



**FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP**  
**Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**August 18, 2024**

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, 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 "I Carry Your Heart"

John Duke

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

We come from mountaintop and valley

**From highways and quiet streets.**

We come with joys and concerns

**with expectations mixed with exhaustion.**

We come seeking Christ

**to know and follow his way.**

Let us worship God.

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN - NO. 403 "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"

**Open now thy gates of beauty, Zion, let me enter there, where my soul in joyful duty waits for God who answers prayer; O how blessed is this place, filled with solace, light, and grace.**

**Gracious, God, I come before thee; come thou also unto me; where we find thee and adore thee, there a heaven on earth must be; to my heart O enter thou; let it be thy temple now.**

**Speak, O Lord, and I will hear thee; let thy will be done indeed; may I undisturbed draw near thee, while thou dost thy people feed. Here of life the fountain flows; here is balm for all our woes.**

*(Please be seated.)*

#### CALL TO RECONCILIATION

The nature of the Lord our God is mercy, God is ready to forgive us if we are ready to admit our faults and change our ways. Therefore, let us honestly confess our sins and open our hearts to the healing of God's forgiveness as we pray together:

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, we call you Christ...and in the next breath we explain what we mean by that. We offer our hearts and lives...on our terms. We make sure you know when we think you've gone wrong. We are full of human thoughts and there's little room for God's thoughts. Forgive us again. Correct us. Turn us around, and teach us your ways, and lead us as we let go of all that we have grasped so tightly, that we may pick up the cross and follow you. Amen.**

*(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

from The Iona Creed

We believe that God is present  
in the darkness before dawn;

**in the waiting and uncertainty  
where fear and courage join hands,**  
conflict and caring link arms,  
and the sun rises over barbed wire.

**We believe in a with-us God  
who sits down in our midst  
to share our humanity.**

We affirm a faith  
that takes us beyond a safe place:  
into action, into vulnerability,  
and onto the streets.

**We commit ourselves to work for change  
and put ourselves on the line;  
to bear responsibility, take risks,  
live powerfully,  
and face humiliation;  
to stand with those on the edge;  
to choose life and be used by the Spirit  
for God's new community of hope.**

THROUGH CHILDREN'S EYES

Paula Gale

*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

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, O God, in the reading of your Word, that we would have the same mind that was in Christ Jesus, who humbled himself for our sake and for the sake of this world. Give us ears to hear and hearts to respond so that your kingdom might come through us. Amen.

FIRST READING

Psalm 90

Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations. Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the whole world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God. You turn people back to dust, saying, "Return to dust, you mortals." A thousand years in your sight are like a day that has just gone by, or like a watch in the night. Yet you sweep people away in the sleep of death—they are like the new grass of the morning; In the morning it springs up new, but by evening it is dry and withered. We are consumed by your anger and terrified by your indignation. You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your presence. All our days pass away under your wrath; we finish our years with a moan. Our days may come to seventy years, or eighty, if our strength endures; yet the best of them are but trouble and sorrow, for they quickly pass, and we fly away. If only we knew the power of your anger! Your wrath is as great as the fear that is your due. Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom. Relent, LORD! How

long will it be? Have compassion on your servants. Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love, that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days. Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us, for as many years as we have seen trouble. May your deeds be shown to your servants, your splendor to their children. May the favor<sup>[a]</sup> of the Lord our God rest on us; establish the work of our hands for us—yes, establish the work of our hands.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

SECOND READING

Matthew 6:7-13

And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. “This, then, is how you should pray: “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.’

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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 “So, How Do We Pray?”

Rev. Joshua Narcisse

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

We offer God our gifts in gratitude and hope, thankful for God’s blessings and hopeful that God will use these gifts and our lives to bless others. Would the ushers please come forward? For those

worshiping at home, you are invited to offer your gifts to God by clicking “Offering” on our website.

OFFERTORY “Now Let All Praise God and Sing”

Young

\*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

**Redeeming God, you have abundantly blessed us that we might be a blessing. May this offering of our life and labor reveal your love. Give us wisdom for the right use of all you have provided, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\*HYMN - No. 464 “Our Father, Which Art in Heaven”

*(Choir singing: all singing)*

*Our Father, which art in heaven: **Refrain 1: Hallowed be thy name.***

*Thy kingdom come; thy will be done: **Refrain 2: Hallowed be thy name.***

*On earth as it is in heaven: **Refrain 1***

*Give us this day our daily bread: **Refrain 2***

*And forgive us all our debts: **Refrain 1.***

*As we forgive our debtors: **Refrain 2.***

*And lead us not into temptation: **Refrain 1.***

*But deliver us from evil: **Refrain 2.***

*For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory: **Refrain 1.***

*Forever and ever, amen: **Refrain 2.***

\*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 “Fughetta in F Major”

J.E. Rembt

\*Stand as able.

**Bold Type** – congregation in unison



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AND RECORDED. ATTENDEES  
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**Participating in the service today:**

Rev. Rebecca Luter, Pastor  
Guest Speaker, Rev. Joshua Narcisse  
Jim Thrash, Director of Music  
Tom Bryant, Accompanist  
Sandy Hilliard, Liturgist  
Paula Gale, Children's Moment  
Bonnie Blair and Paula Gale, 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

**Rev. Joshua Narcisse** will be leading worship and preaching today, 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.

**Fellowship Coffee** today, Sunday, August 18<sup>th</sup>, hosted by Jinney Hart and Leslie McNamara. 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.

## This Week

**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. Anyone interested in carpooling should arrive at the back parking lot around 8am that day.

## Next Sunday

**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** 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

**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 28th. You can bring your bologna, American cheese slices, and white bread to church on Sunday, August 25th 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.

**First Wednesdays @ FPC** This fall, we will be having Wednesday Night Dinner and Devotion on the 1st Wednesday evening of the month. Dinner will be at 6pm with Devotion in the Sanctuary at 6:45pm. Mark your calendars now for September 4, October 2, November 6, and December 4. We will also have Thanksgiving Dinner and Worship on Wednesday, November 20. The cost for dinner will be \$10 for adults and \$5 for children (under 12) with \$30 family maximum.

**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.

**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](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...** we are thankful for those who have agreed to lead Children's Sunday School this school year: Jinney Hart, Paula Gale, Laurinda Ingram, Madi Lewis, Liv Palmer, Elizabeth Williams, and Jennifer Young. Please take a moment to thank these volunteers who are sharing our faith with the next generation. If you would like to lead or assist in Sunday School for children or youth, please let Rev. Rebecca 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, 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: Shady Grove Church, Memphis, TN.

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

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