Join us for Fellowship Coffee immediately following the service in the Fellowship Hall. Refreshments provided by Jinney Hart and Leslie McNamara. Sign up to host Fellowship Coffee on our website to provide refreshments following worship, www.farmingtonpres.org Please keep it simple-something sweet and something salty.

Children & Youth Sunday School Children will explore the call of Abram and what God's call could mean for us from 10-10:45am. Youth Sunday school will put Psalm 73:4 back in its place and see what the psalmist was really talking about from 10-10:45am.

Adult Sunday School Classes Fall studies began today (August 14th). Cooper Patterson is leading a study of the book of Acts for men in the Fellowship Hall from 9:30-10:30am. Rev. Rebecca is facilitating discussion based on *Gleanings: Old Testament Stories of Hospitality, Welcome and Hunger* in the East Room from 10-10:45am. Anyone interested in hunger concerns is encouraged to attend.

Youth Fellowship will meet this afternoon, Sunday, August 14th from 2-4pm. We will explore another Hypotherable! Join us for Uncle Wes's Wondrous Worry Wagon.

First Presbyterian Soup Kitchen Plan to serve lunch or help in the clothes closet on August 28th. You can carpool by meeting at Farmington at 12:30pm or arrive at First Presbyterian at 1pm. We are usually finished by 3pm. You may be serving soup, filling tea glasses, or handing out sugar packets, but the most important thing that you will do is share the love of Christ with your hospitality.

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.

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.

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.”

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... the Rhodes-Collins hallway has been repainted, the bathroom fixtures replaced, and new flooring has been installed throughout. We look forward to additional renovations in the near future. If you are interested in participating in the process, please let Rev. Rebecca or Bob Plotner know that you would like to serve on Property and Grounds.

Remember in Prayer...Our Farmington Family, Session and Staff; Flood victims in Kentucky, Jack Arendt, Bruce Bennett, Bill Brown, Renee Canter, Martha Carr, Ralph Carr, Jelena Colasurdo, Mary Lou Collins, Jamecka Donley, Bill Dyer, Dewayne Hannis, Bill Harrington, Aaron Hazen, Juanice Hooker, Vanessa Howard, Gary Hutchins, Louise Jacobson, Julia Lively, Sue Odom, Meredith Oest, Nancy & Dennis Palmer, Cooper Patterson, Bob Pointer, Bill Renfrow, Jonathan Riley, Jack Scherer, JoAnne Simpkins, Patti Simpkins, Mary Elizabeth Simpson, Marty Steele, Williams Stevens, Barbara Taylor, Susan St. John, Joan Wallace, Jim Waller, Frank Whited, Faye Woods, and from our Presbytery: Youth Ministry/Youth Groups and Shady Grove Church, Memphis, TN.

Sympathies... to the family and friends of Jean Wiseman, Memorial Service on August 27 at 11am at Farmington Presbyterian and to the family and friends of Chris Cole, friend of Melanie Oest.

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