



**FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP**  
**The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**October 9, 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

Holy God, you are near. Therefore, we will not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with gratitude, we will lift our prayers to you. We center our minds on what is true, what is honorable, what is just and pure, what is pleasing and commendable, on what is excellent and worthy of praise. May your gentleness be known to everyone through our actions. From our brokenness, bring forth hope as your peace, which defies explanation or description, guards our faith in Christ Jesus. Amen.

WELCOME

PRELUDE "Just a Closer Walk with Thee" arr. Jack Schrader

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come and hear what our God has done.

**The Lord has listened to all our prayers.**

When we passed through deep waters of trouble,

**The Lord led us through on dry land.**

When we tripped on the webs of pride and deceit,

**The Lord did not let our foot slip.**

When we were in the heat of the fire,

**The Lord used it to refine us like gold.**

When we were in darkness,

**The Lord declared, "Let there be light."**

Shout joyful praises to God, all the earth!

**Sing about the glory of the Lord!**

Come and hear the good news of God's power and blessings.

**We come, proclaiming to God: “How awesome are your works!”**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE – NO. 806 “I’ll Praise My Maker”**

**I’ll praise my Maker while I’ve breath; and when my voice is lost in death, praise shall employ my nobler powers. My days of praise shall ne’er be past while life and thought and being last, or immortality endures.**

**How happy they whose hopes rely on Israel’s God, who made the sky and earth and seas with all their train; whose truth forever stands secure, who saves the oppressed and feeds the poor, and none shall find God’s promise vain.**

**The Lord pours eyesight on the blind; the Lord supports the fainting mind and sends the laboring conscience peace. God helps the stranger in distress, the widowed and the parentless, and grants the prisoner sweet release.**

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*(Please be seated.)*

**CALL TO RECONCILIATION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God of Mercy, amidst the violence and tears, the sickness and anger of our world, we confess our fears. We confess that sometimes we fear the power of evil and wonder where you are. We confess sometimes we want revenge and to punish and hate those who have hurt us deeply and wonder when you will judge. We confess that even as we struggle to keep from being immersed in news coverage of tragedies – and we are quick to post our sympathy – we are becoming calloused to feeling, to truly caring, to responding, to changing. Forgive us, God. Redirect our attention to all that you provide for life abundant that is positive and good. Remind us that our hope is in you and in following your way shown to us in Jesus. Forgive us – and help us to forgive – for your love and mercy are without end.**

**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.**

THROUGH CHILDREN'S EYES

Jennifer Young

*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

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7

This is the text of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the surviving elders among the exiles and to the priests, the prophets and all the other people Nebuchadnezzar had carried into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon.

This is what the LORD Almighty, the God of Israel, says to all those I carried into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: "Build houses and settle down; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Marry and have sons and daughters; find wives for your sons and give your daughters in marriage, so that they too may have sons and daughters. Increase in number there; do not decrease. Also, seek the peace and

prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the LORD for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

SECOND READING

Lamentations 5

Remember, LORD, what has happened to us; look, and see our disgrace. Our inheritance has been turned over to strangers, our homes to foreigners. We have become fatherless, our mothers are widows. We must buy the water we drink; our wood can be had only at a price. Those who pursue us are at our heels; we are weary and find no rest. We submitted to Egypt and Assyria to get enough bread. Our ancestors sinned and are no more, and we bear their punishment. Slaves rule over us, and there is no one to free us from their hands. We get our bread at the risk of our lives because of the sword in the desert. Our skin is hot as an oven, feverish from hunger. Women have been violated in Zion, and virgins in the towns of Judah. Princes have been hung up by their hands; elders are shown no respect. Young men toil at the millstones; boys stagger under loads of wood. The elders are gone from the city gate; the young men have stopped their music. Joy is gone from our hearts; our dancing has turned to mourning. The crown has fallen from our head. Woe to us, for we have sinned! Because of this our hearts are faint, because of these things our eyes grow dim for Mount Zion, which lies desolate, with jackals prowling over it.

You, LORD, reign forever; your throne endures from generation to generation. Why do you always forget us? Why do you forsake us so long? Restore us to yourself, LORD, that we may return; renew our days as of old unless you have utterly rejected us and are angry with us beyond measure.

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

Rev. Rebecca Luter

From Brokenness to Hope:  
Creating Space for Healing

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Please remember those on our prayer list.*

This morning, you are invited to offer your prayers of thanksgiving and concern on the cross. You may write those concerns on the

butterfly in your bulletin or simply hold the butterfly as you pray and bring it to the cross.

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 Weeps With Us"

Morris

God weeps with us who weep and mourn; God's tears flow down with ours, and God's own heart is bruised and worn from all the heavy hours of watching while the soul's bright fire burned lower day by day and pulse and breath and love's desire dimmed down to ash and clay.

Through tears and sorrow, God, we share a sense of your vast grief: the weight of bearing every prayer for healing and relief, the doubts that they engage, and as our friends and loved ones die, our hopelessness and rage.

And yet because, like us, you weep, we trust you will receive and in your tender heart will keep the ones for whom we grieve, while with your tears our hearts will taste the deep, dear core of things from which both life and death are graced by love's renewing spring.

\*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

**Faithful God, with gratitude we offer you our lives and the fruits of our labor, for you have brought us from death to life! You hear the cries of pain of our world, the heavy burdens of injustice and grief, and call us to respond with help and hope. Dedicate us and our offerings to be witnesses to your Spirit's gracious, healing power. In the name of Christ we pray, Amen.**

\*HYMN - No. 817 “We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight”

**We walk by faith and not by sight; with gracious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as none e’er spoke: “My peace be with you here.”**

**We may not touch your hands and side, nor follow where you trod; but in your promise we rejoice and cry, “My Lord and God!”**

**Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; and may our faith abound to call on you when you are near and seek where you are found.**

**And when our life of faith is done, in realms of clearer light may we behold you as you are, with full and endless sight.**

\*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 Chorale

Karg-Elert

\*Stand as able.

**Bold Type** – congregation in unison

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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

Chris Luter, Liturgist

Jennifer Young, Children’s Moment

Billy and Sandy Wann, Ushers

Hudson Barr, Acolyte



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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 Carol & Jamie Jameson in celebration of their 57th wedding anniversary.

**No Fellowship Coffee** today. Enjoy your 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 introducing a new study on C.S. Lewis's *The Great Divorce* in the East Room from 10-10:45am. 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 C.S. Lewis's *The Great Divorce* on Sunday mornings 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.

**Youth Fellowship** Uncle Wes's Wondrous Worry Wagon Intergenerational discussion! Welcome Ann Erickson and Madison

Lewis to join in our discussion. Come for the snacks, activities, and dialog. This afternoon (Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>) 2-4pm in the Youth Room.

**No Wednesday Night Dinner and Program** October 12<sup>th</sup>. Enjoy your Fall Break!

**Fall Yard Day** Come as a family at 9am on October 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup>, arrive at 3:30pm for setting up trunks. The Trunk or Treat is 4-6pm.

**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](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...**it was a joy to re-gather for a meal around the tables after worship! Our next Potluck will be Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>.

**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: Bethesda Presbyterian Church, Selmer, TN.

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