



FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
August 28, 2022

Worship Online at 11:00am Sunday Mornings

www.farmingtonpres.org

Click "Worship Together"

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PRAYER OF PREPARATION[†]

You, loving God, are the ground of our being and the river of life; you both steady our roots and draw them to seek the living waters. You are like the sunlight enticing us taller and like the breeze rustling our leaves. You are with us through hard seasons of summer heat, and in the nights when winter's frost ice the landscape your love warms and sustains us. You are everything to us. O let our gratitude be great, let our praise be plentiful, let our worship be wonder-full! Through Christ Jesus your ever-living Son. Amen!

WELCOME

PRELUDE "Be Thou My Vision"

Willan

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

We gather to sing for joy to God!

God is the source of our strength, as we run with perseverance the course laid out before us.

We gather to love one another as Christian community.

God's Spirit draws together the saints of all generations as a great cloud of witnesses.

We gather to learn the way that we should go each day.

The Lord Jesus is our guide, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

Begin the music, sound the ram's horn, and come to God's kingdom that cannot be shaken!

We come to join the joyful assembly, to worship the Lord with reverence and awe.

“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”

Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation,
the God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation.
With healing balm my soul is filled and every faithless murmur
stilled: to God all praise and glory.

What God’s almighty power has made, God’s gracious mercy
keepeth; by morning glow or evening shade God’s watchful eye
ne’er sleepeth, Within the kingdom of God’s might, lo! all is
just and all is right: to God all praise and glory!

Thus all my toilsome way along I sing aloud thy praises,
that all may hear the grateful song, my voice unwearied raises
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart; both soul and body, take your
part: to God all praise and glory!

(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. We fail to follow your law.
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.

*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

Doug Barr

*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

Psalms 1

Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers, but whose delight is in the law of the LORD, and who meditates on his law day and night. That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither—whatever they do prospers. Not so the wicked! They are like chaff that the wind blows away. Therefore, the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous. For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked leads to destruction.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SECOND READING

Hebrews 12:18-29

You have not come to a mountain that can be touched and that is burning with fire; to darkness, gloom and storm; to a trumpet blast or to such a voice speaking words that those who heard it begged that no further word be spoken to them, because they could not bear what was commanded: "If even an animal touches the mountain, it must be stoned to death." The sight was so terrifying that Moses said, "I am trembling with fear."

But you have come to Mount Zion, to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem. You have come to thousands upon thousands of angels in joyful assembly, to the church of the firstborn, whose names are written in heaven. You have come to God, the Judge of all, to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, to Jesus the

mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

See to it that you do not refuse him who speaks. If they did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, how much less will we, if we turn away from him who warns us from heaven? At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, “Once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens.” The words “once more” indicate the removing of what can be shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain.

Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, for our “God is a consuming fire.”

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

“A New Approach”

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 “Come Bless The Lord”

Robert Lau

*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.

*HYMN No. 169

Verses 1, 2, & 5

“Dear Lord and Father of Mankind”

**Dear Lord and Father of mankind, forgive our foolish ways;
reclothe us in our rightful mind, in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper reverence, praise.**

**In simple trust like theirs who heard beside the Syrian sea the
gracious calling of the Lord, let us, like them, without a word
rise up and follow thee.**

**Breathe through the heats of our desire thy coolness and thy
balm; let sense be dumb, let flesh retire; speak through the
earthquake, wind, and fire, O still, small voice of calm!**

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING FORTH HYMN No. 741

Verses 1 & 3

“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!**

**Stand by me while I run this race; Stand by me while I run this
race; Stand by me while I run this face, for I don’t want to run
this race in vain!**

*POSTLUDE Prelude in D Minor

Bach

*Stand as able.

Bold Type – congregation in unison

†Written by Rev. Bruce Prewer

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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
Pat Sherman, Liturgist
Doug Barr, Children's Moment
Tom & Stephanie Nagel, Ushers
Delilah Davis, Acolyte

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 in celebration of the life of Jean Wiseman.

Join us for Fellowship Coffee immediately following the service in the Fellowship Hall. Refreshments provided by Bob Plotner. 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.

Open House Come see the renovations in the Rhodes-Collins hallway during Fellowship Coffee today! We are excited about the completion of the first phase of renewal and look forward to the coming phases. If you would like to be part of these renovations, you are encouraged to join the Property & Grounds committee. In the coming year, we hope to complete repainting the interior of the building, replacing flooring, and planning upgraded restrooms.

First Presbyterian Soup Kitchen We encourage you to serve lunch or help in the clothes closet today. 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.

Youth Fellowship will meet this afternoon from 2-4pm to continue the story of Naboth's Vineyard in through dramatic Readers Theatre. Bring a black shirt and perform with us.

Children & Youth Sunday School Children will explore the blessing of Issac from 10-10:45am. Youth Sunday school will put Isaiah 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 Lockin All 6th – 12th graders are invited to join us Friday, September 2nd from 7pm – Saturday, September 3rd for fun and up all night activities. Please RSVP to doug@farmingtonpres.org and bring \$20 for the evenings activities.

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... Nine of the Farmington Presbyterian Women attended the Fall Gathering of Presbyterian Women for the Presbytery of the Midsouth at Pinecrest. This year’s Bible Study author, Rev. Dr. Carol Bechtel, was the guest speaker, sharing an overview of what it means to celebrate Sabbath.

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, Barbara Hegarty, Sandy Hilliard, Juanice Hooker, Vanessa Howard, Gary Hutchins, Kenneth Jack, 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: Kerrville Presbyterian Church, Millington, TN.

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