



FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP
The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 16, 2022

Worship Online at 11:00am Sunday Mornings

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ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PRAYER OF PREPARATION[†]

Eternal God, you remain constant through all of our striving and patient with our ceaseless prayers. We seek your wisdom, yearn for your justice, and crave your blessing, for our own sakes and for the sake of the world. By the power of the Holy Spirit and in the name of Christ, who prays with us. Amen.

WELCOME

PRELUDE "Prayer"

Boëllmann

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will forgive and restore my people.

God will equip us for every good work.

I will grant justice, says the Lord, for I hear their cries day and night.

We come before God, yet none of us is perfect or without blemish.

I will correct their ways, says the Lord, and train them in righteousness.

We look around and see God's majesty in all creation, who are we that God should pay attention to us?

I will write my law on their hearts, says the Lord, and remember their sins no more.

We come joyfully into the house of the Lord, bringing our praise and offering our lives to God.

*HYMN OF PRAISE – No. 175 "Seek Ye First"

Verses 1 and 2

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you. Alleluia, alleluia!

Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek, and you shall find; knock, and the door shall be opened unto you.

Alleluia, Alleluia!

(Please be seated.)

CALL TO RECONCILIATION†

PRAYER OF CONFESSION†

God of grace, for our failure to love others as you have loved us, forgive us. For wasting your gifts and hoarding our goods, forgive us. For losing heart and abandoning hope, forgive us. For all the ways we turn from you, forgive us.

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 Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.

But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation.

Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

*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

Genesis 32:22-31

That night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two female servants and his eleven sons and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. After he had sent them across the stream, he sent over all his possessions. So Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him till daybreak. When the man saw that he could not overpower him, he touched the socket of Jacob's hip so that his hip was wrenched as he wrestled with the man. Then the man said, "Let me go, for it is daybreak."

But Jacob replied, "I will not let you go unless you bless me."

The man asked him, "What is your name?"

"Jacob," he answered.

Then the man said, "Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have struggled with God and with humans and have overcome."

Jacob said, "Please tell me your name."

But he replied, "Why do you ask my name?" Then he blessed him there.

So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "It is because I saw God face to face, and yet my life was spared."

The sun rose above him as he passed Peniel, and he was limping because of his hip.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SECOND READING

Luke 18:1-8 NRSV

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my accuser.' For a while he refused, but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" And the

Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”

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

“The Punchline”

Doug Barr

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 “God Is Our Refuge”

Allen Pote

God is our refuge and strength, A present help in time of trouble though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea, though the waters roar and foam, we will not fear.

Come and behold the work of the Lord, the awesome acts of God. He is in the midst of his people, in all the earth. He is the Word, we are his hands, He will lead us. He is the air, we are his song. We will celebrate his presence all the day long. He is the rain, we are the stones, He will cleanse us. He is the air, we are his song, We will celebrate his presence all the day long. (*Psalm 46*)

*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†

Eternal God, may these gifts be signs of your grace, and may our lives show forth the coming kingdom, that when Christ comes again he will find faith on earth. Amen.

*HYMN - No. 688

Verses 1, 2, 4, 5

“Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart”

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart; wean it from earth; through all its pulses move; stoop to my weakness, mighty as thou art, and make me love thee as I ought to love.

I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies, no sudden rending of the veil of clay, no angel visitant, no opening skies; but take the dimness of my soul away.

Teach me to feel that thou art always nigh. Teach me the struggles of the soul to bear, to check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh. Teach me the patience of unanswered prayer.

Teach me to love thee as thine angels love, one holy passion filling all my frame; the baptism of the heaven-descended Dove, my heart an altar, and thy love the flame.

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING FORTH HYMN - No.769 “For Everyone Born” Verse 1

For everyone born, a place at the table, for everyone born, clean water and bread, a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing, for everyone born, a star overhead, 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 Toccata in F Major

Buxtehude

*Stand as able.

Bold Type – congregation in unison

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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, Guest Speaker
Doug Barr, Director of Christian Education
Jim Thrash, Director of Music
Tom Bryant, Accompanist
Kirsten King, Liturgist
Rachel Barr, Children's Moment
Ann Erickson and Jinney Hart, 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 Pat Sherman in celebration of Kristan & John Perkins' 13th wedding anniversary (granddaughter & grandson-in-law).

No Fellowship Coffee today. Enjoy Fall Break!

Children & Youth Sunday School Children will explore the story of Naome and Ruth from 10-10:45am. Youth Sunday school will put Matthew 18:20 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 on vacation this week. Her class will return next Sunday (the 23rd). Anyone interested in hunger concerns is encouraged to attend.

New Adult Study Beginning Rev. Rebecca will be facilitating a discussion and Bible study based on the 2nd chapter of C.S. Lewis's *The Great Divorce* on Sunday morning, October 23rd at 10am in the East Room. *The Great Divorce* is an allegory about visiting heaven and hell. Join us as we discuss the story and dig into what the Bible teaches us about good and evil.

No Youth Fellowship today. Enjoy Fall Break!

Presbyterian Women will meet today, October 16th, at 12:30pm in the East Room and on Zoom. Kirsten King will facilitate our discussion of Celebrating Sabbath, Chapter 3. All women are encouraged to attend. Feel free to bring a snack. Contact Moderator, Jinney Hart, if you have any questions or want more info! Zoom Meeting ID: 527 795 365 and the Passcode: grace

Wednesday Night Dinner and Program Doug Barr will begin a 4-week series: "God Said What!?"-putting together verses from posters and memes back in their place to see what they meant and how that shapes what we hear from Scripture, today. Dinner is Chicken and Dumplings and the cost is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children (under 12) with \$25 family maximum. Dinners are from 5:45-6:30 with a livestreamed program in the Sanctuary from 6:30-7pm. To access the livestream, www.farmingtonpres.org/wnp-22 Children are encouraged to attend dinner and will have their own program, learning to use their Bible, from 6:30-7pm. Choir begins at 7:15pm. Now is a great time to begin practicing with the choir – we will be getting ready for Christmas soon!

Fall Yard Day Come as a family at 9am on October 22nd for donuts, juice, and coffee! Bring your rakes and gloves. We will be cleaning up the back parking lot area for Trunk-or-Treat.

Trunk or Treat Sign up now on the website to host a trunk and plan a game for children to play at your car! Sunday, October 23rd, arrive at 3:30pm for setting up trunks. The Trunk or Treat is 4-6pm.

CampFood and Cocktails supporting Pinecrest Camp and Conference Center is Sunday, October 23rd, 5-7:30pm, outside at Shady Grove Presbyterian. Tickets are \$60 and are available at camppinecrest.org/campfood. (\$75 at the door)

Meals for UKirk Each Thursday evening of the school semester, there is a Presbyterian student gathering for Rhodes and U of M students with a meal and Bible study. You can support this ministry by signing up to provide dinner for 15 students on the Signup Genius on the church website.

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 To-Go 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...Ann Erickson and Elizabeth Demaree joined the Youth Fellowship on Sunday afternoon for an intergenerational discussion on the topic of “Worry.” It was wonderful to see students, workers, and retirees equip each other to overcome experiences of stress and anxiety. More of these events will be coming in November.

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, Skip Flannery, Bill Harrington, Martha Hart, Declan Hegarty, Sandy Hilliard, Juanice Hooker, Vanessa Howard, Gary Hutchins, Jeanne, Peter, and Laura Kendall, 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, Williams Stevens, Jon Still, Susan St. John, Joan Wallace, Jim Waller, Frank Whited, Laura Anne Whitmore, Faye Woods, and from our Presbytery: First Presbyterian Church, Selmer, TN.

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