



FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 29, 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 "Austrian Hymn"

Joseph Haydn

*CALL TO WORSHIP

God is our refuge and strength, present to help in times of trouble.

When we pass through deep waters, God is there with us.

Those who hear Christ's words and put them into practice have a strong foundation when the floods of life come.

When we hope in the Lord, God renews our strength.

The Spirit of God rejoices with those who rejoice and mourns with those who mourn.

Let us praise the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN - NO. 81

"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God. God, whose word cannot be broken, formed thee for a blest abode. On the rock of ages founded, what can shake thy

sure repose? With salvation's walls surrounded, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

Round each habitation hovering, see the cloud and fire appear for a glory and a covering, showing that the Lord is near. Thus deriving from their banner light by night and shade by day, safe they feed upon the manna which God gives them when they pray.

See, the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love, well supply thy sons and daughters and all fear of want remove. Who can faint while such a river ever flows, their thirst to assuage? Grace, so like the Lord the giver, never fails from age to age.

(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. Remind me that you are not just my Redeemer, but the Redeemer of the world. I rush to judge everyone around me, but ask you to be more patient with my repeated errors. God, my Sustainer, forgive me, cleanse me, renew me, and 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

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

Romans 3:20-24

Therefore no one will be declared righteous in God's sight by the works of the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of our sin. But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, for all have

sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SECOND READING

Matthew 7:24-29

“Therefore, everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.” When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, because he taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law.

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 “Storm Preparedness”

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 “O Come, Let us Sing”

Walter L. Pelz

O come, let us sing unto the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. O Come, let us worship and bow down. Let us kneel before the Lord our maker. (adapted from Psalm 95)

*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.

*HYMN - No. 301

Verses 1 and 4

“Let Us Build a Church”

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live, a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive. Built of hopes and dreams can visions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of Christ shall end divisions: all are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they’ve known. Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God’s face; let us bring an end to fear and danger: all are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

*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 “Minuet Gothique”

Böellmann

*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
Jim Thrash, Director of Music
Tom Bryant, Accompanist
Davis Howe, Interim Youth Director
Jennifer Young, Liturgist
Lizzie Luter, Children's Moment
Ann Erickson and Jinney Hart, Ushers

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

Fellowship Coffee Enjoy a time of fellowship after worship today, Sunday, September 29 in the Fellowship Hall provided by Paula Patterson. 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.

Youth Fellowship All youth are invited to come from 6pm-8pm on Sunday evenings for fellowship, games, faith-building, and food.

Presbyterian Women Meeting Today, Sunday, September 29 is our first meeting of a new study, and this year is all about justice – for our neighbors and for creation! All women are encouraged to come and learn about the mission work of Presbyterian Women as we determine our involvement this year. We will meet in the East Room at 12:30pm for Lesson 1.

This Week

First Wednesdays @ FPC Wednesday, October 2, is Wednesday Night Dinner and Devotion. Dinner will be at 6pm with Devotion in the Sanctuary at 6:45pm. The menu is creamy pasta jambalaya, vegetable medley, and garden salad. Mark your calendars now for 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.

MIC Mothers in Community (a new name for MOPS and a new vision to include all mothers) meets on the first Thursday each month at 6pm in Fellowship Hall. On October 3, Rev. Rebecca will lead a conversation on “Living Your Best Life.” Come and invite moms you know to gather for fun, support, and fellowship.

Potluck Sunday Following worship on October 6th, we will enjoy a potluck lunch together in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a dish to the kitchen (with warming instructions, if needed) prior to worship. If you are able to help with setup or cleanup, contact Paula Gale or Paula Patterson.

Coming Up

CampFood and Cocktails Sunday evening, October 20, from 5-7pm at Shady Grove Presbyterian Church, come together to celebrate and support Pinecrest - a little music, an auction, adult beverages, bourbon tasting, delicious food, and a whole lotta kumbaya! Tickets are \$75 in advance; \$85 at the door. Link to purchase tickets is on our website.

Trunk or Treat Sunday, October 27, from 4-6pm we will have hot dogs, popcorn, trunks, costumes, treats, and more. Join us for this festive celebration. Sign up on our website to host a trunk! Contact Liv Palmer for volunteer opportunities.

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 Bible Study This class is facilitated by Cooper Patterson and meets in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30am.

The Life You've Always Wanted by John Ortberg A new study facilitated by Cooper Patterson will begin on October 13th in Fellowship Hall at 9:30am. If you have not been in an adult Sunday School class in the past, consider attending!

Announcements

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 made plans to move Friendsgiving inside as rain was in the forecast for Friday. If you were unable to attend, you can still make a donation to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance by noting that your gift is for Friendsgiving. Please pray for all impacted by Hurricane Helene and for PDA's relief efforts.

Remember in Prayer...Our Farmington Family, Session and Staff; Jackie Baker, Kevin Beard, Betty Boyd, Jeanne Carr, Luke Talley-Carver, Judith Cassidy, Mary Lou Collins, Pat Rush Davis, Joe Gaul, Bill Harrington, Martha Hart, Robert Herring, Chris and Sabrina Johnson, 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, Jon Still, Jerry Trimble, Kathy

VanderEcken, Kasi Wann, Frank Whited, and from our Presbytery: First Presbyterian Church, Savannah, TN

Sympathies... to the family and friends of Jay Precourt, brother-in-law of John Hazen.

Congratulations... to Merry Bonner on the birth of a great-grandson, Briggs William Allen on September 20, 2024

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