



**FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP**  
**Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Reformation Sunday**  
**October 27, 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 (a prayer by John Calvin)

My God, my Father and my Savior, you have been pleased to preserve me by your grace through the night and you have brought me to this new day. Grant that I may use it entirely in your service, that I may think, say, and do nothing but to please you and to obey your holy will. May all my actions be to the glory of your name and to the service of others. And just as you cause the sun to shine on the world to give physical light, let your Holy Spirit illumine my mind to guide me in the way of righteousness. In everything I do, let my goal and intention always be to walk reverently and to honor and serve you, relying only on your blessing for my well-being, and undertaking only what is pleasing to you. Amen.

WELCOME

PRELUDE "Jesus Loves Me"

Bradbury

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Psalms 124:8 & 46

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

**Amen**

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,  
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,**

Though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble  
with its tumult.

**God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns.**

“Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations; I am exalted in the earth.”

**The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge**

Let us worship the living God!

\*HYMN OF PRAISE – No. 299

Ye Servants of God

**You servants of God, your Master proclaim, and publish abroad Christ’s wonderful name. The name all-victorious of Jesus extol, whose kingdom is glorious, who rules over all.**

**Ascended on high, almighty to save, he still remains nigh; his presence we have. The great congregation his triumph shall sing, ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.**

**"Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!" Let all cry aloud, and honor the Son. The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim, fall down on their faces, and worship the Lamb.**

**Then let us adore and give him his right: all glory and power, all wisdom and might, all honor and blessing, with angels above, and thanks never ceasing, and infinite love!**

*(Please be seated.)*

INSPIRING SHOUTS OF JOY

Andy Combs

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (a prayer by Martin Luther)

**Behold, Lord, an empty vessel that needs to be filled.**

**My Lord, fill it.**

**I am weak in the faith; strengthen me.**

**I am cold in love; warm me and make me fervent, that my love may go out to my neighbor.**

**I do not have a strong and firm faith; at times I doubt and am unable to trust you altogether.**

**O Lord, help me.**

**Strengthen my faith and trust in you.**

**In you I have sealed the treasure of all I have.**

**I am poor; you are rich and came to be merciful to the poor.**

**I am a sinner; you are upright.**

**With me, there is an abundance of sin; in you is the fullness of righteousness.**

Therefore, I will remain with you, of whom I can receive, but to whom I may not give. Amen.

KYRIE                      Lord, have mercy upon us.  
                                  Christ, have mercy upon us.  
                                  Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*GLORIA PATRI – NO. 581

**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<sup>†</sup>

One:        We confess and acknowledge one God alone, distinct in three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, to whom alone we must cleave, and in whom alone we put our trust.

**All:        We believe that the chief end of humankind is to glorify God, and to enjoy God forever.**

One:        We believe that all things are governed by the Providence of God.

*Women: We believe that the Lord our God was pleased to make a second covenant of grace, wherein he freely offered unto sinners life and salvation by Jesus Christ.*

**MEN:     WE BELIEVE THAT WE BELONG – BODY AND SOUL, IN LIFE AND IN DEATH – NOT TO OURSELVES BUT TO OUR FAITHFUL SAVIOR, JESUS CHRIST.**

**All:        We believe that the life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission.**

One:        The church's commission, upon which its freedom is founded, consists in delivering the message of the free grace of God to all people in Christ's stead, and therefore in the ministry of his own Word and work through sermon and Sacrament.

**MEN:     WE BELIEVE THAT SEPARATION AND HATRED BETWEEN PEOPLE AND GROUPS IS SIN, ALREADY CONQUERED BY CHRIST. ANYTHING THREATENING OUR UNITY HAS NO PLACE IN THE CHURCH.**

***Women: We believe that unity is both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ. Through the work of God's Spirit, unity is a binding force. At the same time, unity must be earnestly pursued and sought. Our unity must become visible to the world.***

**One:** We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

**All:** **With believers in every time and place we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

THROUGH CHILDREN'S EYES

Sharaze Colley

### PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READINGS

Deuteronomy 5:8-10

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above or that is on the earth beneath or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the Lord your God am a jealous God.

Habakkuk 2:4

Look at the proud!

Their spirit is not right in them,  
but the righteous live by their faithfulness.

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

NEW TESTAMENT READINGS

2 Timothy 3:14-17

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have known sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that the person of God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

Hebrews 7:23-25

Furthermore, the former priests were many in number because they were prevented by death from continuing in office, but he holds his priesthood permanently because he continues forever. Consequently, he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

Ephesians 2:8-9

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God— not the result of works, so that no one may boast.

