



**FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP**

**Reformation Sunday  
October 29, 2023**

Worship Online at 11:00am Sunday Mornings

[www.farmingtonpres.org](http://www.farmingtonpres.org)

Click "Worship Together"

**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 "Matins"

Healey Willan  
Sondra Tucker, organ

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather together to worship the Lord our God,

**Who fashioned the heavens and the earth and forms us to bear the image of the Divine.**

The Lord our God is our refuge and strength, our help in times of need,

**Who calls us to do justice and love mercy and gives us courage to do what we know is right.**

The Lord our God is here among us, our guide and our light,

**Who calls us away from the ways and attitudes of the world around us and invites us instead into transformed lives in community.**

The Lord our God is our hope and our salvation,

**Who claims us, redeems us, and loves us. Let us offer our praise and thanksgiving!**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE – No. 643 “Now Thank We All Our God”

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world  
rejoices; who, from our mothers’ arms, hath blessed us on  
our way with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,  
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us; and  
keep us in God’s grace, and guide us when perplexed, and  
free us from all ills in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven, to  
Father and to Son and Spirit now be given; the one eternal  
God, whom heaven and earth adore, the God who was and is,  
and shall be evermore.

*(Please be seated.)*

CHOOSE COMMUNITY...CHANGE THE WORLD

Mike Colley

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord, you are our Father, and we are wayward children; you  
are our Creator, we are the work of your hands; you are our  
Shepherd, we are your flock; you are our Redeemer, we are  
the people you bought back; you are our God, we belong to  
you.

Therefore, do not be angry against us, to correct us in your  
wrath. Recall not our iniquity, to punish it, but chastise us  
gently in your kindness. Your anger is inflamed because of  
our demerits. But please remember that we do call upon your  
name and that we bear your mark and badge. Undertake  
rather the work you have begun in us by your grace, so that  
the whole world may recognize that you are our God and  
Savior.

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.

The liturgy for worship this morning, you may notice is a bit different. It is based on John Calvin's French liturgy for Reformation Sunday in Strasbourg around 1540.

Calvin did not include a children's message in the worship service, but he did have children recite the Heidelberg Catechism's Lord's Day on Sunday afternoon. Let us, then, affirm our faith using that portion of the catechism:

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism's Lord's Day 1

**What is thy only comfort in life and death?**

That I with body and soul, both in life and death, am not my own, but belong unto my faithful Savior Jesus Christ; who, with His precious blood, has fully satisfied for all my sins, and delivered me from all the power of the devil; and so preserves me that without the will of my heavenly Father, not a hair can fall from my head; yea, that all things must be subservient to my salvation, and therefore, by His Holy Spirit, He also assures me of eternal life, and makes me sincerely willing and ready, henceforth, to live unto Him.

**How many things are necessary for thee to know, that thou, enjoying this comfort, mayest live and die happily?**

Three: the first, how great my sins and miseries are; the second, how I may be delivered from all my sins and miseries; the third, how I shall express my gratitude to God for such deliverance.

THROUGH CHILDREN'S EYES

Jinney Hart

*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

Romans 3:21-31

But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished—he did it to

demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus. Where, then, is boasting? It is excluded. Because of what law? The law that requires works? No, because of the law that requires faith. For we maintain that a person is justified by faith apart from the works of the law. Or is God the God of Jews only? Is he not the God of Gentiles too? Yes, of Gentiles too, since there is only one God, who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through that same faith. Do we, then, nullify the law by this faith? Not at all! Rather, we uphold the law.

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

SECOND READING

Mark 14:3-9

While he was in Bethany, reclining at the table in the home of Simon the Leper, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume, made of pure nard. She broke the jar and poured the perfume on his head. Some of those present were saying indignantly to one another, Why this waste of perfume? It could have been sold for more than a year's wages and the money given to the poor. And they rebuked her harshly. Leave her alone, said Jesus. Why are you bothering her? She has done a beautiful thing to me. The poor you will always have with you, and you can help them any time you want. But you will not always have me. She did what she could. She poured perfume on my body beforehand to prepare for my burial. Truly I tell you, wherever the gospel is preached throughout the world, what she has done will also be told, in memory of her.

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

RESPONSE NO. 587 "Alleluia!"

