



**FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP**  
**Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**August 11, 2024**

Worship Online at 11:00am Sunday Mornings

[www.farmingtonpres.org](http://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 "Etude in E Major"

Chopin

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

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

**God, call us together to learn how to live as your blessed people.**

Jesus teaches us that we are the salt of the earth.

**God, call us to enhance the lives of those around us with your love.**

Jesus teaches us that we are the light of the world.

**God, call us to shine hope in the shadows of the world.**

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN - NO. 314

Verses 1, 2, & 5

"Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness"

**Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you. Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see. *Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.***

Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair. Your word alone has power to save us. Make us your living voice. *Refrain*

Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong. Let us be servants to one another, making your kingdom come. *Refrain*

*(Please be seated.)*

#### CALL TO RECONCILIATION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION†

You asked for my hands, that you might use them for your purpose. I gave them for a moment, then withdrew them, for the work was hard. You asked for my mouth, to speak out against injustice. I gave you a whisper that I might not be accused. You asked for my eyes, to see the pain of poverty. I closed them, for I did not want to see. You asked for my life, that you might work through me. I gave a small part, that I might not get too involved. Lord, forgive my calculated efforts to serve you—only when it is convenient for me to do so, only in those places where it is safe to do so, and only with those who make it easy to do so. Father, forgive me, renew me, send me out as a usable instrument, that I might take seriously the meaning of your cross.

*(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

#### \*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.

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.

## BLESSING OF BACKPACKS AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES

### PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### FIRST READING

Ephesians 5:5-11

For of this you can be sure: No immoral, impure or greedy person—such a person is an idolater—has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of such things God's wrath comes on those who are disobedient. Therefore do not be partners with them. For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) and find out what pleases the Lord. Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

#### SECOND READING

Matthew 5:13-16

“You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. “You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**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 “You Already Are Salt and Light” 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 ANTHEM

Thomerson

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

\*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

**We offer ourselves to you, O God, in these tokens of our lives. You say to us, “You are light for the world; you are the salt of the earth.” These are no small commendations, and they come with great expectations. Often, we expect very little of ourselves; but the truth of Christ’s life speaks volumes about your love for us and investment in us. We should be quick to answer your call, and ready to offer our best. Fill us with your Spirit, that our lives may also bear the light of him who gave himself for us, as we go about our daily living salting the world with your presence. Amen.**

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS

Tom Moots, Paula Gale, Bob Plotner, and Charlie Smithers

\*HYMN - No. 749 “Come! Live in the Light!”

**Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord! We are called to be light for the kingdom, to live in the freedom of the city of God. *We are called to act with justice; we***

*are called to love tenderly; we are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.*

**Come! Open your heart! Show your mercy to all those in fear! We are called to be hope for the hopeless so hatred and violence will be no more. *Refrain***

**Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be one! God will reign, and we'll walk with each other as sisters and brothers united in love. *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's call.**

\*POSTLUDE “Prelude in C Major”

Bach

\*Stand as able.

**Bold Type** – congregation in unison

† Prayer of Confession adapted from The Worship Sourcebook, ©2004, Faith Alive Christian Resources

Affirmation of Faith 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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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  
Chris Luter, Liturgist  
Elizabeth Demaree and John Hazen, 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](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

**Blessing of the Backpacks** today, Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup>, youth, college students and teachers are encouraged to bring their backpacks and briefcases to worship to bring forward for prayers for the new school year.

**Pool Party for the Farmington Family** today, Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup> from 1-4pm at 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!

## Next Sunday

**Rev. Joshua Narcisse** will be leading worship and preaching next Sunday, August 18<sup>th</sup>. He currently serves as the Spiritual Care Director at Church Health, a faith-based healthcare organization caring for the uninsured and underserved in Memphis. There he offers pastoral and spiritual support to staff and patients and coordinates interreligious programming. Rev. Narcisse is a proud native of Queens, NY, who now calls Memphis home. He is a minister in the PC(U.S.A.) and a co-host of “The Mystic,” a monthly discussion forum on spirituality, faith, and meaning hosted at Crosstown Concourse. He is interested in the intersection of the Black church and Mysticism traditions; he is a fan of Howard Thurman, Barbara Holmes, and Richard Rohr. Rev. Narcisse is motivated by the possibilities within life-giving and God-honoring human relationships and our broader connectedness to all creation.

**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** 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** beginning August 25<sup>th</sup>, 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?

## Announcements

**PW Gathering for Horizon Bible Study Workshop** Register now for the Horizon Bible Study Review, Saturday August 24<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

**First Presbyterian Soup Kitchen** offers bologna sandwiches to those who come to their doors hungry. They emailed to let us know that they have had so many people come hungry that they have run out of sandwiches. We will be taking sandwiches to First Presbyterian on Wednesday, August 28<sup>th</sup>. You can bring your bologna, American cheese slices, and white bread to church on Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup> at 10am to assemble in the kitchen; or you can bring your

pre-made sandwiches in individual sandwich bags to the church and place them in the church freezer by Tuesday, August 27th.

**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](http://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](mailto: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 sounds of children learning returned to the halls of Farmington Presbyterian. The Day School is our largest outreach ministry, and we are thankful for the opportunity to touch the lives of hundreds of children and families each day.

**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, Peter Kendall, 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: Parkway Garden United Church, Memphis, TN and Youth Leaders/Youth Ministry/Youth Groups.

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

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