



FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP
The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
October 23, 2022

Worship Online at 11:00am Sunday Mornings

www.farmingtonpres.org

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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.

Property and Grounds seeks to steward the buildings, equipment, property, and grounds of the church in a way that glorifies God.

WELCOME

PRELUDE Nocturne Grieg

*CALL TO WORSHIP

from the Songs of Ascent (Psalms 120-134)

As the people made their way up to Jerusalem, high on the hillside of Judea, they sang together:

“I lift up my eyes to the hills. From whence does my help come? My help comes from the Lord...”

“I was glad when they said to me, ‘Let us go to the house of the Lord!’”

“Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain.”

“I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in God’s Word I hope; my soul waits for the Lord.”

“Hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with the Lord is plenteous redemption.”

“Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!...For there the Lord has commanded the blessing, life for evermore.”

“Come, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord,.... Lift up your hands to the holy place, and bless the Lord!”

Worship seeks to plan and resource Services of Word and Sacrament to glorify God and equip the Church to be the body of Christ in the world.

*HYMN OF PRAISE – NO. 403

“Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”

Open now thy gates of beauty, Zion, let me enter there, where my soul in joyful duty waits for God who answers prayer; O how blessed is this place, filled with solace, light, and grace.

Gracious God, I come before thee; come thou also unto me; where we find thee and adore thee, there a heaven on earth must be; to my heart O

enter thou; let it be thy temple now.

Speak, O Lord, and I will hear thee; let thy will be done indeed; may I undisturbed draw near thee, while thou dost thy people feed. Here of life the fountain flows; here is balm for all our woes.

(Please be seated.)

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of love, we have not loved as you love. God of sacrifice, we have not given as you have given, served as you have served, or blessed as you have blessed us. God of justice, we have not admitted, even to ourselves, our own failures. God of mercy, we have not forgiven as you have forgiven. Holy God, have mercy on us, we are sinners. Cleanse us that we may be true of heart.

KYRIE

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Service seeks to discern where God is active in the world and respond to opportunities to partner with God in mission to the world and our community, providing the congregation with opportunities to respond to those needs with both personal involvement and resources.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI – NO. 581

Glorify 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[†]**

We believe and confess only one God, who can do all things, is all-wise, all-good, all-just, and all-merciful. We believe that everything required for our salvation has been offered and communicated to us in Jesus Christ, the wisdom of God and God's eternal Son. Jesus Christ clothed himself in our flesh: God and human in one person.

We believe that we are illuminated in faith by the unfathomable grace of the Holy Spirit. God imparts this gracious gift. By faith we receive grace to live holy lives in awe and reverence for God, for we receive what the gospel promises when God gives us the Holy Spirit.

Faith does not cool our desire for good and holy living, but rather engenders and excites it in us, leading naturally to good works. We believe that the sacraments are joined to the Word in order that the Word may be more fully confirmed. Baptism is given to us as the pledge of our adoption, in which we are grafted into the body of Christ, and renewed in holiness of life by his Spirit. The holy Supper of our Lord is a testimony of our unity with Jesus Christ, who died only once and was raised for our sake. The body and blood of Jesus Christ are food and drink for the soul just as bread and wine are nourishment for the body. As for the true Church we believe that it ought to be governed in accordance with the order established by our Lord Jesus Christ. In this way, pure doctrine can be maintained, the poor and afflicted can be helped in their need, assemblies can be gathered in the name of God, and both great and small can be edified.

THROUGH CHILDREN'S EYES Shelley Wann

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Psalm 84:1-4

How lovely is your dwelling place,
LORD Almighty! My soul yearns, even faints,
for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my
flesh cry out for the living God. Even the sparrow has found a

School Board seeks to ensure the highest quality of programming to meet the needs of the community by overseeing the policies and operation of Farmington Presbyterian Day School.

Christian Education seeks to provide opportunities for children and youth to grow in faith, by studying God's Word and learning to live as disciples daily.

home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may have her young—a place near your altar, LORD Almighty, my King and my God. Blessed are those who dwell in your house; they are ever praising you.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SECOND READING

Luke 18:9-14

To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everyone else, Jesus told this parable: “Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.’

“But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, ‘God, have mercy on me, a sinner.’

“I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

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

“True of Heart”

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.

Congregational Life seeks to care for and nurture the community of the Farmington family by facilitating fellowship opportunities for the on-going life of the congregation and providing encouragement, comfort, and welcome to all who come to FPC.

