



FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 10, 2023

Worship Online at 11:00am Sunday Mornings

www.farmingtonpres.org

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ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Holy God, your steadfast love rushes for us as reliably as water flows to the lowest point. You fill our lives to the brim and overflowing with your grace. As we hear again the interactions of people with Jesus, may we learn to live and interact as he did. Bring the tributaries of our lives together as a people to live as a river of righteousness powerfully flowing with justice and peace. Through us, renew your earth and restore your people. Amen.

WELCOME

PRELUDE "Come, Gather Together Again"

Mark Patterson

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.

Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your judgments are like the great deep!

O God, how precious is your steadfast love! All people take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

They eat and are full at your table and drink from the river of your overflowing mercy.

In you, O Lord, is the fountain of life that quenches our thirst.

Your light has opened our eyes and awakened our souls.

*HYMN OF PRAISE – No. 611 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

**Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun**

above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away. Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays; stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise. Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea, chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning stars began. Love divine is reigning o'er us, joining all in heaven's plan. Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife. Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

(Please be seated.)

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, in Jesus, our risen Lord, we have seen your glory. Yet our sinfulness often blocks out the light of Christ. We are quick to accuse and slow to confess. We find faults easily in others while ignoring our own shortcomings. We have squandered your gifts. We have turned from your ways. We have ignored your Word. Have mercy on us, compassionate God. Pour out your Holy Spirit on our sinful lives. Wash us with your love and cleanse us with your grace that day by day we might move closer to the people you would have us be.

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

We belong to God, creator of all that is and all that is to come. It is God alone who gives life, and God's love is abundant beyond measure.

We follow Jesus, the Christ, the Revealer of God, who taught us to love by showing us the depth of God's love. In his life and ministry, and his death and resurrection, he has shown us that in losing our claim on our own lives and our ways, we find true purpose as we follow his way. 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.

We trust in the Holy Spirit, who sets us free by grace through faith to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, who binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray, to witness to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries, to listen and hear the voices of those long silenced, and to work together for justice, freedom, and peace.

Therefore, we devote ourselves to disciplined practice of the Way of Jesus in our daily lives, so that we may grow in faithfulness, and serve God in humble, confident love for the sake of the healing of the world. Amen.

THROUGH CHILDREN'S EYES

Rachel 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

I Corinthians 12:1-11

Now about the gifts of the Spirit, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, somehow or other you were influenced and led astray to mute idols. Therefore I want you to know that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, "Jesus be cursed," and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit. There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work. Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, to another

miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SECOND READING

John 2:1-11

On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine." "Woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them to the brim. Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet." They did so, and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside and said, "Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now." What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

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RESPONSE NO. 587 "Alleluia!"

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

SERMON "When the Wine Runs Out"

Rev. Rebecca Luter

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 "We are One in the Spirit"

Scholtes

*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, we offer you these gifts and our lives. Use them, and us, to accomplish your purposes as we follow the example of your Son. Meeting needs, healing hurts, bringing justice, and providing nurture so that all of creation might live into your vision of peaceable Kingdom. Amen.

*HYMN - No. 727

Verses 1, 2, 5 and 6

"Will You Let Me Be Your Servant"

**Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.**

We are pilgrims on a journey; we're together on the road. We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.

**When we sing to God in heaven, we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony.**

**Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.**

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*SENDING FORTH HYMN - No. 726

Verses 1 and 2

"Will You Come and Follow Me"

"Will you come and follow me if I but call your name? Will you go where you don't know and never be the same? Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known; will your let my life be grown in you and you in me?"

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name. Let me turn and follow you and never be the same. In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show. Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

*POSTLUDE “The Agincourt Hymn”

Dunstable

*Stand as able.

Bold Type – congregation in unison

**Prayer of confession adapted from liturgy written by John Wurster for Presbyterian Outlook, 2023.

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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

Susan Bryant, Liturgist

Rachel Barr, Children’s Moment

Paula Gale and Paula Patterson, Ushers

Hudson Barr, 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 let Rev. Rebecca know or 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. You may reach Rev. Rebecca Luter at (901)674-8000 or rluter@farmingtonpres.org.

Happenings AT FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN

Flowers this morning are given to the glory of God by Paula Gale in honor of all those who serve others.

Potluck Sunday today, September 10th, in the Fellowship Hall immediately following worship. Please bring a dish and/or dessert. There is always a gracious plenty.

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.

Youth Fellowship today, September 10th, from 4:30-6:30pm to celebrate National TV Dinner Day. Everyone bring your favorite uncooked TV dinner. We will warm them up, as God intended, in the microwave. There will be discussion and games to follow. Drinks provided.

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 will be learning the story of Baby Moses. 10-10:45am in classroom A6 with Elizabeth Williams and Charlie Smithers.

Youth Sunday School will continue walking through the Bible and exploring through artistic expression. 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 will be leading a discussion of Kate Bowler's Podcast, "Everything Happens." Next Sunday we will discuss Season 1, Episode 2 "Costly Love" with Lucy Kalanithi, the widow of Dr. Paul Kalanithi and author of the best-selling memoir, "When Breath Becomes Air." All are welcome.

Youth Fellowship next Sunday, September 17th from 2-4pm, at Cordova Bowling.

FPDS Book Fair Do you love books and children? You have an opportunity to help children and families as they discover new books! If you are interested in volunteering for a few hours the week of September 18th-22nd, please let Ms. Gretchen, Gretchen@farmingtonpres.org, know! Afternoons from 4pm-6pm tend to be the busiest time.

Active Shooter Training What would you do if you were in a situation with an active shooter? On Saturday, September 23rd, at 10am, Germantown Police Department will be conducting a training for our congregation and our community in the Sanctuary. Please plan to attend and invite your friends, family, and neighbors.

PW Meeting All women of the church are invited to attend the Horizon's Bible Study: Sacred Encounters Sunday, September 24th at 12:30pm in the East Room for Lesson 1 from this series. Ann Erickson, Kay Patterson, and Jinney Hart will be leading the Bible study for the 2023-2024 series. This will be a study of Luke-Acts which is actually 2 volumes of the same book and is considered to have been written by the same author, Luke. Through this interactive Bible study series, we will investigate ways the 21st century church can exhibit mercy and compassion within and beyond the traditional congregation. Come join us as we learn about the sacred encounters of the characters of the stories and how they were transformed by their experience. We too may be transformed!

Adult Ministries Luncheon will be on September 28th at Noon in the Youth Room. The speaker will be Jim Collins. Jim has an interesting life story to share with us. Lunch will be prepared by Chef Scott Hutchins. The cost is \$13. Please contact Sandy Wann at srwann@bellsouth.net to make a reservation by Monday, September 25th.

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.

This week at Farmington... Thirteen women gathered this past week for a Presbyterian Women Potluck salad dinner at the home of Ann Erickson. The evening provided excellent food and an opportunity to visit among sweet friends. "Just as lotions and fragrance give sensual delight, a sweet friendship refreshes the soul." - Proverbs 27:9 If you are a woman and a member or visitor of Farmington Presbyterian, you are invited to our next gathering on September 24th at 12:30pm in the East Room of the church.

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, Laurie Fisher, Skip Flannery, Charlotte Franklin, Bill Harrington, Martha Hart, Vanessa Howard, Gary Hutchins, 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: Christian Formation Week.

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