



FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
August 20, 2023

Worship Online at 11:00am Sunday Mornings

www.farmingtonpres.org

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ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Almighty God, you built your church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Jesus Christ himself as the cornerstone. Join us together by their teaching, so that we may be a holy temple in whom your Spirit dwells; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WELCOME

PRELUDE "Nocturne"

Grieg

*CALL TO WORSHIP

God is our strength and salvation
Therefore, we will sing with great joy!
This is the day the LORD has made –
Let us be glad and rejoice in it!
Come, let us worship the LORD.

*HYMN OF PRAISE – No. 32 "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

**I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies. I
sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day. The
moon shines full at God's command, and all the stars obey.**

**I sing the goodness of the Lord who filled the earth with food.
God formed the creatures through the Word, and then
pronounced them good. Lord, how thy wonders are
displayed, wher-e're I turn my eye, if I survey the ground I
tread, or gaze upon the sky!**

There's not a plant or flower below but makes thy glories known. And clouds arise and tempests blow, by order from thy throne, while all that borrow life from thee is ever in thy care, and everywhere that we can be, thou, God, art present there.

(Please be seated.)

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Heavenly Father, when we hear the bad news of the world, we become frightened, angry, or overcome. It is hard for us to admit our responsibility in the woes of the world. It is hard for us to work for your good when the good seems so far off. We lack faith when you call us to walk on the water. We need your help, dear LORD. Give us courage to see clearly. Give us strength to do our part. Give us grace to forgive others and ourselves. And give us faith to go wherever you call us.

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

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

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.*

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

“Keep justice, and do righteousness, for My salvation is about to come, and My righteousness to be revealed. “Also the sons of the foreigner who join themselves to the Lord, to serve Him, and to love the name of the Lord, to be His servants—Everyone who keeps from defiling the Sabbath, and holds fast My covenant— Even them I will bring to My holy mountain, and make them joyful in My house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on My altar; for My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations.” The Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, says, “Yet I will gather to him others besides those who are gathered to him.”

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SECOND READING

Matthew 15:21-28

Then Jesus went out from there and departed to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a woman of Canaan came from that region and cried out to Him, saying, “Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David! My daughter is severely demon-possessed.” But He answered her not a word. And His disciples came and urged Him, saying, “Send her away, for she cries out after us.” But He answered and said, “I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” Then she came and worshiped Him, saying, “Lord, help me!” But He answered and said, “It is not good to take the children’s bread and throw it to the little dogs.” And she said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their masters’ table.” Then Jesus answered and said to her, “O woman, great is your faith! Let it be to you as you desire.” And her daughter was healed from that very hour.

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

RESPONSE NO. 587 “Alleluia!”

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

SERMON “We Are All Insiders”

Tom Sauer

RESPOND TO GOD

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.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Earth and All Stars!"

Johnson

*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

Giver of all good things, let your grace flow through us; a generous stream, unstoppable, refreshing, abundant. We release these gifts into your river of love, flowing out to all the world. Amen.

*HYMN - No. 401 "Gather Us In"

Verses 1, 2, and 4

Here in this place the new light is streaming; now is the darkness vanished away; see in this space our fears and our dreamings brought here to you in the light of this day. Gather us in, the lost and forsaken; gather us in, the blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall awaken; we shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young, our lives are a mystery. We are the old who yearn for your face. We have been sung throughout all of history, called to be light to the whole human race. Gather us in, the rich and the haughty; gather us in, the proud and the strong; give us the heart, so meek and so lowly; give us the courage to enter the song.

Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light years away: here in this place the new light is shining; now is the kingdom, and now is the day. Gather us in and hold us forever; gather us in and make us your own; gather us in, all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

*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 “Rigaudon”

Campra

*Stand as able.

Bold Type – congregation in unison

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Participating in the service today:

Rev. Rebecca Luter, Pastor

Tom Sauer, CRE

Doug Barr, Director of Christian Education

Jim Thrash, Director of Music

Tom Bryant, Accompanist

Ann Erickson, Liturgist

Doug Barr, Children's Moment

Billy and Sandy Wann, Ushers

Delilah Davis, Acolyte

Chancel Choir



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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.

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

Youth Fellowship today, August 20th, parents are invited to join us, from 2-4pm, as we celebrate the start of a new year and have a look at the schedule ahead.

Food Pantry Collection Farmington is collecting food pantry items for the Oakland Presbyterian Church Food Pantry. Canned meats, vegetables, pasta sauce, peanut butter, etc. can be dropped off in the basket by the West entrance of the church.

Children's Sunday School kicks off with the story of the First Sin. 10-10:45am in classroom A6.

Youth Sunday School will continue a walk through the Bible, placing ourselves IN the stories to see what God is revealing and then expressing new insight through art. 10-10:45am in the Youth Room.

Adult Sunday School Classes Cooper Patterson will be leading a study of the book of Romans for men in the Fellowship Hall from 9:30-10:30am. Rev. Rebecca Luter's class will return in September.

Youth Fellowship Next Sunday, August 27th, will join the team headed to the First Presbyterian Soup Kitchen from 1-3:30pm. You may want to bring a lunch for after worship.

First Presbyterian Soup Kitchen It's time to assemble and make sandwiches for the Soup Kitchen and help serve lunch to the community on August 27th. We will be assembling bologna and cheese sandwiches at 10am at church. Please let Jinney Hart know if you plan to assemble or bring premade sandwiches. You can carpool by meeting at Farmington at 12:30pm or arrive at First Presbyterian at 1pm. We are usually finished by 3pm. You may be serving soup, filling tea glasses, or handing out sugar packets, but the most important thing that you will do is share the love of Christ with your hospitality.

PW Potluck Salad Dinner All ladies are invited to a potluck dinner at Ann Erickson's house on Wednesday, September 6th at 6pm. Bring a salad of your choice. Please RSVP to Ann at annerickson1@bellsouth.net or 496-4446.

Fellowship Coffee 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.

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 worshiping 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 worshiping 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...10 Youth and 3 Chaperones made an escape, last Sunday, August 13th, from the Memphis Escape Rooms. This team building exercise was Nic Luter and Olivia Mittag's last day as a youth. We look forward to their return from college to tell us all about their new adventures.

Remember in Prayer...Our Farmington Family, Session and Staff; Cole Andrews, Jackie Baker, David Blakemore, Betty Boyd, Cathy Burch, Rev. Margaret Burnett, Kitty Cannon, Jeanne Carr, Martha Carr, Ralph Carr, Judith Cassidy, Mary Lou Collins, Skip Flannery, Charlotte Franklin, Robert Hall, Bill Harrington, Martha Hart, Vanessa Howard, Gary Hutchins, Steve Johnson, Anthony Jones, Bill Knight, Jim Mabile, Dawn McKenzie, Faye McKenzie, Sara Millar, Susan Odom, Nancy & Dennis Palmer, Larry Pickler, Bob and Sarah Pointer, Bill Renfrow, Jack Scherer, JoAnne Simpkins, Patti Simpkins, Williams Stevens, Susan St. John, Margaret Ueleke, Kathy VanderEcken, Jim Waller, Kasi Wann, Frank Whited, Faye Woods, and from our Presbytery: Public Education.

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