



**FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP**  
**Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**September 4, 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**

Living God, we've come to worship you. We come in search of help and hope that only you can give. We come acquainted with grief and oppression. We come to be fed at your table and to be touched by your grace as we search for joy, truth, and light. We come bearing our doubts, our wounds, and our deepest fears. We come recognizing that we are truly indebted to your grace. As we hear and unfold your Word today, bless us. Bless our thoughts, bless our voices, bless our willingness to help others confidently stand without shame because of your compassionate love. Guide our hearts that we will recognize your love, your grace, your call, and your promises. Through Jesus the Christ, our help, hope and salvation, we pray. Amen.

**WELCOME**

**PRELUDE** Andante Tranquillo

Flor Peeters

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

We lift our eyes to the Lord, the Lord of justice.

**The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger,  
abounding in love.**

We raise our voices to you in songs and speech.

**We raise our voices to heaven in prayer and praise.**

Healing Lord, hear our prayers, accept our praise, as we worship you.

**Redeeming Lord, open our hearts to receive your blessings of  
wholeness, acceptance, and peace.**

Forgiven, loved and free...

**Let us worship the Lord! 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. 694 “Great God of Every Blessing”**

**Great God of every blessing, of faithful, loving care, you are the fount of goodness, the daily bread we share. How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start: sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.**

**Your Word is our salvation, the source of endless grace, in death and life extending your covenant embrace. In Christ we are one body; each member has a part: sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.**

**Your Spirit is our teacher, the light that guides our search, transforming broken people into the holy church. For feeding us with mercy, for wisdom you impart: sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.**

*(Please be seated.)*

**CALL TO RECONCILIATION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God of salvation, you shower our lives and world with love, yet we often turn away from you. It is just so easy to complain! There are little annoyances each day, but too often we allow them to pile up into a mountainous burden that becomes a curse on our lives. God of justice, free us from making unwise choices, judging others, and uttering unkind words. When we are distracted and confused, redirect our attention to the abundant opportunities to experience your love. God of hope, refocus our hearts, that we may choose to live fully into our faith. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.**

**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 at 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

Rachel 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

Psalm 103:1-8

Praise the Lord, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.  
Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits—  
who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases,  
who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and  
compassion, who satisfies your desires with good things so that your  
youth is renewed like the eagle's.

The Lord works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed.  
He made known his ways to Moses, his deeds to the people of Israel:  
The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding  
in love.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

SECOND READING

Luke 13:10-17

On a Sabbath Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues, and a woman was there who had been crippled by a spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and could not straighten up at all. When Jesus saw her, he called her forward and said to her, "Woman, you are set free from your infirmity." Then he put his hands on her, and immediately she straightened up and praised God.

Indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, the synagogue leader said to the people, "There are six days for work. So come and be healed on those days, not on the Sabbath."

The Lord answered him, "You hypocrites! Doesn't each of you on the Sabbath untie your ox or donkey from the stall and lead it out to give it water? Then should not this woman, a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has kept bound for eighteen long years, be set free on the Sabbath day from what bound her?"

When he said this, all his opponents were humiliated, but the people were delighted with all the wonderful things he was doing.

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      *"Putting Things Back into Place"*    Rev. Ruth Lovell Bradham

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Please remember those on our prayer list.*

## RESPOND TO GOD

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Skinner Chavez-Melo

**"Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"**

Lord, you have come to the lakeshore looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones; you only asked me to follow humbly.

O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me, and while smiling have spoken my name; now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me. By your side I will seek other seas.

You need my hands, full of caring, through my labors to give others rest and constant love that keeps on loving. *Refrain*

\*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 our ancestors, God of our here and now, we bring to you the results of our labors. Recognizing that all our moments and days are dear gifts from you, we humbly**

acknowledge that these offerings are only a small portion of what you have given us. Thank you for all that you entrust to us. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, bless all that we seek to accomplish in love as the body of Christ. In Jesus' name, Amen.

#### THE INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

#### THE 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 to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise...**

#### SUNG RESPONSES – No. 552, 553, & 554

#### 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.**

#### RECEIVING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

#### THE PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

#### \*HYMN No. 720 "Jesus Call Us"

**Jesus calls us: o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea; day by day his sweet voice soundeth saying, "Christian, follow me."**

**Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world's golden store, from each idol that would keep us, saying, "Christian, love me more."**

**In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and pleasures, "Christian, love me more than these."**

**Jesus calls us: by thy mercies, Savior, may we hear thy call, give our hearts to thine obedience, serve and love thee best of all.**

#### \*BENEDICTION

#### \*SENDING FORTH HYMN No. 769

**"For Everyone Born"**

Verse 5

**For everyone born, a place at the table, to live without fear, and simply to be, to work, to speak out, to witness and worship, for everyone born, the right to be free, and God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy, compassion and peace: yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice and joy!**

\*POSTLUDE    Allegro Marciale

Flor Peeters

\*Stand as able.

**Bold Type** – congregation in unison

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### **Participating in the service today:**

Rev. Rebecca Luter, Pastor

Guest Preacher, Rev. Ruth Lovell Bradham

Doug Barr, Director of Christian Education

Jim Thrash, Director of Music

Tom Bryant, Accompanist

Lance Palmer, Liturgist

Rachel Barr, Children's Moment

Jackie Hall and Scott Hutchins, Ushers

Doug Barr, John Hazen, Kirsten King, Liv Palmer, Pat Sherman,

Communion Servers

Abigail Palmer, 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](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 Ann Erickson in loving memory of her husband, Ken Erickson.

**No Fellowship Coffee** today. Sign up to host Fellowship Coffee on our website to provide refreshments following worship, [www.farmingtonpres.org](http://www.farmingtonpres.org) Please keep it simple-something sweet and something salty.

**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 Fellowship** will not meet this afternoon (September 4th). Happy Labor Day!

**Soup Kitchen** First Presbyterian passes out between 200-500 bologna sandwiches each week to people who are hungry. If you are able, please make sandwiches and deliver to Farmington (place in the back refrigerator in the kitchen) by Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup>. The sandwiches should be 2 pieces of white bread, one slice of bologna, and one slice of American cheese packaged in individual Ziploc bags.

**Clothes Closet** If it is time for you to clean out your closet, please bring your items that are comfortable to share with our homeless neighbors. Most needed: T-shirts, shorts, pants, comfortable shoes for walking, backpacks, and used bags (grocery sacks). Bring your items to the bin beside the West entry by September 28<sup>th</sup>.

**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](mailto: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](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...**we returned to volunteer at the First Presbyterian Soup Kitchen for the first time “post-pandemic.” We had a wonderful time serving our neighbors in need and enjoyed learning how the ministry has grown and changed. There is an opportunity for guests to “grocery shop” items donated from stores that would be removed from shelves because of appearance. Orders are taken for clothes and fulfilled by volunteers in the clothes closet. Soup and sandwiches are served outside at tables under tents. Overall, it was a terrific experience for the 12 of us who went. The guests were comfortable and a sense of community prevailed. We look forward to returning soon!

**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, Jennifer Magill, 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: Oakland Presbyterian Church, Oakland, TN and First Presbyterian Church, Paris, TN.

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