



FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP
Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost
November 13, 2022

Worship Online at 11:00am Sunday Mornings

www.farmingtonpres.org

Click "Worship Together"

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 Meditation

Peeters

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Children of God, God chose us as the first fruits of salvation, calling us to receive the good news of Jesus Christ.

We receive the good news that God formed us in God's image and that even though we have tarnished that image, God's love burnishes the tarnish away, refining and restoring us.

Children of God, all that we are and all that we have is a gift from our generous God.

With grateful hearts, we come to worship and praise our Lord in response.

Children of God, you are invited to be partners in God's generosity.

With hopeful hearts, we offer our gifts of time, talent and possessions to God as a true act of faith, to reflect our love for God and our neighbor.

Let us rejoice as we remember God's faithfulness and steadfast love. We offer our hearts in faith and love, Lord God, with thanksgiving.

***HYMN OF PRAISE – No. 282 “Come Down, O Love Divine”**

Come down, O Love Divine; seek out this soul of mine, and visit it with your own ardor glowing. O Comforter, draw near; within my heart appear, and kindle it, your holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn, till earthly passions turn to dust and ashes in its heat consuming. And let your glorious light shine ever on my sight, and clothe me round, the while my path illuming. And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long, shall far outpass the power of human telling. For none can guess God's grace, till Love creates a place where in the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.

(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**

from The Confession of 1967

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. His life as

man involves the church in the common life of men. His service to men commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all the sufferings of mankind so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of men in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on man's inhumanity to man and the awful consequences of its own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of man's life in society and of God's victory over all wrong.

THROUGH CHILDREN'S EYES

Doug 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

Luke 10:25-29

On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

"What is written in the Law?" he replied. "How do you read it?"

He answered, "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind'; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"

"You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do this and you will live."

But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SECOND READING

Proverbs 3:3-14

Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. Then you will win favor and a good name in the sight of God and man.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and shun evil. This will bring health to your body and nourishment to your bones.

Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine.

My sons and daughters, do not despise the Lord's discipline, and do not resent his rebuke, because the Lord disciplines those he loves, as a father the child he delights in.

Blessed are those who find wisdom, those who gain understanding, for she is more profitable than silver and yields better returns than gold.

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 "Hearts Made for Generosity" Rev. Rebecca Luter

CENTERING HYMN "Lord, My God, I Come Before Thee"
Cameron Crawford, soprano

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

*CELEBRATION OF STEWARDSHIP

HYMN No. 694 "Great God of Every Blessing" Verses 1 & 3

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.

INTERLUDE FOR PRAYER
AND BRINGING FORWARD
ESTIMATES OF GIVING FOR 2022

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.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM “How Can I Keep From Singing” Honore’

My life flows on in endless song, above earth's lamentation. I hear the real, though far off hymn that hails a new creation. No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging. Since Love is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing. It sounds and echoes in my soul. How can I keep from singing? No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging. Since Love is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing! All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from singing?

***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. 470 “There Is a Longing in Our Hearts”**

There is a longing in our hearts, O Lord, for you to reveal yourself to us. There is a longing in our hearts for love we only find in you, our God.

For justice, for freedom, for mercy: hear our prayer. In sorrow, in grief: be near; hear our prayer, O God. Refrain

For wisdom, for courage, for comfort: hear our prayer. In weakness, in fear: be near; hear our prayer, O God. Refrain

For healing, for wholeness, for new life: hear our prayer. In sickness, in death: be near; hear our prayer, O God. Refrain

Lord save us, take pity, Light in our darkness. We call you; we wait: be near; hear our prayer, O God. Refrain

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING FORTH HYMN “All Is Gift, 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 Postlude on “Old Hundredth”

Fred Bock

*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

Kay Patterson, Liturgist

Doug Barr, Children’s Moment

Bonnie Blair and Melissa Still, Ushers

Hudson Barr, Acolyte

Chancel Choir

Cameron Crawford, soprano



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AND RECORDED. ATTENDEES
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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 Melanie Oest in celebration of Nadine's birthday.

Join us for Fellowship Coffee immediately following the service in the Fellowship Hall. Refreshments provided by Jerry & Ellen Renfrow and 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.

Stewardship Sunday is today, Sunday November 13th. We will bring forward our dedication cards with estimates of giving for 2023 and place them in the model church building during worship. In deciding your gift, prayerfully consider how Farmington Presbyterian has helped you see Christ and how you are being called to partner with God in helping others see Christ.

First Presbyterian Soup Kitchen is today, November 13th. We will meet at 12:30pm at Farmington to carpool, or you may meet us downtown at 1pm. Many hands are needed as guests are still eating in the courtyard and placing orders for clothing. We generally are finished around 3pm.

Children & Youth Sunday School Children will explore the story of A Child Called Immanuel from 10-10:45am. Youth Sunday school will put Matthew 5:38-48 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.

No Youth Fellowship today. Please join us as we go to the Soup Kitchen today, November 13th (leaving at 12:30pm). Next Sunday, November 20th, we will participate in Hanging of the Greens from 2-4pm and decorate the Youth Room for the Advent Season.

Thanksgiving Dinner and Worship Wednesday evening, November 16, the Farmington family will gather for a full, traditional Thanksgiving feast and to worship. Dinner is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children (under 12) with \$25 family maximum and will be served buffet-style from 5:45-6:30 with a Service of Gratitude in the Sanctuary and livestreamed from 6:30-7pm. To access the livestream, www.farmingtonpres.org/wnp-22

Hanging of the Greens Get in the holiday spirit as we deck the halls, doors, and Sanctuary for the Advent and Christmas season. Sunday afternoon, November 20th from 2-4pm. All ages are encouraged to participate!

Thanksgiving Lunch at Pinecrest Thursday, November 24 from 11:30am-1pm. A traditional lunch will be served along with hikes, bonfires, and hayrides. \$25 (adults), \$15 (4-11 years), 3 and under free. Email amanda@camppinecrest.org to make your reservations.

Advent Service of Hope and Remembrance If you find that the holiday season is approaching with a sense of dread, or the last year has been difficult, or you are coping with a loss, this time of worship on Monday evening, November 28th at 6pm in the Sanctuary is for you.

Poinsettias The sanctuary will be decorated with poinsettias this year. Please consider honoring or remembering a loved one. Poinsettias are \$12 each. Email church@farmingtonpres.org with your information.

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 received a letter of gratitude for Farmington's generosity and commitment to Room in the Inn and learned that just this week 2 families with children moved into permanent housing. We are humbled to partner with God in providing shelter for our neighbors in need. You can read the letter and learn more on the Missions bulletin board outside Fellowship Hall.

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, Vanessa Howard, Gary Hutchins, Jeanne, Peter, and Laura Millar, Kate Morrison, Sue Odom, Meredith Oest, Nancy & Dennis Palmer, Bob Pointer, Bill Renfrow, Jonathan Riley, Jack Scherer, JoAnne Simpkins, Patti Simpkins, Mary Elizabeth Simpson, Williams Stevens, Susan St. John, Joan Wallace, Jim Waller, Jayme White, Frank Whited, Laura Anne Whitmore, Faye Woods, Rev. Mark Wright, and from our Presbytery: First Presbyterian Church, Caruthersville, MO, First Presbyterian Church, Clarkton, MO and Hunger & Homelessness..

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