



FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
July 21, 2024

Worship Online at 11:00am Sunday Mornings

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ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Lord God, our lives do not know peace or plenty until we make our home in you. You have called us to this place to remind us of your promises and to receive anew your grace. Draw us deeper into your presence and send us out to tell the story of your faithfulness in our lives; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WELCOME

PRELUDE "All Creatures of Our God and King" arr. Molly Ijames
Larry Groh, trombone

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 23, KJV

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

Let us worship the Lord!

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN - NO. 267 "Come, Christians Join to Sing"

Come, Christians, join to sing: Alleluia! Amen! Loud praise to Christ our King: Alleluia! Amen! Let all, with heart and voice,

before his throne rejoice; praise is his gracious choice: Alleluia!
Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high: Alleluia! Amen! Let praises fill
the sky: Alleluia! Amen! He is our guide and friend; to us he'll
condescend; his love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again: Alleluia! Amen! Life shall not end
the strain: Alleluia! Amen! On heaven's blissful shore his
goodness we'll adore; singing forevermore: Alleluia! Amen!

(Please be seated.)

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy Spirit, you have blessed us with men and women who
shared their faith with us: people whose lives showed us your
grace, people who showed your love, people who shared the
story of your blessing in their lives. We confess the times we
have failed to share our faith with others. We confess the times
we have failed to show your grace. We confess the ways we
have failed to extend your love. We confess the times we have
remained silent when we could have shared how you have
blessed us. In fact, we confess that we often forget that our
blessings have come from you and our lives shrivel and droop
like the leaves of a flower scorched in the summer sun without
water. Refresh and renew us that we might blossom again and
display the beauty of abundant life with you.

(A time of silent prayer)

KYRIE

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*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 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

Jennifer Young

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

Matthew 19:16-22

Just then a man came up to Jesus and asked, "Teacher, what good thing must I do to get eternal life?" "Why do you ask me about what is good?" Jesus replied. "There is only One who is good. If you want to enter life, keep the commandments." "Which ones?" he inquired. Jesus replied, "'You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, honor your father and mother,' and 'love your neighbor as yourself.'" "All these I have kept," the young man said. "What do I still lack?" Jesus answered, "If you want to be perfect, go, sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me." When the young man heard this, he went away sad, because he had great wealth.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SECOND READING

Exodus 12:21-32

Then Moses summoned all the elders of Israel and said to them, "Go at once and select the animals for your families and slaughter the Passover lamb. Take a bunch of hyssop, dip it into the blood in the basin and put some of the blood on the top and on both sides of the doorframe. None of you shall go out of the door of your house until morning. When the LORD goes through the land to strike down the Egyptians, he will see the blood on the top and sides of the doorframe and will pass over that doorway, and he will not permit the destroyer to enter your houses and strike you down. "Obey these instructions as a lasting ordinance for you and your descendants. When you enter the land that the LORD will give you as he promised, observe this ceremony. And when your children ask

you, ‘What does this ceremony mean to you?’ then tell them, ‘It is the Passover sacrifice to the LORD, who passed over the houses of the Israelites in Egypt and spared our homes when he struck down the Egyptians.’” Then the people bowed down and worshiped. The Israelites did just what the LORD commanded Moses and Aaron. At midnight the LORD struck down all the firstborn in Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh, who sat on the throne, to the firstborn of the prisoner, who was in the dungeon, and the firstborn of all the livestock as well. Pharaoh and all his officials and all the Egyptians got up during the night, and there was loud wailing in Egypt, for there was not a house without someone dead. During the night Pharaoh summoned Moses and Aaron and said, “Up! Leave my people, you and the Israelites! Go, worship the LORD as you have requested. Take your flocks and herds, as you have said, and go. And also bless me.”

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 “Tell. Your. Story.”

Rev. Ruth Lovell Bradham

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 “How Firm a Foundation”

arr. Molly Ijames

*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

Generous God, we offer these gifts to be used to share the story of your steadfast, sacrificial love. We are grateful that no gift is insignificant in your sight, for you see our hearts. So, we humbly offer ourselves in your service with these gifts and offerings. Do extraordinary things through them. Tell your story through our words, our actions and through Farmington Presbyterian Church. Amen.

