



FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP
Twenty-first Sunday of Pentecost
October 22, 2023

Worship Online at 11:00am Sunday Mornings

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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 "Andante"

Schubert

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We come to this place because we want to know God,
who helps us set aside the past, to walk the path to new life.

We come in these moments because we want to know Jesus,
**who anoints us with grace overflowing, who knows our joys
and our sorrows, our triumphs and our temptations.**

We come with these people because we want to know the Holy Spirit,

**who shapes us as a community for life with God, so we may
praise God forever!**

*HYMN OF PRAISE – No. 440 "Jesus, Lover of My Soul"

**Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to thy bosom fly, while the
nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high. Hide me, O
my Savior, hide, till the storm of life is past. Safe into the
haven guide, O receive my soul at last!**

**Other refuge have I none; hangs my helpless soul on thee.
Leave, ah! leave me not alone; still support and comfort me.
All my trust on thee is stayed; all my help from thee I bring.
Cover my defenseless head with the shadow of thy wing.**

**Thou, O Christ, art all I want; more than all in thee I find.
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the
blind. Just and holy is thy name; I am all unrighteousness.
False and full of sin I am; thou art full of truth and grace.**

**Plenteous grace with thee is found, grace to cover all my sin.
Let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure
within. Thou of life the fountain art; freely let me take of
thee. Spring thou up within my heart. Rise to all eternity.**

(Please be seated.)

CHOOSE COMMUNITY...CHANGE THE WORLD

Jackie Hall

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 see more clearly 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

from A Brief Statement of Faith

**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus
proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the
poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed**

and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. 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. Amen.

THROUGH CHILDREN'S EYES

Sharaze Colley

*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

Isaiah 43:16-21

This is what the LORD says—he who made a way through the sea, a path through the mighty waters, who drew out the chariots and horses, the army and reinforcements together, and they lay there, never to rise again, extinguished, snuffed out like a wick: Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland. The wild animals honor me, the jackals and the owls, because I provide water in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland, to give drink to my people, my chosen, the people formed for myself that they may proclaim my praise.

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SECOND READING

John 8:1-11

But Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At dawn he appeared again in the temple courts, where all the people gathered around him, and he sat down to teach them. The teachers of the law and the Pharisees brought in a woman caught in adultery. They made her stand before the group and said to Jesus, Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of adultery. In the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say? They were using this

question as a trap, in order to have a basis for accusing him. But Jesus bent down and started to write on the ground with his finger. When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her. Again he stooped down and wrote on the ground. At this, those who heard began to go away one at a time, the older ones first, until only Jesus was left, with the woman still standing there. Jesus straightened up and asked her, Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you? No one, sir, she said. Then neither do I condemn you, Jesus declared. Go now and leave your life of sin.

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RESPONSE NO. 587 “Alleluia!”

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

SERMON “Unless You Are Without Sin...”

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.

INSTALLATION OF ELDERS

Paul King

LITANY OF INSTALLATION

There are different gifts,

But it is the same Spirit who gives them.

There are varieties of ways to serve God,

But it is the same Lord who is served.

God works through people in different ways.

But it is the same God who inspires a faithful response.

Each one is given gifts by the Spirit, to use for the common good.

Together we are the body of Christ.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "O God, We Do Exalt Your Name" Larson

*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

Lord God, dedicate these offerings and our lives to pouring out your love and grace on those who long to hear your word to them, to see your power at work within them, to feel your comfort beside them, and to celebrate the peace which is life in you. In Jesus' name, Amen.

*HYMN - No. 445 "God, How Can We Forgive"

God, how can we forgive when bonds of love are torn? How can we rise and start anew, our trust reborn? When human loving fails and every hope is gone, your love gives strength beyond our own to face the dawn.

When we have missed the mark, and tears of anguish flow, how can you still release our guilt, the debt we owe? The ocean depth of grace surpasses all our needs. A priest who shares our human pain, Christ intercedes.

Who dares to throw the stone to damn another's sin, when you, while knowing all our past, forgive again? No more we play judge, for by your grace we live. As you, O God, forgive our sin, may we forgive.