RESPOND TO GOD

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM “Now Let Us All Praise God and Sing” Young
Now let us all praise God and sing our great Redeemer’s praise; that we may all with one accord our joyful voices raise. Sing Alleluia! All ye servants of the Lord, Praise Him forever, Sing Jehovah’s mighty pow’r, Praise Him forever. Sing of His righteousness, Praise Him forever. So let us all praise God and sing our great Redeemer’s praise; That we may all with one accord our joyful voices raise. Sing Alleluia!

*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.**

Administration seeks to ensure that the policies, procedures, and budget align with the goals and mission of Farmington Presbyterian Church.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Generous God, receive our offering, of both our resources and our hearts. May we be partners with you in making your vision for our relationships with you, with your creation, and with one another a reality. Amen.

*HYMN - No. 697 “Take My Life” Verses 1, 2, 4, & 5

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee; take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise; let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love; take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee, swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold; take my intellect and use every power as thou shalt choose, every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine. Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne, it shall be thy royal throne.

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING FORTH HYMN “All Is Gift,
and All Is Grace”

**All is gift and all is grace: joys that
we treasure, sorrows we must face.
Blessed the pilgrim who learns to
embrace that all is gift and all is grace.**

Discipleship seeks to
create, plan, and
implement
programming for adults
for spiritual formation
and nurture.

*POSTLUDE

*Stand as able.

Bold Type – congregation in unison

†Adapted from the French Confession of 1559, based on a translation of the original text by Dr. Ellen Babinsky, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, and Dr. Joseph D. Small, Office of Theology and Worship, PC(USA).

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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
Rebecca Hutchins, Liturgist
Shelley Wann, Children’s Moment
Scott Hutchins and Roland Mittag, Ushers
Amelia Palmer, Acolyte



THIS SERVICE IS BEING LIVE-STREAMED
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

Flowers this morning are given to the glory of God by Leslie McNamara in celebration of Allan & Wendy McNamara's wedding. (Son & daughter-in-law).

Join us for Fellowship Coffee immediately following the service in the Fellowship Hall. Refreshments provided by Paula Patterson. 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 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 leads a class for anyone interested in the East Room from 10-10:45am. Topics are chosen by participants. We will be discussing C.S. Lewis's *The Great Divorce*, 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.

Youth Fellowship from 2-4pm today (October 23rd). Help setup for Trunk or Treat. Box maze, sound system, decorations and more. The event starts at 4pm.

Trunk or Treat is this afternoon, Sunday, October 23rd, arrive at 3:30pm for setting up trunks (please bring candy). The Trunk or Treat event is 4-6pm. Come and enjoy the afternoon and the joy of childhood! Invite your family and friends!

CampFood and Cocktails supporting Pinecrest Camp and Conference Center is tonight, Sunday, October 23rd, 5-7:30pm, outside at Shady Grove Presbyterian. Tickets are available for \$75 at the door.

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 Meatloaf with mashed potatoes and green beans 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!

Adult Ministries Luncheon Make plans to attend the luncheon on Thursday, October 27th beginning at noon in the East Room. Scott Hutchins is the chef. The cost is \$13 per person. Our first guest speaker will be Charlie Smithers. Please email your reservation to Sandy Wann at srwann@bellsouth.net.

Friendsgiving is planned for Friday, November 4th, 5pm-8pm. We all had such a wonderful time last year that we are gathering again. Scott Hutchins will be making pizza, available for \$5 per slice. We will have music, a photo booth, face painting, and a fun evening together in the back yard of the church. Bring your lawn chair and make a donation! All funds raised will benefit the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Hurricane Relief efforts.

Potluck Lunch on All Saints' Sunday We will have our second post-COVID potluck on Sunday, November 6th, after worship. Bring your dish to the kitchen before worship with any warming instructions attached and be filled in body and spirit as we feast together around the table.

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...we continued our monthly YouTube videos for parents of young children as Rev. Rebecca shared the importance of Social-Emotional Learning in preparing children for success in school and life.

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, Annette Hosier, Vanessa Howard, Gary Hutchins, Jeanne, Peter, and Laura Kendall, Julia Lively, Jennifer Magill, Sara Millar, Sue Odom, Meredith Oest, Nancy & Dennis Palmer, Bob Pointer, Bill Renfrow, Jonathan Riley, Jack Ritchey, 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, Somerville, TN and Tiptonville Presbyterian Church, Tiptonville, TN.

Sympathy...to the friends and family of Terry Thrasher, brother of Jim Thrasher.

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