



**FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP**

**Day of Pentecost
May 28, 2023**

Worship Online at 11:00am Sunday Mornings

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ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

God our creator, earth has many languages, but your gospel proclaims your love to all nations in one heavenly tongue. Make us messengers of the good news that, through the power of your Spirit, all the world may unite in one song of praise; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WELCOME

PRELUDE "We Are One in the Spirit"

Peter Scholtes

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Remember the promise of the Lord:

God will pour out the Spirit on all flesh.

The Spirit helps us in our weakness,

interceding with sighs too deep for words.

The Spirit of God renews the earth.

Bless the name of the Lord!

*HYMN OF PRAISE – No. 280 "Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us"

Come, O Spirit, dwell among us; come with Pentecostal power; give the church a stronger vision; help us face each crucial hour. Built upon a firm foundation, Jesus Christ, the Cornerstone, still the church is called to mission that God's love shall be made known.

We would raise our alleluias for the grace of yesteryears; for tomorrow's unknown pathway, hear, O Lord, our humble prayers. In the church's pilgrim journey you have led us all

the way; still in presence move before us, fire by night and cloud by day.

Come, O Spirit, dwell among us; give us words of fire and flame. Help our feeble lips to praise you, glorify your holy name. Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Three in One: what mystery! We would sing our loud hosannas now and through eternity.

(Please be seated.)

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, you poured your Spirit upon gathered disciples, creating bold tongues, open ears, and a new community of faith. We confess that we hold back the force of your Spirit among us. We do not listen for your word of grace, speak the good news of your love, or live as a people made one in Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit, and fill us with a flaming desire to be your faithful people, doing your will for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

KYRIE

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God.

*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.

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

Numbers 11:24-30

So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD, and he gathered seventy of the elders of the people and placed them all around the tent. Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders, and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, “My lord Moses, stop them!” But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD’s people were prophets and that the LORD would put his spirit on them!” And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp. (NRSVue)

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SECOND READING

Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you

suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:
‘In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.
Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit,
and they shall prophesy.
And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.
The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day.
Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’
(NRSVue)

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

RESPONSE NO. 587 “Alleluia!”

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

SERMON “In the Third Person”

Paul King

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God the Holy Spirit everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,

and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

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.

SHARING PRAYER CONCERNS

Please remember those on our prayer list.

CENTERING HYMN

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Congregational response: **Come, Holy Spirit!**

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

Keith Christopher

"Blades of Grass and Pure White Stones"

Blades of grass and pure white stones shelter those who've come and gone. Just below the em'erald sod are those who've reached the arms of God.

Buried here with dignity, endless rows for all to see. Freedom's seeds in sorrow sown, 'neath blades of grass and pure white stones.

Blades of grass and pure white stones cover those who left their homes, to rest in fields, here side by side, lest we forget their sacrifice.

*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**

Holy God, you provide us with everything we need. You breathe life into us and sustain us by the Spirit. Accept these offerings brought forth from our abundance, in gratitude for all that we have been given. May they be used in the humble service and mission of this church to glorify your name. Amen.

***HYMN 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 illumining.

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 wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

***SENDING FORTH HYMN No.80 “You Shall Go Out with Joy”**

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace; the mountains and the hills will break forth before you; there’ll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands. And all the trees of the field will clap their hands; the trees of the field will clap their hands; the trees of the field will clap their hands while you go out with joy.

***POSTLUDE** Festival Toccata Percy Fletcher

***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:

Paul King, Inquirer for Ministry
in the Presbytery of the Mid-South
Doug Barr, Director of Christian Education
Jim Thrash, Director of Music
Tom Bryant, Accompanist
Rachel King-Barr, Liturgist
Charlie Smithers, Children's Moment
Mike Colley and Tom Moots, Ushers
Hudson 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.

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

How do I join the church? Members are received by Profession of Faith, Reaffirmation of Faith, and Transfer of Membership from another congregation. If you are interested in joining, please email church@farmingtonpres.org. We look forward to officially welcoming you into the Farmington Presbyterian Church family!

Prayer Concerns and Pastoral Care You are encouraged to complete a Prayer Concern card in the pew rack to add someone to the church's prayer list. Copies of the complete list are available in the folder under the Prayer Board in the office. While Rev. Luter is on Sabbatical, Tom Sauer will be serving Farmington Presbyterian as a Commissioned Ruling Elder. He is available to visit and provide pastoral care. You may contact him at (901)651-7133 or GermantownTom@gmail.com.

