



FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP
Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
November 10, 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 "Andante"

Mozart

*CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Psalm 65

With joy we come to worship the Lord our God, who established the mountains and calmed the roaring seas, who drenches the furrows of the fields and softens the sunbaked earth with rain showers.

Desert pastures once barren now blossom, and hills are dressed in pure joy. Meadows are clothed with frolicking flocks of lambs, valleys are covered with a carpet of autumn-harvest grain.

The land echoes with songs of joyous celebration.

From the rising of the sun to its setting, the Lord inspires shouts of joy!

With joy we come to worship the Lord our God, who is our liberation and salvation and invites us to come near. Injustice once overwhelmed us, but God forgives our sins, restoring us and satisfying our longing for the goodness of God.

In awe, all humanity will praise the Lord, who listens and answers our prayers, who gives hope to people all around the world. In God we securely place our trust.

The people's praise echoes in shouts, in silence, and in faithfulness.

From the rising of the sun to its setting, the Lord inspires shouts of joy!

*HYMN OF PRAISE – No. 401

Verses 1, 2, and 4

“Here in This Place”

Here in this place the new light is streaming; now is the darkness vanished away; see in this space our fears and our dreamings brought here to you in the light of this day. Gather us in, the lost and forsaken; gather us in, the blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall awaken; we shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young, our lives are a mystery. We are the old who yearn for your face. We have been sung throughout all of history, called to be light to the whole human race. Gather us in, the rich and the haughty; gather us in, the proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so lowly; give us the courage to enter the song.

Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light years away: here in this place the new light is shining; now is the kingdom, and now is the day. Gather us in and hold us forever; gather us in and make us your own; gather us in, all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

(Please be seated.)

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

Paula Gale

*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

I John 3:1-3, 16-18

See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ is revealed, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

This is the Word of the Lord! This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down

our lives for our brothers and sisters. If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SECOND READING

Matthew 22:15-22

Then the Pharisees went out and laid plans to trap him in his words. They sent their disciples to him along with the Herodians. "Teacher," they said, "we know that you are a man of integrity and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. You aren't swayed by others, because you pay no attention to who they are. Tell us then, what is your opinion? Is it right to pay the imperial tax to Caesar or not?"

But Jesus, knowing their evil intent, said, "You hypocrites, why are you trying to trap me? Show me the coin used for paying the tax." They brought him a denarius, and he asked them, "Whose image is this? And whose inscription?" "Caesar's," they replied. Then he said to them, "So give back to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's." When they heard this, they were amazed. So they left him and went away.

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.**

REFLECTING ON THE WORD[†]

For many years we have had the mistaken notion that all the problems of the world can be solved with a few dollar bills.

In Jesus' time the Pharisees came to ask him if they should pay taxes, and Jesus, looking at a silver coin, asked whose face and name were engraved on it. "The Emperor's," they said. "Well then, pay to the Emperor what is his" Jesus replied.

Has God's face ever been on a coin?

We are the coin that bears the living likeness of God. Giving of ourselves with whatever that may include, is the only legal currency of the kingdom of heaven.

SERMON “Kingdom Currency”

Rev. Rebecca Luter

SHARING PRAYER CONCERNS

Please remember those on our prayer list.

CENTERING HYMN “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

*CELEBRATION OF STEWARDSHIP

HYMN - No. 515 “I Come with Joy”

Verses 1, 3, & 4

I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved, and free, the life of Jesus to recall, in love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.

The Spirit of the risen Christ, unseen, but ever near, is in such friendship better known, alive among us here, alive among us here.

INTERLUDE FOR PRAYER

AND BRINGING FORWARD

ESTIMATES OF GIVING FOR 2025

Together met, together bound by all that God has done, we’ll go with joy, to give the world the love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM “He Leadeth Me”

Wegner

He leadeth me, O blessed thought, O words with heavenly comfort fraught! Whate’er I do, where’re I be, still ‘tis God’s hand that leadeth me.

Sometimes mid scenes of deepest gloom, sometimes where Eden's
bowers bloom, by waters calm, o'er troubled sea, still 'tis God's
hand that leadeth me.

He leadeth me, he leadeth me, by his own hand he leadeth me, His
faithful follower I would be, for by his hand he leadeth me. Lord, I
would clasp thy hand in mine, nor ever murmur nor repine; content
whatever lot I see, since, 'tis my God that leadeth me.

And when my task on earth is done, when by thy grace the vict'ry's
won, e'en death's cold wave I will not flee, since God through
Jordan leadeth me.

***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.**

***HYMN - No. 310 "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"**

**I love thy kingdom, Lord, the house of thine abode, the
church our blest Redeemer saved with his own precious
blood.**

**I love thy church, O God. Her walls before thee stand, dear
as the apple of thine eye, and graven on thy hand.**

**For her my tears shall fall; for her my prayers ascend; to her
my cares and toils be given, till toils and cares shall end.**

**Beyond my highest joy I prize her heavenly ways; her sweet
communion, solemn vows, her hymns of love and praise.**

**Sure as thy truth shall last, to Zion shall be given the brightest
glories earth can yield, and brighter bliss of heaven.**

***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 “Finale Jubilante”

Healey Willan

*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:

Rev. Rebecca Luter, Pastor
Jim Thrash, Director of Music
Tom Bryant, Accompanist
Davis Howe, Interim Youth Director
Elizabeth Demaree, Liturgist
Paula Gale, Children's Moment
Stephanie and Thomas Nagel, 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

Flowers this morning are given to the glory of God in honor of J.B. Wann's 21st birthday by his family.

Fellowship Coffee immediately following worship today, November 10th is hosted by Elizabeth Demaree. 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 Each Sunday evening the youth meet from 5:30-7:30pm for a time of fellowship, games, faith-building, and food. Friends are welcome!

This Week

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.

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

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.

Pinecrest Thanksgiving Lunch Enjoy a traditional Thanksgiving meal on November 28 at Pinecrest. \$25/adult, \$15 kids 4-9, under 4 are free. RSVP by November 18 to amanda@camppinecrest.org.

Hanging of the Green Following worship on November 24th, we will enjoy lunch together and decorate the church for Advent and Christmas. There are ways for everyone to assist from climbing ladders to fluffing greenery! Make plans to be part of this festive time with your Farmington family.

Announcements

Poinsettias The sanctuary will be decorated with poinsettias this Advent season. Please consider honoring or remembering a loved one. Poinsettias are \$12 each. Email church@farmingtonpres.org with your information and how many.

Pinecrest Cinnamon Roll Bake Sale Purchase Pinecrest's famous cinnamon rolls for \$15/pan. They will be delivered frozen and packaged for gifting on December 13. Email amanda@camppinecrest.org.

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.

Bulletin Mailing List While we were all worshiping 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 worshiping 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 received a thank you letter from Pinecrest Camp and Retreat Center. You may read it on the bulletin board outside Fellowship Hall. Through your pledges, Farmington was one of the sponsors of their recent fundraising event, CampFood and Cocktails. The event raised a record \$49,800!

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, Steve Moots, Stan Neighbors, 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: First Presbyterian Church, Caruthersville, MO and Hunger & Homelessness

Sympathies...to the family and friends of Rob Schneider, brother of Mike Schneider and to the family and friends of Kathryn Moots Newhouse, mother of Tom Moots

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