



FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
August 21, 2022

Worship Online at 11:00am Sunday Mornings

www.farmingtonpres.org

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ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Holy God, your steadfast love endures forever. We have seen your love in the pages and the flesh of your Word. We have heard recollections of your steadfast love in the lives of our ancestors. We have experienced your loving care in our own lives. Therefore, with our lips and our lives, both now in this hour and in all our lives, we will praise you and proclaim your marvelous love. Amen.

WELCOME

PRELUDE Prelude in B-flat Minor

Bach

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The Holy Spirit gathers the faithful from North and South, from East and West.

Our boundless God draws us near, so that, we might see the world differently.

The Lord Jesus restored sight to the blind and set at liberty those who were oppressed.

Our boundless God opens our eyes to gaze with love and justice.

God in Community, the Holy Three-in-One, calls us to reconciliation and restoration.

Our boundless God calls us to be healers of the world's pain and need.

Nothing is impossible with God!

God of boundless grace and glory, grant us wisdom and courage!

*HYMN OF PRAISE – No. 307 “God of Grace and God of Glory”

**God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient church’s story; bring its bud to glorious
flower. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of
this hour, for the facing of this hour.**

**Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith
and praise. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living
of these days, for the living of these days.**

**Cure thy children’s warring madness; bend our pride to thy
control; shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and
poor in soul. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss
thy kingdom’s goal, lest we miss thy kingdom’s goal.**

**Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore. Let the
gift of thy salvation be our glory evermore. Grant us wisdom,
grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore, serving thee
whom we adore.**

(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 our lives and our
relationships.**

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.**

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

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

Psalm 107:1-9, 43

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever. Let the redeemed of the LORD tell their story—those he redeemed from the hand of the foe, those he gathered from the lands, from east and west, from north and south. Some wandered in desert wastelands, finding no way to a city where they could settle. They were hungry and thirsty, and their lives ebbed away. Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress. He led them by a straight way to a city where they could settle. Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for mankind, for he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things. Let the one who is wise heed these things and ponder the loving deeds of the LORD.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SECOND READING

Hebrews 12:12-17

Therefore, strengthen your feeble arms and weak knees. "Make level paths for your feet," so that the lame may not be disabled, but rather healed. Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord. See to it that no one falls short of the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to

cause trouble and defile many. See that no one sells himself or is godless like Esau, who for a single meal sold his inheritance rights as the oldest son. Afterward, as you know, when he wanted to inherit this blessing, he was rejected. Even though he sought the blessing with tears, he could not change what he had done.

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

“Take the Long View”

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 “When the Poor Ones” José Antonio Olivar

When the poor ones who have nothing share with strangers,

When the thirsty water give unto us all,

When the crippled in their weakness strengthen others,

Then we know that God still goes that road with us.

When our joy fills up our cup to overflowing,

When our lips can speak no words other than true,

When we know that love for simple things is better,

When we know that God still goes that road with us.

*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

Mighty God, accept and dedicate our offerings – the fruits of our labor and our lives. Keep us so focused on your Kingdom that we hunger to live according to your will and do not fall prey to the temptation to satisfy short-term desires. Help us bear the fruit that brings you joy. In Christ’s name, Amen.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER

*HYMN No. 475 “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Come, thou Fount of every blessing; tune my heart to sing thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above; praise the mount! I’m fixed upon it, mount of God’s unchanging love!

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I’m come; and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God; he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I’m constrained to be! Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here’s my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING FORTH HYMN No. 741

Verses 1 & 4

“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!

I’m your child while I run this race; I’m your child while I run this race; I’m your child while I run this race, for I don’t want to run this race in vain!

*POSTLUDE

*Stand as able.

Bold Type – congregation in unison

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THIS SERVICE IS BEING LIVE-STREAMED
AND RECORDED. ATTENDEES
IMPLICITLY AGREE THAT THEY, AND
ANY CHILDREN ACCOMPANYING
THEM, MAY BE ON CAMERA.

Participating in the service today:

Rev. Rebecca Luter, Pastor
Doug Barr, Director of Christian Education
Jim Thrash, Director of Music
Tom Bryant, Accompanist
Jinney Hart, Liturgist
Elizabeth Demaree, Children's Moment
Billy & Sandy Wann, Ushers
Hadley Barr, Acolyte
Chancel Choir

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

Flowers this morning are given to the glory of God by Stephanie & Tom Nagel in celebration of their 44th wedding anniversary.

Join us for Fellowship Coffee immediately following the service in the Fellowship Hall. Refreshments provided by Pat Sherman. 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 Abraham and Sarah's Visitors and what God's call could mean for us from 10-10:45am. Youth Sunday school will put Joshua 1:9 back in its place. 10-10:45am.

Adult Sunday School Classes 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 (August 21st) from 2-4pm to explore the story of Naboth's Vineyard in through dramatic Readers Theatre. Bring a black shirt and perform with us.

Open House The Rhodes-Collins hallway renovations are nearing completion, and we are hosting open houses for the Day School on Tuesday and Thursday evenings this week. The Open House for the congregation is next Sunday, August 28th, during Fellowship Coffee. Please plan to take a tour and see all that is happening!

First Presbyterian Soup Kitchen Plan to serve lunch or help in the clothes closet next Sunday, 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 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 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...Rev. Rebecca led our first monthly workshop for parents which is now available on YouTube by searching Farmington Presbyterian. The topic this month is "What Preschool Teachers Wish Parents Knew About Their Child's Education."

Remember in Prayer...Our Farmington Family, Session and Staff; Jack Arendt, Bruce Bennett, Bill Brown, Renee Canter, Jeanne Carr, Martha Carr, Ralph Carr, Jelena Colasurdo, Mary Lou Collins, Jamecka Donley, Bill Dyer, Dewayne Hannis, Bill Harrington, Aaron Hazen, Barbara Hegarty, Juanice Hooker, Vanessa Howard, Gary Hutchins, Louise Jacobson, Julia Lively, Sue Odom, Meredith Oest, Nancy & Dennis Palmer, 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: Public Education.

Sympathy... to the family and friends of Jean Wiseman, Memorial Service on August 27 at 11am at Farmington Presbyterian.

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