Happenings AT FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN

Flowers this morning are given to the glory of God by Mary Lou and Jim Collins in celebration of their 69th Wedding Anniversary (April 18, 1954) and to celebrate Pentecost.

Congregational Meeting Session has called a Congregational Meeting following worship on June 4, 2023, to receive and act on the report of the Nominating Committee. Those who have agreed to serve on Session in the Class of 2026 are: Paul King, Jackie Lewis, and Liv Palmer. Nominations will

be accepted from the floor during the meeting. If you plan to nominate someone, please ensure that they have agreed to serve prior to nominating them during the meeting.

Potluck Sunday Following the Congregational Meeting on June 4th, we will have a potluck lunch. All are encouraged to bring a dish and stay for food and fellowship. June 4th will be Tom Sauer's first Sunday serving as our Pastor during Rev. Luter's Sabbatical. Please welcome Tom, and his wife Kim, warmly into the Farmington family.

Summer Break: Adult Sunday School Classes, Fellowship Coffee, and Sunday Afternoon Youth Fellowship

Children's Sunday School will continue their study through the Sparkhouse curriculum from 10-10:45am in room A6 and **Youth Sunday School** will continue their look at the Bible through the Animate/Bible series. Youth will meet 10-10:45am in the Youth Room.

No Youth Fellowship. Please join is in coming weeks for special events and days of decoration for VBS!

VBS Volunteer Training will be Sunday, June 4th at 12:30pm in the Youth Room. If you are helping or would like to help, come see what's happening and get answers to your questions. Pizza will be provided. Please let Doug Barr know if you will be attending.

Farmington Presbyterian Women All women who are a part of Farmington are encouraged to join a Zoom on May 30th at 5pm as Rev. Kirsten King leads us in the conclusion of Horizon's Bible Study "Celebrating Sabbath." For the link, please email church@farmingtonpres.org.

Vacation Bible School June 12-16 join the Hero Hotline as we learn how to serve God together. If you are able to donate or volunteer, please sign up on our website. If you are not able to commit all week, let Doug know when you are available and he'll get you connected!

Annual Spaghetti Dinner is Thursday, June 15th at 6pm in Fellowship Hall. We will be accepting donations for the mission trip to Mexico. Plan to come and invite your friends! For those unable to stay, dinners will be available to go at 5:30pm.

Flower Calendar Giving flowers for worship is a way to remember those we love and celebrate significant moments in our lives. You may sign up on our website under "Sign-ups."

Bulletin Mailing List While we were all worshipping online, 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 or if you are worshipping online and would like to be added to 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 “@farmfam” 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.

Rev. Rebecca Luter Our pastor is on Sabbatical for the summer months. She will return September 5th, 2023. We pray for rest and renewal as she spends time with family and continues her doctoral work. If you are in need of a pastor during this time, please contact Tom Sauer, who has been commissioned to serve Farmington Presbyterian while Rev. Luter is on leave. You may contact him at (901)651-7133 or GermantownTom@gmail.com.

This week at Farmington...the final Adult Ministry Luncheon of the Spring was held with a record number of attendees. Thank you to the team who have coordinated these luncheons: Bonnie Blair, Brenda Geise, Carol and Jamie Jameson, and Sandy Wann. Thank you to those who have shared your story: Charlie Smithers, Cooper Patterson, Sam Gakunga, Pat Sherman, and Bonnie Blair.

Remember in Prayer...Our Farmington Family, Session and Staff; Jackie Baker, Betty Boyd, Cathy Burch, Kitty Cannon, Jeanne Carr, Martha Carr, Ralph Carr, Judith Cassidy, Mary Lou Collins, Skip Flannery, Charlotte Franklin, Bill Harrington, Martha Hart, Vanessa Howard, Gary Hutchins, Bill Knight, Tim Lewis, Dawn McKenzie, Sara Millar, Susan Odom, Nancy & Dennis Palmer, Bob and Sarah Pointer, Shirley Pommer, Bill Renfrow, Jack Scherer, JoAnne Simpkins, Patti Simpkins, Mary Elizabeth Simpson, Williams Stevens, Susan St. John, Margaret Ueleke, Kathy VanderEcken, Jim Waller, Kasi Wann, Craig Warvel, Frank Whited, Faye Woods, and from our Presbytery: Pentecost Offering for at-risk children, youth, and young adults.

Sympathy...to the family and friends of Ellen Thearp, mother-in-law of Polly Knight.

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