



FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 1, 2024

Worship Online at 11:00am Sunday Mornings

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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 "Prayer"

René Vierne

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come and worship, all you who love and serve the Lord our God—who surrounds us with unfailing love.

Our God is worthy of our worship and praise!

Come and give thanks, all you who love and serve the Lord our God—who cares for the humble and lowly, and never abandons those in need.

We rejoice in God's mercy and grace!

Come and be filled, all you who love and serve the Lord our God—who hears and answers when we call.

We come to receive the Bread of Life that we may be God's bread for the world – blessed and broken for all.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN - NO. 708 "We Give Thee but Thine Own"

We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be; all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord from thee.

May we thy bounties thus as stewards true receive, and gladly,
as thou blestest us, to thee our first fruits give.

The captive to release, to God the lost to bring, to teach the
way of life and peace: it is a Christ-like thing.

And we believe thy word, though dim our faith may be;
whate'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it unto thee.

(Please be seated.)

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION†

God, my Creator, 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. God, my Redeemer,
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. God,
my Sustainer, 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

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

Sharaze Colley

*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

Psalm 138:2-8

I will bow down toward your holy temple and will praise your name for your unfailing love and your faithfulness, for you have so exalted your solemn decree that it surpasses your fame. When I called, you answered me; you greatly emboldened me. May all the kings of the earth praise you, Lord, when they hear what you have decreed. May they sing of the ways of the Lord, for the glory of the Lord is great. Though the Lord is exalted, he looks kindly on the lowly; though lofty, he sees them from afar. Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life. You stretch out your hand against the anger of my foes; with your right hand you save me. The Lord will vindicate me; your love, Lord, endures forever—do not abandon the works of your hands.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

“Be careful not to practice your righteousness in front of others to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven. “So when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. “And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. 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.

“When you fast, do not look somber as the hypocrites do, for they disfigure their faces to show others they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that it will not be obvious to others that you are fasting, but only to your Father, who is unseen; and your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. “The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are healthy, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eyes are unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness! “No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.

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.

“It’s Not for Show, It’s Not for God – Prayer is for YOU”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please remember those on our prayer list.

RESPOND TO GOD

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY “Lord, I Stretch My Hands to You” Althouse

Lord, I stretch my hands to you; no other help I know. If you should leave me all alone, where, then, shall I go? Oh, Lord. I give my soul to you; I seek your care and love. No other blessing do I need but those from you above. Lord, I ask you: give me faith, and help me understand. And Lord, when I this life shall leave, just hold me in your hand.

*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

God of Grace, 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.

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. 543 “God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me”

God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to move my voice; God, be the strength to now uphold me: *O Christ surround me; O Christ surround me.*

Bind to myself the Name of Holy, great cloud of witnesses enfold; prophets, apostles, angels witness: *Refrain*

Brightness of sun and glow of moonlight, flashing of lightning, strength of wind, depth of the sea to soil of planet: *Refrain*

Walking behind to hem my journey, going ahead to light my way, and from beneath, above and all ways: *Refrain*

Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me: *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 “Rigaudon”

Purcell

*Stand as able.

Bold Type – congregation in unison

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

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AND RECORDED. ATTENDANCE
VIRTUALLY ANYWHERE, ANYTIME,
AND ON ANY DEVICE.
THEME: #W33EE OR #CARE4U

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

No Sunday School – Happy Labor Day Weekend!

Flowers this morning are given to the glory of God by Kay Patterson in celebration of the marriage of James & Dee Scobey.

Fellowship Coffee Enjoy a time of fellowship after worship today, Sunday, September 1st 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.

This Week

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.

Dedication of the Steeple Light Join us after First Wednesday Dinner on September 4th at 6:45pm on the front steps for a Carillon Concert and Dedication of the Steeple Light in memory of Rev. Neil Sherman, given by his loving wife Pat.

Next Sunday

Reception for Shelley Wann After 6 years of serving as the Administrative Assistant for the church, Shelley Wann is stepping back from the work world. We are grateful for her and want to show appreciation for all she has done. Join us for a reception in Fellowship Hall following worship on September 8th to express your thanks and well wishes.

Youth Kick-off Pizza Party Youth (grades 6-12) are invited to the Youth Room on Sunday, September 8th from 6-8pm for a fun night of pizza, games, and discussion of future programming where they'll be able to get to know each other and take ownership of where this semester's Bible Study will take them.

Sunday School Classes

Children's Sunday School Children meet at 10am in A6. This fall, all children 5th grade and under are invited to discover how to live a life full of blessings – even when things get tough – as we study Jesus's Sermon on the Mount.

Youth Sunday School Youth (6th-12th grades) meet in the Youth Room at 10am. What's in a logo? What do our faith symbols mean? Join us as we discover the Biblical foundation of the Presbyterian cross.

Blessed Are You Rev. Rebecca Luter will be facilitating a study of The Beatitudes in the East 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?

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

The Life You've Always Wanted by John Ortberg A new study facilitated by Cooper Patterson will begin on September 22nd in Fellowship Hall at 9:30am. If you have not been in an adult Sunday School class in the past, consider attending!

Announcements

Guess Who's Coming to Dinner will return September 13th at 6pm. Signup on our website by September 10th with your preference for Jim's Place, Mellow Mushroom or Huey's. You will be notified regarding your reservation by 1pm on the 13th. Sign up to enjoy this opportunity to see old friends and meet new ones!

Presbyterian Women Potluck Salad Dinner Wednesday, September 25, at 5pm at the home of Ann Erickson.

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.

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 welcomed Davis Howe to the Farmington family as Interim Youth Director. If you have youth or know youth who are not involved in a youth group, please invite them to the kick-off pizza party next Sunday evening (September 8) at 6pm in the Youth Room.

Remember in Prayer...Our Farmington Family, Session and Staff; Ashlyn Bonner Allen, Jackie Baker, Kevin Beard, Betty Boyd, Jeanne Carr, Judith Cassidy, Mary Lou Collins, Joe Gaul, Bill Harrington, Martha Hart, Robert Herring, Bill Jones, Peter Kendall, Bill Knight, Faye McKenzie, Sara Millar, Stan Neighbors, Kathryn Moots Newhouse, Nancy & Dennis Palmer, Pat Register, Bill Renfrow, Jack Scherer, JoAnne Simpkins, Williams Stevens, Jerry Trimble, Kathy VanderEcken, Kasi Wann, Frank Whited, and from our Presbytery: Oakland Presbyterian Church, Oakland, TN and First Presbyterian Church, Paris, TN

Sympathies...to the family and friends of Carol Lovell, mother of Rev. Ruth Lovell Bradham and to the family and friends of Vanessa Howard.

Memorial Services Visitation for Vanessa Howard will be at Memorial Park Funeral Home on Poplar on Tuesday, September 3rd, from 6-8pm with Memorial Service at Farmington on Wednesday, September 4th at 11am. Visitation for Carol Lovell will be at Farmington on Saturday, September 7th, from 10am-12pm with Memorial Service at Farmington following at 12pm.

Participating in the service today:

Rev. Rebecca Luter, Pastor
Jim Thrash, Director of Music
Tom Bryant, Accompanist
Davis Howe, Interim Youth Director
Pat Sherman, Liturgist
Sharaze Colley, Children's Moment
Bob Plotner and Jennifer Young, Ushers
Ann Erickson, Laurinda Ingram, Bob Plotner, Pat Sherman,
and Sandy Wann, Communion Servers
Acolyte
Chancel Choir

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