



**FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP**

**Trinity Sunday
May 26, 2024**

Worship Online at 11:00am Sunday Mornings

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ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

by Rev. Thom Shuman

Almighty God: from the beginning of time to the end of eternity, you have chosen to use your power and majesty to love us, to redeem us, to shape us as your people.

King of Kings and Lord of Lords: you became weak so you could confront the strength of sin and death, confounding their ridicule with your resurrection.

Spirit of God, resting upon us: may your power enflame us with your peace; may your peace touch us with your grace; may your grace fill us with your hope; may your hope lead us into your Kingdom.

God in Community, Holy in One, may your word be on our lips, as we worship together. Amen.

WELCOME

PRELUDE "All Souls' Day"

R. Strauss

*CALL TO WORSHIP[†]

based on Psalm 29

God's thunder sets the oak trees dancing –

A wild dance, whirling; the pelting rain strips their branches.

We fall to our knees —

we call out, "Glory!"

Above the floodwaters is God's throne from which power flows, from which God rules the world.

God makes people strong. God gives people peace.

Let us worship God!

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN - No. 10 "Sing Glory to the Name of God"

Sing glory to the name of God, whose holy splendor shines abroad. Alleluia, alleluia! Enthroned above the crashing waves, the God of grace and glory saves. Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The name of God is full of might: resounding thunder, flashing light. Alleluia, alleluia! The wilderness cannot contain the echoes of the great refrain: Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The name of God is wild and free, a-whirl in holy mystery. Alleluia, alleluia! A secret wrapped in smoke and fire, still chanted by the temple choir: Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

May God forever be our peace; may hymns of glory never cease: Alleluia, alleluia! Let all the faithful people come; sing praise to God, the Three-in-One: Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

(Please be seated.)

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

based on Romans 8:12-17

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Mighty God, for times we embrace war when you call for peace. Forgive us. Loving God, for times we dehumanize our neighbor instead of loving them. Forgive us. Lord God, for times we serve powers and principalities rather than you. Forgive us. Unbounded God, for times we domesticate you to our national or tribal identities. Forgive us. God of all, for selectively hearing your good news of grace for us without considering the same for others. Forgive us. Creating God, for seeing ourselves less than the full person you created in beauty with delight. Forgive us and grant us peace.

(A time of silent prayer)

KYRIE

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

John 3:16-17

*GLORIA PATRI

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 Nicene Creed

We believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible; And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father by whom all things were made; who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead, whose kingdom shall have no end. And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And we believe one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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.
Worship bags are available beside the entrance to the Sanctuary.*

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Romans 8:5-6, 18-26

Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God. We know that the whole

creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently. In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SECOND READING

John 3:1-17

Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. He came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him." Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again." "How can someone be born when they are old?" Nicodemus asked. "Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother's womb to be born!" Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.' The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit." "How can this be?" Nicodemus asked. "You are Israel's teacher," said Jesus, "and do you not understand these things? Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man. Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him." For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Thy Word is a Lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

SERMON “Entering the Kingdom of God” Rev. Rebecca Luter

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.

RESPOND TO GOD

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY “Green Blades of Grass and Pure White Stones”

Blades of grass and pure white stones, shelter those who've come and gone. Just below the emerald sod are those who reached the arms of God. Buried here with dignity, endless rows for all to see, Freedom's seeds in sorrow sown, 'Neath blades of grass and pure white stones. Blades of grass and pure white stones, cover those who left their homes. To rest in fields here, side by side, lest we forget their sacrifice.

*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

Gracious God, for all that you have given us, we thank you. For majestic mountains and shining seas, for fields of waving grain and spacious skies, for patriots and heroes, we are grateful. Let your Holy Spirit abide in our midst and work through us and our gifts, that all people may know the joy and peace of life abundant, offered to us by Christ Jesus. Amen.

*HYMN - No. 625 “O Lord My God”

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds thy hands have made, I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, thy power throughout the universe displayed: *Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee: How great thou*

*art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior God,
to thee: How great thou art! How great thou art!*

When through the woods and forest glades I wander and hear
the birds sing sweetly in the trees, when I look down from lofty
mountain grandeur and hear the brook and feel the gentle
breeze: *Refrain*

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing, sent him to
die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross, my burden gladly
bearing, he bled and died to take away my sin: *Refrain*

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me
home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in humble
adoration, and there proclaim, “My God, how great thou
art!” *Refrain*

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING FORTH HYMN No. 80 “You Shall Go Out with Joy”

You Shall Go Out with joy 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.

