



FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

August 3, 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 "All Things Bright and Beautiful"

John Rutter

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, let us worship and bow down in awe of God's steadfast love for us.

God hears our voices as we lift our prayers and songs. God listens for the sound of our cry.

Come, let us take refuge in the God of our salvation.

For God is our shield, our protection in times of trouble. God gathers us up to lead us down the streets of justice and faithfulness.

Come, let us look for God alive and active around us.

For God is whispering to us in the gentle breezes stirring the world, laughing with the children waiting on the bus, and surely is here with us now in this place!

*HYMN OF PRAISE – No. 667 “When Morning Gilds the Skies”

(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

Sharaze Colley

*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

Psalm 5

Pew Bible Page No. 845

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SECOND LESSON

Galatians 2:11-3:14

Pew Bible Page No. 1811

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

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

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

SERMON “Justified by Faith”

Rev. Rebecca Luter

RESPOND TO GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please remember those on our prayer list.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM “Be Still and Know”

Karen Marolli

Be still and know that I am God; let peace embrace your heart.

Be still and know that I am God; let fear and anguish now depart.

Though the earthquakes rage, though the tempests roll, though the storms conspire to destroy, be still and know that I am God:

The earth shall rise again in joy.

Be still and know that I am God; let tranquil hope fill your mind.

Be still and know that I am God; let grief and trouble be left behind.

Though the shadows fall, though the darkness cries, though the night seems endless and dire. Be still and know that I am God: the morning shall rise in holy fire. (Psalm 46: 10)

*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.

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

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

COMMUNION HYMN “In Remembrance of Me”

(Choir sings and congregation is invited to join as the Spirit leads.)

In remembrance of me, eat this bread, In remembrance of me, drink this wine. In remembrance of me, open the door and let your neighbors in, let them in.

Take, eat, and be comforted; drink and remember too, that this is my body and precious blood shed for you, shed for you, shed for you.

In remembrance of me, search for truth. In remembrance of me, always love. In remembrance of me, don't look above, but in your heart, look for God. Do this in remembrance of me.

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

*HYMN - No. 774 "There is Now a New Creation" Verses 1-4

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*SENDING FORTH HYMN - No. 774 Verse 1

"There Is Now a New Creation"

There is now a new creation through the grace of Jesus Christ, peace and reconciliation with the God of endless life.

*POSTLUDE "I Sing a Song of the Saints of God" J. H. Hopkins

*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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Participating in the service today:

Rev. Rebecca Luter, Pastor
Jim Thrash, Director of Music
Tom Bryant, Accompanist
Davis Howe, Youth Director
Charlie Smithers, Liturgist
Sharaze Colley, Children's Moment
Mike and Sharaze Colley, Ushers
Bonnie Blair, Ann Erickson, Stephanie Nagel,
Pat Sherman, and Charlie Smithers, 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

Flowers The flowers this morning are given to the glory of God by Iris Lawing in loving memory of her husband, Bill Lawing.

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): Youth Kickoff Party is tonight (Sunday, August 3) 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 next Sunday (August 10) 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!

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. They will be studying John Ortberg's *The Life You've Always Wanted* this fall.

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 Thank you to everyone who volunteered to scoop and everyone who came to enjoy a scoop of ice cream on our last day of FPDS Summer Camp. The families loved having a treat as they picked up their children. We hope to have more "pop-up" parties with the Day School to allow for connections to be made and relationships developed. While the ice cream was "donation only," \$700 was raised for Mexico Cistern Ministry!

Remember in Prayer Our Farmington Family, Session and Staff; Jackie Baker, Hank Baron, Kevin Beard, Elsie Black, Robert Blackwell, 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, Candy Manning, 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: Liberation Community Church, Memphis, TN, College & Young Adults.

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