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

RESPONSE TO THE WORD “For the Beauty of the Earth”

**For your Word to light our way, for the hope to us it brings,  
For the ways your wisdom leads daily lives as offerings,  
Lord of all to Thee we raise, this our hymn of grateful praise.**

SERMON “Quintet of Solas”

Paul King

SHARING PRAYER CONCERNS

*Please remember those on our prayer list.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (adapted from prayers by John Knox)

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 With a Voice of Singing

Martin Shaw

\*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 (a prayer by Martin Luther)

**O Lord, come to me and use my bread, silver and gold. How very well they are spent if I spend them in your service. Amen.**

\*CLOSING HYMN – No. 22, Verses 1, 4, AND 6 God of the Sparrow

**God of the sparrow**

**God of the whale**

**God of the swirling stars**

**How does the creature say Awe**

**How does the creature say Praise**

**God of the hungry**

**God of the sick**

**God of the prodigal**

**How does the creature say Care**

**How does the creature say Life**

**God of the ages**

**God near at hand**

**God of the loving heart**

**How do your children say Joy**

**How do your children say Home**

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

(Numbers 6:24–26, as used in John Calvin’s Strasbourg Liturgy)

\*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 Finale (from Sonata I)

Mendelssohn

\*Stand as able.

**Bold Type** – congregation in unison

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IMPLICITLY AGREE THAT THEY, AND  
ANY CHILDREN ACCOMPANYING  
THEM, MAY BE ON CAMERA.

### **Participating in the service today:**

Paul King, Guest Preacher  
Jim Thrash, Director of Music  
Tom Bryant, Accompanist  
Davis Howe, Interim Youth Director  
Shelley Wann, Liturgist  
Sharaze Colley, Children's Moment  
Sharaze Colley and Mike Colley, 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](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

**Guest Minister** We welcome Paul King back to preach this morning. Paul is Ruling Elder and an active member of Session at Farmington Presbyterian. He graduated with his Masters of Divinity from Columbia Theological

Seminary in May 2024 and has been certified ready for a call by the Presbytery of the Mid-South.

**Fellowship Coffee** If you would like to host Fellowship Coffee, sign up on our website, [www.farmingtonpres.org](http://www.farmingtonpres.org) Please keep it simple-something sweet and something salty.

**Youth Fellowship** Each Sunday evening the youth meet from 6-8pm for a time of fellowship, games, faith-building, and food. Friends are welcome!

**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.

### Next Sunday

**Potluck Sunday** Following worship on November 3, 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.

### Sunday School Classes

**Children's Sunday School** Children meet at 10am in A6. This fall, all children 5<sup>th</sup> 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 (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 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?

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

### Coming Up

**First Wednesdays @ FPC** Wednesday, November 6, is Wednesday Night Dinner and Devotion. Dinner will be at 6pm with Devotion in the Sanctuary at 6:45pm. The menu is Roast pork loin with peach bourbon glaze, hash brown casserole, and green beans. Mark your calendars now for December 4. The cost for dinner will be \$10 for adults and \$5 for children (under 12) with \$30 family maximum. Please email the church office to make reservations, [church@farmingtonpres.org](mailto:church@farmingtonpres.org).

**Room in the Inn** Farmington Presbyterian will be hosting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday each month beginning November 16 at The Cottage at Germantown



United Methodist Church. This ministry provides housing for homeless persons. Each time we host, a group of people prepare a meal for the evening: a casserole or meat, side(s), salad, bread, and dessert. The meal should serve 22 adults. A group of 6-8 people host our guests by setting up at 5pm and welcoming the guests at 6pm. We eat together and visit or play games until 9:30pm. At 9pm, 2 overnight shepherds arrive to spend the night, prepare coffee and a to-go breakfast, and do light clean-up after the guests depart at 6am. After we host, 2 laundry angels volunteer to launder the sheets, pillow cases, and blankets after we host our guests. This is a great way for someone who cannot be there in the evenings to still be a part of this ministry. The sign-up is on the website.

**Thanksgiving Dinner and Worship** Wednesday evening, November 20, the Farmington family will gather for a full, traditional Thanksgiving feast and to worship. Dinner is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children (under 12) with \$30 family maximum and will be served buffet-style at 6pm with a Service of Gratitude in the Sanctuary at 6:45pm. Please email the church office to make reservations, [church@farmingtonpres.org](mailto:church@farmingtonpres.org).

### **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](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...**several Farmington members attended CampFood and Cocktails to support the ministry of Pinecrest Camp and Retreat Center. It was a beautiful evening to fellowship with Presbyterians from across our Presbytery as we enjoyed good music, food, and drink together. For several years, your pledges have allowed Farmington to be a sponsor of the event. If you didn’t make it this year, plan to attend next year!

**Remember in Prayer...**Our Farmington Family, Session and Staff; Luv Bacerra, Jackie Baker, Kevin Beard, Betty Boyd, Rev. Margaret Burnett, Jeanne Carr, Judith Cassidy, Mary Lou Collins, Pat Rush Davis, Joe Gaul, Bill Harrington, Martha Hart, Robert Herring, Chris and Sabrina Johnson, Bill Jones, Bill Knight, Annette Main, Faye McKenzie, Sara Millar, Stan Neighbors, Kathryn Moots Newhouse, Nancy & Dennis Palmer, Pat Register, Bill Renfrow, Jack Scherer, Pat Sherman, JoAnne Simpkins, Williams Stevens, Jon Still, B.J. Tanner, Jerry Trimble, Kathy VanderEcken, Kasi Wann, Frank Whited, and from our Presbytery: Human Rights, Caregivers

**Sympathies...**to the family and friends of Patty Zahm, grandmother of Brianna Rempe

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