



FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
August 4, 2024

Worship Online at 11:00am Sunday Mornings

www.farmingtonpres.org

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ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Holy God, may I allow the message of Christ, in all its richness, to live in me and completely fill my life. May we teach and instruct one another with all wisdom. May our singing of psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs be inspired by the Spirit, so that grace sings in our hearts. Whatever I do, whether it is word or action, may I do it as a representative of the Lord Jesus. Amen.

WELCOME

PRELUDE "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring"

Bach

*CALL TO WORSHIP

In Matthew's gospel, when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them.

There he named the ways God's vision for humanity is inverted from the ways of the world.

God call us together as you did those so long ago to discover how to live as God's blessed people.

Today, in this place, Christ gather us.

Blessed are the poor in spirit, those who despair and those who mourn.

God wipes away the tears of sorrow.

Blessed are the meek, those who live in obedience to God's will.

God claims them as heirs, children of God.

Blessed are those who yearn for justice and righteousness,

God will satisfy their hunger and thirst.

Blessed are those whose heart is solely devoted to God.

God will see God's image in all around them.

Blessed are those who make peace.

God's image will be seen in them.

Blessed are those who don't care what others think or how others respond to their faithfulness.

God's kingdom is realized for them now as they live in it every day.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN - No. 415

Verses 1, 2, and 4

“Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy”

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore; Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love and power. *I will arise and go to Jesus; he will embrace me in his arms. In the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms.*

Come, ye thirsty, come, and welcome; God's free bounty glorify, true belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh. *Refrain*

Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream; all the fitness he requireth is to feel your need of him. *Refrain*

(Please be seated.)

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord Jesus, you bless the poor in spirit and give them the Kingdom, but we turn away from those whose despair makes us uncomfortable. We avoid those with physical poverty because they might be unsafe. Lord Jesus, you bless those who mourn and you are their comfort, but we avoid grieving over what we have done that has grieved you, and we seek comfort in possessions and prestige and power. Lord Jesus, you bless the meek and the merciful, but we try to make the world our own through pride and self-promotion; and we hold grudges. Lord Jesus, you bless those who hunger and thirst for righteousness and the pure in heart and those who make peace, but we hunger and thirst after our own desires and wants and our hearts are not pure, so we cannot see your image in others or in the world around us. As a result, our differences lead to division, and instead of peace we live in turmoil. Lord Jesus, you bless those who are mocked for living your way of blessed

life, but we have hardly made it known that we are yours.
Forgive us and fix in us a desire to live as you taught us to live.

(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[†]

**We believe and confess only one God, who can do all things, is
all-wise, all-good, all-just, and all-merciful.**

**We believe that everything required for our salvation has been
offered and communicated to us in Jesus Christ, the wisdom of
God and God's eternal Son. Jesus Christ clothed himself in our
flesh: God and human in one person.**

**We believe that we are illuminated in faith by the unfathomable
grace of the Holy Spirit. God imparts this gracious gift. By faith
we receive grace to live holy lives in awe and reverence for God,
for we receive what the gospel promises when God gives us the
Holy Spirit. Faith does not cool our desire for good and holy
living, but rather engenders and excites it in us, leading
naturally to good works.**

**We believe that the sacraments are joined to the Word in order
that the Word may be more fully confirmed. Baptism is given
to us as the pledge of our adoption, in which we are grafted
into the body of Christ, and renewed in holiness of life by his
Spirit. The holy Supper of our Lord is a testimony of our unity
with Jesus Christ, who died only once and was raised for our
sake. The body and blood of Jesus Christ are food and drink
for the soul just as bread and wine are nourishment for the
body.**

**As for the true Church we believe that it ought to be governed
in accordance with the order established by our Lord Jesus
Christ. In this way, pure doctrine can be maintained, the poor
and afflicted can be helped in their need, assemblies can be**

gathered in the name of God, and both great and small can be edified.