*HYMN - No. 462 “I Love to Tell the Story”

I love to tell the story of unseen things above, of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love. I love to tell the story, because I now ‘tis true; it satisfies my longings as nothing else could do. *I love to tell the story; ‘twill be my theme in glory to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.*

I love to tell the story; ‘tis pleasant to repeat what seems each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet! I love to tell the story, for some have never heard the message of salvation from God’s own holy Word. *Refrain.*

I love to tell the story, for those who know it best seem hungering and thirsting to hear it, like the rest. And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song, ‘twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long. *Refrain.*

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING FORTH HYMN – the hymn concludes:

I love to tell the story; ‘twill be my theme in glory to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

*POSTLUDE “The Heavens Declare the Glory of God” Marcello

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

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

Participating in the service today:

Rev. Rebecca Luter, Pastor
Rev. Ruth Lovell Bradham, Guest Speaker
Jim Thrash, Director of Music
Tom Bryant, Accompanist
Laurinda Ingram, Liturgist
Jennifer Young, Children's Moment
Scott Hutchins and Leslie McNamara, Ushers
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

Guest Preacher today, Sunday, July 21st, please welcome Rev. Ruth Lovell Bradham. Ruth and her family worship on livestream with Farmington, and she served as Associate Pastor of Farmington from 2001-2006. We are looking forward to her leading us in worship again while Rev. Luter is on vacation.

Congregational Meeting Session has called a Congregational Meeting today, Sunday, July 21st (following worship) for the purpose of receiving and acting

on a report of the Nominating Committee. The slate of elders are as follows: Paula Gale (Class of 2025 to replace Doug Barr) and Tom Moots, Bob Plotner, and Charlie Smithers (Class of 2027). Additional nominees will be accepted during the meeting if there are any. If you would like to make a nomination, please secure the nominee's agreement prior to the meeting.

Fellowship Coffee today, Sunday, July 21st in the Narthex. Please 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.

Next Sunday

Summer Break: No Adult Sunday School Classes, Children's Sunday School Classes & Youth Sunday School Classes.

Announcements

Back to School Shopping We are blessed to be a blessing, so as you shop, consider picking up extra supplies for the Children in the Inn (children who are living in the Family Inn of Room in the Inn as their parents gain stability to provide a home for their family). Backpacks, crayons 24 count, glue sticks, #2 pencils, Kleenex, etc. We will have the full supply list posted on the bulletin board & on our website (coming soon). Supplies can be brought to worship each Sunday or dropped off during the week. Our last day of collection ends August 11th. Tax free shopping is July 26-28th.

Redbirds Game/Rescheduled Join the Farmington family and friends for a night at the ole ballpark for a Redbirds game on August 22 at 7pm. Tickets are \$30 per person/\$100 family maximum. RSVP to church@farmingtonpres.org by August 4.

Potluck Sunday Sunday, August 4th we will have a potluck lunch. Please bring a savory dish and/or sweet treat to the kitchen before worship with any heating instructions.

Kickoff to Fall! Sunday, August 11th, we will have a Blessing of the Backpacks during worship and return to Sunday School on the 11th.

PW Gathering for Horizon Bible Study Workshop Register now for the Horizon Bible Study Review, Saturday August 24th at Pinecrest. Spend time with Presbyterian Women from many churches in our Presbytery to review and learn more about the 24-25 "Let Justice Roll Down" bible study. Cost is \$25 per person, breakfast and lunch included. Registration deadline is August 16. Please contact Melissa Still at still_melissa@yahoo.com for more details

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 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.

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 Sanctuary has received some deep cleaning as we prepare to enter a new program year. The carpet and pew and chair cushions have been freshly cleaned, and the wood has been polished.

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

Sympathies to the family and friends... of Harley Patterson, brother of Cooper Patterson and Gary Hutchins, father of Scott Hutchins.

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