



**FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP**

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 27, 2025

Worship Online at 11:00am Sunday Mornings

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ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP[†]

Holy One, ignite within us a fiery passion for your mission in the world today. Warm us by the Spirit's dancing tongues of flame, that we may feel your kindling blaze within, urging us to do your greater good. Make us wholly present to experience a new birth, and awaken possibilities within us to share your love in the world. In this love and abundance, we come to celebrate your harvest—a harvest bearing the first fruits of the Spirit within us. Show us how to use these gifts, as we listen for your truth in the gentle breeze of your Spirit. Amen.

WELCOME

Visitors and members are encouraged to fill out the attendance folder located on the center aisle of each pew and pass it to those seated along the pew.

PRELUDE "Aria"

Ralph Vaughn Williams

*CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Psalm 30

Sing praise to the Lord, O faithful people, pour out your hearts with praise and melodies!

For when we cried out for help, the Lord mended the shattered pieces of our lives, lifted us from the grave, and gave us another chance.

The deepest pains may linger through the night, but at dawn there are shouts of joy.

For the Lord restores our life; God raises us from the dead.

Will the dust sing God's praise, or tell of God's faithfulness?

Our souls will sing to the Lord. How can we be silent?

Our lament has been turned to dancing; it is impossible to keep quiet.

We have been lifted up and restored. With all that we are, we will sing God's praise forever.

*HYMN OF PRAISE – No. 485 “We Know That Christ is Raised”

(Please be seated.)

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION†

Gracious God, you have planted your Word in us and called us to live lives that bear good fruit. But too often, we let fear choke out faith, and we settle for survival instead of surrender. We chase what is temporary and forget what is eternal. We speak without love, act without wisdom, and live as if we must earn what you have already given. Forgive us. Root us again in Your grace. Grow in us the fruit of the Holy Spirit, so that our lives may reflect your goodness to the world.

(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 – 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 belong to God, eternal and infinite, Creator of all things and all that is to come.

We follow Jesus the Christ, who comes to us from God, and reveals God to us. Christ heals people and transforms lives, and calls us to join in his ministry. He was crucified, died, and was raised again by God, and reigns over all Creation; and he bids us to die and rise with him in the service of the healing of the world.

We are moved by the Holy Spirit, together with the communion of saints, as members of the Body of Christ, God's holy universal church.

We are confident in the forgiveness of sin, the power of resurrection and the reality of eternal life. In all things it is our desire to follow Christ, by the grace of the Holy Spirit, for God's glory. Amen.

THROUGH CHILDREN'S EYES

Nic 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 LESSON

Acts 9:1-22

Pew Bible Page No. 1706

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SECOND LESSON

Galatians 1:11-24

Pew Bible Page No. 1810

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

RESPONSE TO THE WORD – NO. 587 “Alleluia!”

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

SERMON “A Whole New Life”

Rev. Rebecca Luter

RESPOND TO GOD

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.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM “They That Wait Upon the Lord” John Carter

They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary,

they shall walk and not faint. He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. (Isaiah 40: 31, 29)

*DOXOLOGY – No. 606

**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 all that we have and all that we are, receive what we offer today – our gifts, our prayers, and our praise – as signs of our gratitude for your faithfulness and steadfast love. Dedicate them and us to fulfilling your vision for creation. In Christ’s name, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN - No. 175 “Seek Ye First”

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Sending Forth Hymn - No. 295 “Go to the World!” Verse 2
Go to the world! Go into every place. Go live the word of God’s redeeming grace. Go seek God’s presence in each time and space. Alleluia. Alleluia.

*POSTLUDE “O Day of Peace that Dimly Shines” Hubert H. Parry

*Stand as able. **Bold Type** – congregation in unison

†Prayer of Preparation by Sara Dunning Lambert, from *Abingdon Worship Annual 2009*.

Prayer of Confession by Rev. Ruth Lovell Bradham.

