



FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP
Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
All Saints' Sunday
November 3, 2024

Worship Online at 11:00am Sunday Mornings

www.farmingtonpres.org

Click "Worship Together"

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Bless us, O God, with a reverent sense of your presence, that we may be at peace and may worship you with all our mind and spirit. Grant that the Word you speak this day may take root in our hearts and bear fruit to your honor and glory, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

WELCOME

PRELUDE "Goin' Home"

Dvorak

*CALL TO WORSHIP

You have gathered us here at the Table where the Feast of Joy has been prepared for all of God's people.

The God of all generations gathers us at the Table with faithful saints around the world and with saints feasting at God's heavenly banquet.

Some are well known, like Martin Luther and John Calvin, C.S. Lewis, Rachel Held Evans and so many more. Some have been forgotten as we tell the story of your church, like Amma Sarah of the Desert, Paul of Thebes, Theodora of Alexandria, and Arsenius the Deacon, while names of Prophets and Apostles are memorized.

But many are ordinary folk, like the teacher from first grade who guided our fingers under the words; the nurse in the hospital who held our hand while blood was taken; the coach who pitched for us countless times; the friend who offers prayer.

There is old man Abraham, who left retirement behind, and his barren wife, who laughed at your promise; there are those who moved mountains and those who murmured in the wilderness; there are those who founded the church, and those who panicked on the waves of Galilee.

God gathers us all to eat of this bread and taste God's goodness, to drink from the Cup and see God's hope, to sing God's praise and be God's saints.

*HYMN OF PRAISE – No. 326 “For All the Saints”

For all the saints who from their labors rest, who thee by faith before the world confessed, thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might; thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight; thou in the darkness drear, their one true light. Alleluia! Alleluia!

O blest communion, fellowship divine! We feebly struggle; they in glory shine; yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. Alleluia! Alleluia!

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long, steals on the ear the distant triumph song, and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong. Alleluia! Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through gates of pearl streams in the countless hosts, singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia! Alleluia!

(Please be seated.)

INSPIRING SHOUTS OF JOY

Sandy Wann

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy, triune God, we confess that we have not lived for your glory. You call us to love and serve you, but we do not. You offer us restoration in Christ, but we make choices contrary to your purposes, refuse to live by your guidance, and fail to trust that your ways are for our good. Forgive us, God of grace. Give us the will through your Holy Spirit to turn from our selfishness and trust you alone for our lives. Reveal the treasure of life abundant found in loving you, O God, above all. Shine the splendor of your presence into the shadows of our fragile human hearts, so that we may become like Christ, beacons of justice and defenders of righteousness.

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[†]

**We believe in the Most High God who strengthens us and
repays us many more times than we expect. We believe in
God who gives generously and who expects the same from all
creatures God has made. We believe in God whose utmost,
loving sacrifice is experienced through Jesus Christ, who paid
it all. We believe that Jesus Christ consciously and lovingly
emptied himself so that we may learn to make sacrifice and
live joyfully before God. By Christ's impartial love we learn to
love all those on the margins. We believe in the Holy Spirit
who enables us to represent Jesus to the world. We believe
that by the power of the Holy Spirit a new community will be
created without labels. We believe all has been accomplished
for deliverance and salvation and is now being lived in flesh
even as God is glorified in heaven.**

THROUGH CHILDREN'S EYES

Laurinda Ingram

*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

John 15:8-11 (ESV)

By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

David praised the Lord in the presence of the whole assembly, saying,

“Praise be to you, Lord, the God of our father Israel, from everlasting to everlasting. Yours, Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, Lord, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all. Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things. In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all. Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name.

“But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand. We are foreigners and strangers in your sight, as were all our ancestors. Our days on earth are like a shadow, without hope. Lord our God, all this abundance that we have provided for building you a temple for your Holy Name comes from your hand, and all of it belongs to you. I know, my God, that you test the heart and are pleased with integrity. All these things I have given willingly and with honest intent. And now I have seen with joy how willingly your people who are here have given to you. Lord, the God of our fathers Abraham, Isaac and Israel, keep these desires and thoughts in the hearts of your people forever, and keep their hearts loyal to you. And give my son Solomon the wholehearted devotion to keep your commands, statutes and decrees and to do everything to build the palatial structure for which I have provided.”

Then David said to the whole assembly, “Praise the Lord your God.” So they all praised the Lord, the God of their fathers; they bowed down, prostrating themselves before the Lord and the king.

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 “In the Line of Succession”

Rev. Rebecca Luter

SHARING PRAYER CONCERNS

Please remember those on our prayer list.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

RESPOND TO GOD

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM “Death be Never Last” arr. David Sims

We walk in light of countless faces bright as beams of rising sun,
certain as the morning chases night in endless ages’ run. *Turning eyes
now to their shining memory, to their faithful past, saints be now the truth
divining: death be now but never last.*

When sorrow’s heavy hand has weighted loss against the greater
gain, pinning down that grief sore fated laden on the bed of pain.

When joy returns with laughter singing thanks to God for life’s
sweet song, let us follow after bringing thanks to God for those
now gone.

*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

**Generous God, cheerfully and joyously, we offer these gifts
and our lives to you. You have poured blessings in our lives
without restraint and have called us to bless others in your
name. We rejoice that you are able to take what we offer of
our time, talents, gifts, and service to further your kingdom.
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

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

RAY BENDALL

VANESSA HOWARD

CAROL LOVELL

HARLAND LOVELL
PATTI SIMPKINS
JACK WILLIAMS
JEFF WISE

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

*CLOSING HYMN – No. 305

Verses 1, 2, and 4

“Come Sing, O Church in Joy”

**Come sing, O church in Joy! Come join, O church, in song!
For Christ the Lord has led us through the ages long! *In bold
accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!***

**Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns
supreme, empowering us to catch the vision, dream the
dream! *Refrain***

**Come sing, O church in Joy! Come join, O church, in song!
For Christ the Lord has led us through the ages long! *Refrain***

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*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 “Risoluto” (from the Water Music)

Handel

*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
Susan Bryant, Liturgist
Laurinda Ingram, Children's Moment
John Hazen and Leslie McNamara, Ushers
Susan Bryant, Rebecca Hutchins, Tom Moots, Stephanie Nagel, and
Melissa Still, Communion Servers

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

Flowers this morning are given to the glory of God by Charlie & Mo Smithers in honor of Charlie's mother's birthday.

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.

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

This Week

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.

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?

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!

Coming Up

Room in the Inn Farmington Presbyterian will be hosting on the 3rd 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.

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.

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...Trunk or Treat was a huge success with 250-300 smiling faces! Thank you to Liv Palmer and the Christian Education committee and to everyone who hosted a trunk or volunteered – you brought joy to our community!

Remember in Prayer...Our Farmington Family, Session and Staff; Luv Bacerra, Jackie Baker, Kevin Beard, Betty Boyd, Rev. Margaret Burnett, Glenn Carr, 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: Military Veterans

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

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