



FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP
Nineteenth Sunday of Pentecost
October 8, 2023

Worship Online at 11:00am Sunday Mornings

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ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Almighty God, maker of all, with joy we give thanks for all your goodness. We praise you for the love which has created and sustained us to this day, and for the gift of Christ who brings us into covenant with you and with all your people of faith. Help us to treasure your gifts and to show our thankfulness by lives fully given to your service and praise.

WELCOME

PRELUDE "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

W. Runyan

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise the LORD! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty firmament!

Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his surpassing greatness!

Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp!

Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe!

Praise him with clanging cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

Let everything that breathes praise the LORD! Praise the LORD!

*HYMN OF PRAISE – No. 2 "Come, Thou Almighty King"

Come, thou almighty King, help us thy name to sing; help us to praise: Father, all glorious o'er all victorious, come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

Come, thou incarnate Word, merciful, mighty Lord, our prayer attend. Come, and thy people bless, and give thy word success; Spirit of holiness, on us descend.

Come, holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear in this glad hour. Thou who almighty art, now rule in every heart, and ne'er to us depart, Spirit of power.

To thee, great One in Three, eternal praises be, hence evemore! Thy sovereign majesty may we in glory see, and to eternity love and adore.

(Please be seated.)

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy One, forgive us. Though you should guide us, we attempt to inform ourselves. Though you should rule us, we control ourselves. Though you should fulfill us, we console ourselves. For we think your truth too high, your will too hard, your power too remote and your love too free. But they are not! And without them, we know what it means to feel miserable. Heal our confused mind with your Word. Heal our divided will with your law of love. Heal our troubled conscience with your grace. Heal our anxious hearts with your presence. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

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

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

John 6:32-35

Jesus said to them, Very truly I tell you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world. Sir, they said, always give us this bread. Then Jesus declared, I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SECOND READING

Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21

Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the LORD: I will sing to the LORD, for he is highly exalted. Both horse and driver he has hurled into the sea. The LORD is my strength and my defense; he has become my salvation. He is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him. The LORD is a warrior; the LORD is his name. Pharaoh's chariots and his army he has hurled into the sea. The best of Pharaoh's officers are drowned in the Red Sea. The deep waters have covered them; they sank to the depths like a stone. Your right hand, LORD, was majestic in power. Your right hand, LORD, shattered the enemy. In the greatness of your majesty you threw down those who opposed you. You unleashed your burning anger; it consumed them like stubble. By the blast of your nostrils the waters piled up. The surging waters stood up like a wall; the deep waters congealed in the heart of the sea. The enemy boasted, I will pursue, I will overtake them. I will divide the spoils; I will gorge myself on them. I will draw my sword and my hand will destroy them. But you blew with your breath, and the sea covered them. They sank like lead in the mighty waters. Who among the gods is like you, LORD? Who is like you majestic in

holiness, awesome in glory, working wonders? Then Miriam the prophet, Aaron's sister, took a timbrel in her hand, and all the women followed her, with timbrels and dancing. Miriam sang to them: Sing to the LORD, for he is highly exalted. Both horse and driver he has hurled into the sea.

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Thanks be to God!

RESPONSE NO. 587 "Alleluia!"

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

SERMON "Some Dance to Remember" Rev. Ruth Lovell Bradham

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 "With a Voice of Singing" Martin Shaw

*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

God of transformation, send your Holy Spirit to fill us with your power. Open our eyes and hearts to the vision you have for us. Dedicate our tithes and offerings and our lives to being Christ's partners in service, building your beloved community of justice, mercy, and hope. For we seek to live as Christ's body and pray in his name, Amen.

*HYMN - No. 761

Verses 1 and 4

"Called as Partners in Christ's Service"

Called as partners in Christ's service, called to ministries of grace, we respond with deep commitment fresh new lines of faith to trace. May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend, equal partners in our caring to fulfill God's chosen end.

So God grant us for tomorrow ways to order human life that surround each person's sorrow with a calm that conquers strife. Make us partners in our living, our compassion to increase, messengers of faith, thus giving hope and confidence and peace.

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

*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 “Fugue in F”

J.S. Bach

*Stand as able.

Bold Type – congregation in unison

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ANY CHILDREN ACCOMPANYING
THEM, MAY BE ON CAMERA.

Participating in the service today:

Rev. Rebecca Luter, Pastor
Rev. Ruth Lovell Bradham, Guest Speaker
Doug Barr, Director of Christian Education
Jim Thrash, Director of Music
Tom Bryant, Accompanist
Sandy Hilliard, Liturgist
Rachel Barr, Children's Moment
Gerry and Gerrie Wilder, 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 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

This Sunday

Flowers this morning are given to the glory of God by Jamie and Carol Jameson in celebration of their wedding anniversary.

No Fellowship Coffee today, October 8th due to Fall Break. 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.

No Youth Fellowship today, October 8th. Happy Fall Break!

Next Sunday

Children's Sunday School 10-10:45am will explore God's Call to Samuel in classroom A6.

Youth Sunday School will continue our 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 will be leading a new study of the book More than Enough (by Lee Hull Moses) at 10am on October 22nd. The books are available on Amazon or from the church office for \$12.

Youth Fellowship next Sunday, October 15th from 2-4pm. Join us next week for the Corn Maze. The church bus leaves at 2pm.

Announcements

Fall Yard Work Day is October 21st beginning at 9am. All are encouraged to come to the church to rake leaves and clean up the parking lot for Trunk-R-Treat on October 29th. Bring your rakes, gloves, leaf blower, 5-gallon buckets and joy! If you can't make it by 9am, come any time before noon. We will begin wrapping up then. Contact Bob Plotner or Cooper Patterson to volunteer. Rain Date - October 28th, same time, same project!

Trunk-R-Treat is October 29th from 4pm-6pm. Please sign up on our website to host a trunk. If you need help with ideas or a game or candy to hand out, please let Doug know. Your participation is fun for the kids, and you will have a great time too!

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.

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.

This week at Farmington... Our first Adult Ministries outing was to the Slave Haven Underground Railroad Museum. All twelve of us enjoyed the day together as we learned about the way a Presbyterian family faithfully facilitated justice in their home.

Remember in Prayer...Our Farmington Family, Session and Staff; Jackie Baker, Barbara Beard, Kevin Beard, David Blakemore, Betty Boyd, Cathy Burch, Rev. Margaret Burnett, Kitty Cannon, Jeanne 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, Dawn McKenzie, Faye McKenzie, Sara Millar, Susan Odom, Nancy & Dennis Palmer, Bob and Sarah Pointer, Bill Renfrow, Jack Scherer, JoAnne Simpkins, Patti Simpkins, Williams Stevens, Margaret Ueleke, Kathy VanderEcken, Jim Waller, Kasi Wann, Frank Whited, Faye Woods, and from our Presbytery: Bethesda Presbyterian Church, Selmer, TN.

Sympathies... to the family and friends of Jessica Gross, niece of Elouise Anderson.

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