THROUGH CHILDREN'S EYES

Lizzie Luter

*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 61:1-3

The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, and provide for those who grieve in Zion to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the LORD for the display of his splendor.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SECOND READING

Matthew 5:1-12

Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them. He said: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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Thanks be to God!

RESPONSE TO THE WORD "On Christ the Solid Rock"

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.

SERMON

Rev. Rebecca Luter

“If you want the *best* view”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please remember those on our prayer list.

RESPOND TO GOD

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY “How Beautiful Upon the Mountains”

Carter

*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

Loving God, we have so many reasons to say “Thank You” to you. Your generosity, grace, and mercy are astounding, and we pray that the gifts we offer are pleasing to you and further your kingdom’s work here on earth. Strengthen us to recognize Your blessings, to be grateful, and to respond accordingly. Amen.

THE INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise...

SUNG RESPONSES – No. 552, 553, & 554

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.

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

THE PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

*HYMN - No. 804 “Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!” Verses 1, 2, and 3

Rejoice, ye pure in heart! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing! Your festal banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King. *Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks and sing!*

With voice as full and strong as ocean’s surging praise, send forth the sturdy hymns of old, the psalms of ancient days. *Refrain*

Yes, on through life’s long path, still chanting as we go, from youth to age, by night and day, in gladness and in woe: *Refrain*

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING FORTH HYMN No. 765

“May the God of Hope Go with Us”

May the God of hope go with us every day, filling all our lives with love and joy and peace. May the God of justice speed us on our way, bringing light and hope to every land and race. Praying, let us work for peace; singing, share our joy with all; working for a world that’s new, faithful when we hear Christ call.

*POSTLUDE “Allegro Deciso”

Boëllmann

*Stand as able.

Bold Type – congregation in unison

†Adapted from the French Confession of 1559, based on a translation of the original text by Dr. Ellen Babinsky, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, and Dr. Joseph D. Small, Office of Theology and Worship, PC(USA)

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THIS SERVICE IS BEING LIVE-STREAMED
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
Jim Thrash, Director of Music
Tom Bryant, Accompanist
Jinney Hart, Liturgist
Lizzie Luter, Children's Moment
Billy and Sandy Wann, Ushers
Jinney Hart, Rebecca Hutchins, Roland Mittag,
Melissa Still, Kasi Wann, Communion Servers
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 Iris Lawing in loving memory of her husband, Bill.

Potluck Sunday today, 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. There is always a gracious plenty. Please join us.

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 today, August 4.

Next Sunday

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. Supplies can be dropped off during the week. Our last day of collection ends August 11th.

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

Romans 12 Bible Study Cooper Patterson will be leading a bible study on the book of Romans 12 in the Fellowship Hall from 9:30-10:30am.

Children's and Youth Sunday School will begin August 11th. If you are interested in teaching or assisting with passing on our faith to the next generation, please let Rev. Rebecca know. Children will meet at 10am in A6. Youth will meet at 10am in the Youth Room.

Sunday School for Youth & Adults Rev. Rebecca Luter will be facilitating a study of The Beatitudes for Youth and Adults in the Youth Room from 10am-11:45am on Sunday mornings. These are the questions that will guide our discussions: How is Jesus teaching us to live? What does he mean, and what is he promising? Who lives that way? Do we? Do we want to? So, what does that look like?

Pool Party for the Farmington Family Sunday, August 11th from 1-4pm The home of Chris and Rev. Rebecca Luter (text 901-674-8000 for the address) Hamburgers, hotdogs, and lemonade will be provided. Bring a side dish or dessert and invite a friend!

Announcements

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.

Fellowship Coffee 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.

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.

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 received a thank you card from the mother of Jeff Wise for the Journey through Grief books we send to the immediate family of those who have died. She expressed not only her thanks but shared that she is passing the books on to a friend who recently lost her husband. Your giving allows these ministries to happen, with ripple effects we may never know.

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, 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, and from our Presbytery: Liberation Community Church, Memphis, TN and College & Young Adults.

Sympathy...to the family and friends of Faye Woods, sister of Bonnie Schwartz.

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