Affirmation of Faith by Steve Garnaas-Holmes “We Belong to God.”

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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, Youth Director
Davis Howe, Liturgist
Nic Luter, Children's Moment
John Hazen and Roland Mittag, 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

Coffee in the Narthex After worship this morning, you are encouraged to enjoy a cup of coffee and fellowship in the Narthex.

Youth Fellowship (6th-12th grades): This year's Youth Kickoff Party will be next Sunday, August 3rd from 5:30-7:30pm in the Youth Room, featuring a pizza party and games as we meet and prepare for a full year of events and community! Please text or email Davis at 901-482-2503 or davis@farmingtonpres.org for more information or to be notified of upcoming events.

Blessing of the Backpacks All students and teachers are encouraged to bring their school bags to worship on August 10th for us to pray God's blessing to go with them as they embark on a new school year.

School Uniform Collection Instead of collecting school supplies this year, we have been asked by Room in the Inn to help with school uniforms. We are able to purchase uniforms in bulk for \$20 per uniform (polo shirt and dress slacks from Old Navy). You are invited to provide a school uniform for elementary school students by noting “Uniform” on the memo line of your offering.

Sunday School Classes

Summer Break is over! We will be meeting again on August 3rd for Sunday School at 10 am. Children K-5th meet in Room A6, Youth 6th-12th meet in the Youth Room, and Adults meet in the East Room and Fellowship Hall. The Adult class in Fellowship Hall begins at 9:30am.

Children’s Sunday School This fall as we study Galatians in worship, we will be learning more about the fruits of the Spirit that Paul names in Galatians 5. Children K-5th meet in Room A6 (across from the church office).

Youth Sunday School (6th-12th grades): This year the youth's Bible study will begin at the beginning, starting on August 3rd at 10am in the youth room with a series on the book of Genesis. Donuts will be provided!

Adult Sunday School Rev. Rebecca Luter and Cooper Patterson each teach an adult class on Sunday mornings. Rev. Rebecca’s class, Centering in the Word, offers an introduction to the Scriptures for worship that day and meets in the East Room at 10am. Cooper’s class is a book study with weekly reading and conversation and meets in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30am.

Announcements

Church Emails Each week, a Sunday email is sent with the link for online worship, the Happenings, and the Prayer List. In addition, a Mid-Week email is regularly sent with reminders and the New Vision newsletter is sent monthly. If you are not receiving church emails, and would like to, please email church@farmingtonpres.org and let us know.

2025 Fellowship Coffee Sign up to host Fellowship Coffee on our website under “Sign-ups” or in the church office to provide refreshments following worship on a 3rd Sunday. You may sign up to provide either something sweet or something savory.

2025 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” or on in the church office.

Food Pantry Collection Farmington collects 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 If you would like to be added to or removed from the weekly mailing of the bulletin, 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 The way the members of Farmington care for and look out for one another is inspiring. We are blessed with several members who each have committed to caring for another member with limited mobility. We are blessed with members who are terrific correspondents, who write cards regularly to those who are not able to be in worship or who are going through a difficult time. We are blessed with members who notice who has been absent from worship and follow up to ensure that love is shown to anyone in need. "Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others." – Philippians 2:4

Remember in Prayer Our Farmington Family, Session and Staff; Jackie Baker, Hank Baron, Kevin Beard, Elsie Black, Robert Blackwell, Shawn Brewer, Jeanne Carr, Deni Carroll, Judith Cassidy, Jim Collins, Mark Fisher, Joe Gaul, Betzabet Guzman, Rob Hall, Bill Harrington, Martha Hart, Chris and Sabrina Johnson, Bill Jones, Bill Knight, Annette Main, Sara Millar, Nancy & Dennis Palmer, Bill Renfrow, Caitlin Shirazee, JoAnne Simpkins, Molly Smith, William Stevens, Jon Still, Kasi Wann, Frank Whited, Reggie Wilson, and from our Presbytery: Young Adult Volunteers.

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