*POSTLUDE “Hornpipe” from ‘Water Music Suite’ Handel

*Stand as able.

Bold Type – congregation in unison

†Call to Worship, Prayer of Confession, and Prayers of the People
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Participating in the service today:

Rev. Rebecca Luter, Pastor
Jim Thrash, Director of Music
Tom Bryant, Accompanist
Tom Moots, Liturgist
Doug Barr, Children’s Moment
Thomas and Stephanie Nagel, 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 Mo & Charlie Smithers in honor of Elizabeth S. May's birthday.

Fellowship Coffee today, Sunday, May 26th. Hosted by Merry Bonner and Paula Patterson. To 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.

Father's Day and Honorarium Cards to support Rise Against Hunger are available for \$10 each after worship.

This Week

FPC office and FPDS will be closed on Monday, May 27th for Memorial Day. FPDS will be closed May 28-31.

Announcements

FPC T-shirts Orders We are ordering FPC t-shirts! We would love for everyone to have a shirt to wear to church events and mission projects. Shirts are \$15 each for sizes S-XL, larger sizes available for extra cost. Order forms are located in the Sanctuary, the church office and on our website. Order deadline is June 2nd!

Annual Spaghetti Dinner is June 6th at 6pm in Fellowship Hall. We will be accepting donations for the Mexico Cistern mission. Plan to come and invite your friends! For those unable to stay, dinners will be available to go at 6:00pm.

Mexico Cistern Ministry Trip in January. Let Rev. Rebecca or Jinney Hart know if you are interested in going.

VBS Decorating Sunday, June 9 from 1-5pm. Come anytime during the day to help get the Sanctuary, hallways and classrooms setup for our campers.

VBS 2024 June 10-14 Please consider volunteering for VBS Camp Firelight: “A Summer Camp Adventure with God” this summer. Please email Rev. Rebecca at rluter@farmingtonpres.org for more information.

Take Me Out to the Ballgame Join the Farmington family and friends for a night at the ole ballpark for a Redbirds game on June 19th at 7pm. Tickets are \$30 per person/\$100 family maximum. RSVP to church@farmingtonpres.org by June 2nd.

2024-25 Presbyterian Women Bible Study book, “Let Justice Roll Down: God’s Call to Care for Neighbors and All Creation” by Patricia K. Tull, are available for purchase. Please contact Melissa Still at still_melissa@yahoo.com or 901-246-4214 if you would like a book. All are welcome to purchase the book whether or not you plan to attend the Bible Study. Cost is \$11 per book.

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.

2024 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... summer camping has been a theme! Sunday afternoon we dedicated the Gale Environmental Education Center, a gift of our own Paula Gale to Pinecrest Camp and Retreat Center. The 2023-2024 school year came to a close and FPDS Summer Camp is full with a waiting list. VBS Camp Firelight is coming in 3 weeks! Decoration-making will take place Tuesday - Friday this week, and everyone available is welcome to come to the youth room and help anytime after 10am any or every day.

Remember in Prayer...Our Farmington Family, Session and Staff; Greta Alera, Jackie Baker, Barbara Beard, Kevin Beard, Betty Boyd, Kitty Cannon, Jeanne Carr, Judith Cassidy, Mary Lou Collins, Skip Flannery, Joe Gaul, Bill Harrington, Martha Hart, Vanessa Howard, Gary Hutchins, Bill Jones, Bill Knight, Harland & Carol Lovell, Faye McKenzie, Sara Millar, Kathryn Moots Newhouse, Nancy & Dennis Palmer, Pat Register, Bill Renfrow, Jack Scherer, JoAnne Simpkins, Williams Stevens, Kathy VanderEcken, Jim Waller, Kasi Wann, Frank Whited, Reggie & Pam Wilson, Faye Woods, and from our Presbytery: Trinity Presbyterian Church, Martin, TN.



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AND RECORDED. ATTENDEES
IMPLICITLY AGREE THAT THEY, AND
ANY CHILDREN ACCOMPANYING
THEM, MAY BE ON CAMERA.

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