



**FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP**

Reformation Sunday

October 30, 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, order our steps. Let the peace of Christ unite our hearts in unity as one body, walking together in thankfulness. Let your Word richly inhabit our lives, that we may guide one another along the way wisely. And sing – let us sing our hearts out to praise you, God! Let our song rise to you, O God, along the path of our lives from hearts full and spilling over with gratitude. Through songs from the Spirit, let us demonstrate and teach your will and your way. May every detail, every moment, in our lives honor the Lord Jesus and give glory to God every step of the way. Amen.

WELCOME

PRELUDE Impromptu in G-flat Major

Schubert

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

We have gathered on this Reformation Sunday to worship God, who came to seek and save us, and who transforms our lives.

Let us joyfully worship God with gratitude!

With those pushed aside, those who are lonely, those who are worn down, we long to see God's will done on earth.

Let us partner with God who sees and calls every person by name, and who invites us to open our hearts and welcome the Lord, just as we are.

With the pressing crowds, searching for healing and hope, we want to see Jesus.

Let us welcome God into our homes and our hearts.

With thanksgiving, let us receive the abundant love and grace of God.

Let faith be seen in us as we sing God's praises, for transformation comes to us, even today.

***HYMN OF PRAISE – No. 645**

Verses 1, 2, & 4

“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 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 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.

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[†]**

Nicene Creed

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church,

Apostles' Creed

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Scots Confession

We confess and acknowledge one God alone, distinct in three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, to whom alone we must cleave, and in whom alone we put our trust.

Heidelberg Catechism

We believe that, we belong – body and soul, in life and in death – not to ourselves but to our faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.

Second Helvetic Confession

We believe that all things are governed by the Providence of God.

Westminster Confession of Faith

We believe that, the Lord our God was pleased to make a second covenant of grace, wherein he freely offered unto sinners' life and salvation by Jesus Christ.

Shorter Catechism

We believe that, the chief end of humankind is to glorify God, and to enjoy God forever.

Larger Catechism

We believe that there is but one only, the living and true God. God is a Spirit, in and of himself infinite in being, glory, blessedness and perfection, all-sufficient, eternal, unchangeable, incomprehensible, everywhere present, almighty, knowing all things, most wise, most holy, most just, most merciful and gracious, long-suffering, and abundant in goodness and truth.

Theological Declaration of Barmen

The church's commission, upon which its freedom is founded, consists in delivering the message of the free grace of God to all people in Christ's stead, and therefore in the ministry of his own Word and work through sermon and Sacrament.

Confession of 1967

We believe that, the life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission.

Confession of Belhar

We believe that unity is both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ. Through the work of God's Spirit, unity is a binding force. At the same time, unity must be earnestly pursued and sought. Our unity must become visible to the world.

We believe that separation and hatred between people and groups is sin, already conquered by Christ. Anything threatening our unity has no place in the church.

Brief Statement of Faith

With believers in every time and place we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

THROUGH CHILDREN'S EYES

Charlie Smithers

*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 25:1-10

In you, LORD my God, I put my trust. I trust in you; do not let me be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me. No one who hopes in you will ever be put to shame, but shame will come on those who are treacherous without cause. Show me your ways, LORD, teach me your paths. Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long. Remember, LORD, your great mercy and love, for they are from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways; according to your love remember me, for you, LORD, are good. Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in his ways. He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them his way. All the ways of the LORD are loving and faithful toward those who keep the demands of his covenant.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SECOND READING

Luke 19:1-10

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way.

When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today.” So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly.

All the people saw this and began to mutter, “He has gone to be the guest of a sinner.”

But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, “Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount.”

Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”

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.

TRUE OF HEART

J.B. Wann
Autumn Colley

SERMON “He Just Wanted to See”

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 “God is Here!”

Cyril V. Taylor

God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer, may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.

Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd’s flock and fold; here as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old. Here

the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore what it means in daily living to believe and to adore.

Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt keep us faithful to the gospel; help us work your purpose out. Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive: we, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!

***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**

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. 450 "Be Thou My Vision"**

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art; thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord: thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower, raise thou me heaven-ward, O Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise; thou mine inheritance, now and always; thou and thou only, first in my heart, High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

***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.

***POSTLUDE "Trumpet Voluntary"**

William Boyce

***Stand as able.**

Bold Type – congregation in unison

†Compiled by Rev. Susan Carter Wiggins from:

The Nicene Creed, *The Book of Confessions: The Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Part I*, Louisville, KY: Office of the General Assembly (PCUSA, 2016), 1.3

The Apostles' Creed, Ibid, 2.3.

The Scots Confession, Ibid, 3.01.

The Heidelberg Catechism, Ibid, 4.001.

The Second Helvetic Confession, Ibid, 5.029.

The Westminster Confession of Faith, Ibid, 6.039.

The Shorter Catechism, Ibid, 7.001.

The Larger Catechism, Ibid, 7.117.

The Theological Declaration of Barmen, Ibid, 8.26.

The Confession of 1967, Ibid, 9.32.

The Confession of Belhar, Ibid, 10.3.

A Brief Statement of Faith, Ibid, 11.5, 11.6.

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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
Ann Erickson, Liturgist
Charlie Smithers, Children's Moment
Tom & Elizabeth Moots, Ushers
Charlotte Moots, 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 Ellen & Jerry Renfrow in loving memory of their parents, Frances & David Jones and Granville & Opal Renfrow.

Join us for Fellowship Coffee immediately following the service in the Fellowship Hall. Refreshments provided by Pat Rush Davis and Kay 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 Elijah and the widow 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 Join us 2-4pm today (October 30th) in the Youth Room to pit the Old Testament God vs. the New Testament God and see what we can learn by watching the bout.

Wednesday Night Dinner and Program Doug Barr is giving 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 Pasta Jambalaya 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!

Friendsgiving is this 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, Sarah Herring, Sandy Hilliard, Juanice Hooker, Annette Hosier, Vanessa Howard, Gary Hutchins, Jeanne, Peter, and Laura Kendall, Julia Lively, Jennifer Magill, Sara Millar, Kate Morrison, 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, Susan St. John, Joan Wallace, Jim Waller, Billy Wann, Frank Whited, Laura Anne Whitmore, Faye Woods, and from our Presbytery: Human Rights, Caregivers.

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

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