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

SERMON "Soli Deo Gloria"

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 "Praise Ye the Lord of Hosts" Saint-Saens

\*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

**Almighty God, we evermore give praise and thanks that you have been so gracious to us. While we were yet sinners, you sent Christ to die for us. By his suffering, death, and resurrection, the way of everlasting life was opened to us. Therefore, may we grow in faith as a community so that our whole life is devoted to your praise and to the betterment of our neighbor; through your Son and our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

\*HYMN - No. 240 "Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks to the Risen Lord"

**Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name. Jesus is Lord of all the earth. He is the King of creation. Refrain**

**Spread the good news o'er all the earth: Jesus has died and has risen. Refrain**

**We have been crucified with Christ. Now we shall live forever. Refrain**

**Come let us praise the living God, joyfully sing to our Savior. Refrain**

\*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 “Come Christians Join to Sing” Sondra Tucker

\*Stand as able. **Bold Type** – congregation in unison

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†Liturgy based on John Calvin's French liturgy in Strasbourg around 1540.

**Participating in the service today:**

Rev. Rebecca Luter, Pastor  
Doug Barr, Director of Christian Education  
Jim Thrash, Director of Music  
Tom Bryant, Accompanist  
Sondra Tucker, organ  
Kay Patterson, Liturgist  
Jinney Hart, Children's Moment  
Tom and Elizabeth Moots, Ushers  
Charlotte Moots, Acolyte  
Chancel Choir



THIS SERVICE IS BEING LIVE-STREAMED  
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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:rluter@farmingtonpres.org).

## Happenings AT FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN

### This Sunday

**Flowers** this morning are given to the glory of God by Shelley Wann in honor of Farmington Presbyterian Day School.

**Youth Fellowship** today, October 29<sup>th</sup>, from 4-6pm is Trunk or Treat. Please arrive by 3:30pm to help. We need game leaders, snack providers, and TRUNKS!

**Trunk or Treat** is this afternoon, Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, arrive at 3:30pm for setting up trunks (please bring candy). The Trunk or Treat event is 4-6pm. Come and enjoy the afternoon and the joy of childhood! Invite your family and friends!

### Next Sunday

**Children's Sunday School** 10-10:45am will study the building of Solomon's temple 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 5&6 of the book More than Enough (by Lee Hull Moses) at 10am on November 5<sup>th</sup>. The books are available on Amazon.

**Potluck Sunday** next Sunday, November 5th, in the Fellowship Hall immediately following worship. Please bring a dish and/or dessert. Place in kitchen with instructions for warming, if needed. Please contact Paula Patterson if you would like to help with setup or cleanup.

**No Youth Fellowship** on Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>. Please makes plans to attend on November 12<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-6:30pm.

### **This Week**

**Friendsgiving** is Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> 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, bounce house, 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. As violence escalates in and around Israel/Palestine, PDA is providing humanitarian assistance through partners on the ground and through ACT Alliance. PDA has approved solidarity grants and will continue supporting our partners providing humanitarian assistance. Our response efforts will encompass a wide array of vital humanitarian interventions, including but not limited to medical supplies, shelter, WASH (water, sanitation and hygiene), food and non-food items and delivering crucial psychosocial support to individuals.

**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](mailto:lucy@camppinecrest.org) to reserve tickets and mail a check) or \$75 at the event.

### **Announcements**

**Thanksgiving Dinner and Worship** Wednesday evening, November 15<sup>th</sup>, the Farmington family will gather for a full, traditional Thanksgiving feast and to worship. Dinner is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children (under 12) with \$30 family maximum and will be served buffet-style at 6pm with a Service of Gratitude in the Sanctuary and livestreamed at 6:45pm.

**Room in the Inn** Farmington Presbyterian will be hosting on November 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

**First Presbyterian Soup Kitchen** We will be making and taking bologna sandwiches and serving our neighbors again on November 19<sup>th</sup>. We will gather at the church at 12:30pm and return no later than 3pm. Please let Jinney Hart know if you can make sandwiches the morning of the event.

**Advent Wreath Lighting** Your family is invited to participate in worship by lighting the Advent Wreath. Each year, we mark the weeks until Christmas by lighting the candles of hope, peace, joy, and love in anticipation of lighting the Christ Candle on Christmas Eve. Please let Rev. Rebecca know that you would like to light the candles and which Sunday(s) you are available: December 3, 10, 17, 24 at 11am and 5pm, 31.

**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.

**Fellowship Coffee** Sign up to host Fellowship Coffee on our website to provide refreshments following worship, [www.farmingtonpres.org](http://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 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](mailto: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...**the Yard Clean-up last Saturday was a huge success with church members and Boy Scouts working together on a beautiful day! Thank you to all who participated.

**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, Lisa Circeo, 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, Kathy VanderEcken, Jim Waller, Kasi Wann, Frank Whited, Faye Woods, and from our Presbytery: Human Rights, Caregivers.

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