



**FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP  
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost  
October 6, 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

A Non-Traditional Blessing  
by Sister Ruth Fox

Our God who is  
Our Creator God  
Our Heavenly Father  
Bless us with discomfort at easy answers,  
half-truths and superficial relationships.  
Bless us with anger at injustice,  
oppression and exploitation of people.  
Bless us with tears to shed  
for those who suffer from pain,  
rejection, starvation and war.  
Bless us with enough foolishness  
to believe that we can make a difference in this world.  
In the name of the Father  
and the Son  
and the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.

WELCOME

PRELUDE "Song of Mary"

Joseph Marx

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

O Lord, our God, how majestic is your name in all the earth!  
**We gather from the west to the east, from the south to the  
north, to praise our majestic Creator.**

We proclaim the glory of God to the whole human family.

**The Lord our God gives new life and new blessings as we come together in the unity of one purpose – to praise and glorify God.**

How good it is when all of God's people live together in unity.

**Let us come together in love to worship God, who has called us together.**

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN - No. 268

Verses 1 & 3

“Crown Him With Many Crowns”

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;  
hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own!  
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and hail  
him at thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power and scepter sways  
from pole to pole, that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and  
praise. His reign shall know no end; and round his pierced feet  
fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

*(Please be seated.)*

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious and Creative Lord, in your generosity you created a world of abundance and diversity, yet we live guided by greed and selfishness. We confess that we have defaced your creation and poisoned our environment through our consumerist behavior and for personal gain. In Christ, you made us brothers and sisters and intend for us to be united, and yet we have built walls to separate us from those who are different from us. You made us in your image with wisdom and creativity and we have used those to trick each other and to develop weapons of destruction and death. You gave us laws to order our lives and we have abused them to take revenge and punish our enemies. We love war rather than striving for peace. We ignore the poor and the weak and honor the rich and powerful. In all this we have not lived according to your will and have dared to boast in our human achievements and have failed to recognize that you alone are worthy of praise.**

**Forgive us, Lord. In your mercy, forgive us our sins.**

*(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

Apostle's Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THROUGH CHILDREN'S EYES

Jinney Hart

*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 133

How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity! It is like precious oil poured on the head, running down on the beard, running down on Aaron's beard, down on the collar of his robe. It is as if the dew of Hermon were falling on Mount Zion. For there the Lord bestows his blessing, even life forevermore.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

SECOND READING

Ephesians 2:11-22

Therefore, remember that formerly you who are Gentiles by birth and called "uncircumcised" by those who call themselves "the circumcision" (which is done in the body by human hands)—remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the

promise, without hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit. Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

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 "Christ Is Our Peace"

Rev. Elizabeth Dick

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Please remember those on our prayer list.*

### **RESPOND TO GOD**

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "O Taste and See"

Ralph Vaughan Williams

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is: blest is the man that trusteth in him. (Psalm 34:8)

\*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

**Holy God, we trust in the abundance of your love and grace. May the gifts we offer sow seeds of peace and justice. Enable**

**us to use them according to your will, until each person finds welcome, and all of creation is healed and reconciled to you, 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...**

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

THE PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

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.**

\*HYMN - No.137 "He Came Down"

**He came down that we may have love: He came down that we may have love: He came down that we may have love: Hallelujah forevermore.**

**He came down that we may have light: He came down that we may have light: He came down that we may have light: Hallelujah forevermore.**

**He came down that we may have peace: He came down that we may have peace: He came down that we may have peace: Hallelujah forevermore.**

\*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;**

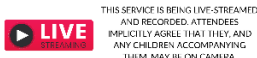
**working for a world that's new, faithful when we hear Christ's call.**

\*POSTLUDE "Handel"

\*Stand as able.

**Bold Type** – congregation in unison

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## 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**

**Potluck** Following worship this morning, we will enjoy a potluck lunch together in the Fellowship Hall. Whether you brought a dish or not, you

are encouraged to stay and enjoy a time of fellowship at the table. There is always a gracious plenty. Please stay, as you are able, to cleanup; many hands make light work.

**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.

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

### **This Week**

**MIC Mothers in Community** (a new name for MOPS and a new vision to include all mothers) will meet Thursday, October 10, at 6pm in Fellowship Hall for Potluck and a fall craft. Please bring one bag of candy to donate to trunk or treat. Free childcare is provided. Come and invite moms you know to gather for fun, support, and fellowship.

**Mexico Cistern Ministry** We will be traveling to Xpujil, Mexico, January 13-18, 2025. We are purchasing our flights this week as the cost has dropped significantly (~\$400). The cost of going for the individual is the cost of the flight. We fundraise for our expenses in Mexico and the church budget covers the cost of materials for building the cisterns. If you would like to go, please email Rev. Rebecca at [rluter@farmingtonpres.org](mailto:rluter@farmingtonpres.org) for flight information.

### **Coming Up**

**Guess Who's Coming to Dinner** October 18 at 6pm. Sign up on the church website and indicate your choice of restaurant: SOB Collierville, Amerigo, or Salsa. Make plans to gather with friends and make new friends! This is a great opportunity to invite friends who don't have a church family to meet yours.

**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 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?

**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 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!

### 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...** Friendsgiving moved indoors, but the rain did not dampen our fellowship and fun! \$1,531.84 was raised for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to respond to the devastation of Hurricane



Helene. If you have not made a donation and would like to, please memo your gift "Friendsgiving."

**Remember in Prayer...**Our Farmington Family, Session and Staff; 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, 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, Jerry Trimble, Kathy VanderEcken, Kasi Wann, Frank Whited, Nathan Williams, and from our Presbytery: Bethesda Presbyterian Church, Selmer, TN and Peace & Global Witness Offering.

**Sympathies...**to the family and friends of Jay Precourt, brother-in-law of John Hazen and to the family and friends of Aubrey Taylor, father of Laurinda Ingram.

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

**Participating in the service today:**

Rev. Elizabeth Dick, Guest Minister

Jim Thrash, Director of Music

Tom Bryant, Accompanist

Davis Howe, Interim Youth Director

Ann Erickson, Liturgist

Jinny Hart, Children's Moment

Scott Hutchins and Roland Mittag, Ushers

Ann Erickson, Paula Gale, Roland Mittag, and Kasi Wann,

Communion Servers

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