*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 you 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 "Allegro Marziale"

Peeters

*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
Charlie Smithers, Liturgist
Sharaze Colley, Children's Moment
Leslie McNamara and Paula Patterson, 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 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 Leslie McNamara in celebration of Allan and Wendy McNamara's 1st wedding anniversary.

Fellowship Coffee today, October 22nd, will be hosted by Merry Bonner 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.

Youth Fellowship today, October 22nd from 4:30 to 6:30pm. Join us at the church for Dinner and Discipleship part II. We will make tacos in the kitchen and talk about our courage to be a follower to Christ.

Presbyterian Women Meeting today, Sunday, October 22nd at 12:30 pm in the East Room for Lesson 2 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.

Next Sunday

Children's Sunday School 10-10:45am will explore David's selection as King 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 is leading a study of the book of Romans for men in the Fellowship Hall from 9:30-10:30am. Rev. Rebecca Luter is leading a discussion of Chapters 3 & 4 of the book More than Enough (by Lee Hull Moses) at 10am on October 29th. The books are available on Amazon or from the church office for \$12.

Youth Fellowship next Sunday, October 29th, from 4-6pm is Trunk or Treat. Please arrive by 3:30pm to help. We need game leaders, snack providers, and TRUNKS! Signup on our website or talk to Doug if you need ideas.

This Week

Adult Ministries Luncheon will be on October 26th at Noon in the Youth Room. The speaker will be Dr. Paula Gale. Lunch will be prepared by Chef Scott Hutchins. The cost is \$13. Please contact Sandy Wann at swann@bellsouth.net to make a reservation by Monday, October 23rd

MOPS Join us October 26th at the Agricenter Corn Maze. Cost is \$12, 6:30 - 7:30pm. Dress Accordingly. MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers), is a new program at Farmington Presbyterian intended to give much needed support to mothers of students at our day school. MOPS will be offered in the

evenings so working moms can gather for fun, support, and fellowship throughout the school year. Jenn Paine will lead this gathering.

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!

Announcements

Friendsgiving is November 3rd from 5pm-8pm. We all had such a wonderful time last year that we are gathering again. Scott Hutchins will be making pizza, We will have music, a photo booth, face painting, and a fun evening together in the back yard of the church. Bring your lawn chair and make a donation! All funds raised will benefit the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

Campfood & Cocktails for Pinecrest Sunday, November 5, 4-6 pm on the outdoor hillside of Shady Grove Presbyterian Church Gather around the campfire, sing some great songs, bid on something you can't live without, and help further the mission of our "place set apart where people of all ages can come to listen for God." Eat, drink, and be merry at this adults-only casual event featuring music from two local bands, convenient parking, and our take on *God's eye chic* decor! Bring your own lawn chair for fireside seating under the twinkle lights. Tickets are \$60 (email lucy@camppinecrest.org to reserve tickets and mail a check) or \$75 at the event.

Room In The Inn Farmington Presbyterian will be hosting on November 18th at The Cottage at Germantown United Methodist Church. This ministry provides housing for homeless persons from November - March. Each time we host, we will need a group of people to prepare a meal for the evening: a casserole or meat, side(s), salad, bread, and dessert. The meal should serve our 12-14 guests and the 6-8 of us hosting them. We will need 6-8 people to host our guests each evening. The time frame will be 5:00 - 9:30pm. These people will prepare the beds, warm and serve the dinner, monitor showers and laundry, and fellowship with our guests. We will need 2 people to spend the night at GUMC with our guests. The time frame will be 9:00 pm - 7:00 am. Lights out is 10pm. These people will also prepare coffee in the morning, put out a to-go breakfast for our guests, and clean up in the morning. These people can serve as one of the evening hosts as well. We prefer one male and one female for this position. We will need 2 people to volunteer to launder the sheets, pillow cases, and blankets each Sunday afternoon after we host our guests. This is a great way for someone who cannot be there in the evenings to still be a part of this ministry.

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 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...we began making plans for hosting our neighbors who are experiencing homelessness this winter. We will be providing shelter again at the Cottage on the 3rd Saturday night of the month (November – March). Mark your calendars now to participate by providing dinner, hosting (evening or overnight), or washing laundry!

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: First Presbyterian Church, Somerville, TN and Tiptonville Presbyterian Church, Tiptonville, TN.

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