



**FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP**

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 17, 2025

Worship Online at 11:00am Sunday Mornings

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PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP[†]

The vine emerges from the earth,
nourished
and nourishing.

Rises without visible connection;
roots hidden,
promise unknown.

Strong to withstand storms,
fragile when plucked too soon.

So it is that we grow...
nourished by invisible connections to the living God,
called to nourish that which is seen and that which is yet buried
within.

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 "It Is Well With My Soul" arr. Molly Ijames
Cooper Patterson, Bass Soloist

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We are branches, rooted in the vine of Christ.

We come because we seek to abide in Christ.

The branches that remain in the vine bear much fruit.

We come for God's Word to prune us and fertilize our growth.

Paul wrote to the churches of Galatia, "The fruits of the Spirit are love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control."

May our lives bear abundant fruit for God's glory.

*HYMN OF PRAISE – No. 626 “As the Deer”

**As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after you.
You alone are my heart’s desire, and I long to worship you.
You alone are my strength, my shield; to you alone may my
spirit yield. You alone are my heart’s desire, and I long to
worship you.**

(Please be seated.)

THE FRUIT OF LOVE

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION – No. 693 “Though I May Speak”

**Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all
inspire, and have not love, my words are vain, as sounding
brass, and hopeless gain.**

**Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love
profess, but not be given by love within, the profit soon turns
strangely thin.**

**Come, Spirit, come, out hearts control; our spirits long to be
made whole. Let inward love guide every deed; by this we
worship, and are freed.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

THE FRUIT OF JOY

*GLORY TO GOD – No. 611

Verses 1 & 3

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

**Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun
above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of
doubt away. Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light
of day.**

**Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning stars
began. Love divine is reigning o’er us, joining all in heaven’s
plan. Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of
strife. Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of
life.**

THROUGH CHILDREN’S EYES

Lizzie 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.*

THE FRUIT OF PEACE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Psalm 23

“Come and Find the Quiet Center”

Come and find the quiet center in the crowded life we lead.

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

Find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are freed: Clear the chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes that we can see all the things that really matter, be at peace, and simply be.

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

In the Spirit let us travel, open to each other's pain,

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Let our loves and fears unravel, celebrate the space we gain.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

There's a place for deepest dreaming, there's a time for heart to care, in the Spirit's lively scheming there is always room to spare.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Come and find the quiet center, be at peace and simply be.

THE FRUIT OF PATIENCE

POETRY FOR REFLECTION “Patience”

Edith Wharton

Patience and I have traveled hand in hand

So many days that I have grown to trace

The lines of sad, sweet beauty in her face,

And all its veiled depths to understand.

Not beautiful is she to eyes profane;

Silent and unrevealed her holy charms;

But, like a mother's, her serene, strong arms

Uphold my footsteps on the path of pain.

I long to cry,— her soft voice whispers, "Nay!"

I seek to fly, but she restrains my feet;

In wisdom stern, yet in compassion sweet,

She guides my helpless wanderings, day by day.

O my Beloved, life's golden visions fade,
And one by one life's phantom joys depart;
They leave a sudden darkness in the heart,
And patience fills their empty place instead.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON
Philippians 4:4-9, 12-13

Pew Bible Page No. 1830

This is the Word of the Lord!
Thanks be to God!

*HYMN - No. 835 "Just a Closer Walk with Thee" Verse 1
**Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea, daily
walking close to thee: let it be, dear Lord, let it be.**

THE FRUIT OF KINDNESS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please remember those on our prayer list.

CENTERING HYMN "Will You Let Me Be Your Servant"

Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you? Pray
that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.

I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh, I'll laugh with
you. I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey
through.

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.**

THE FRUIT OF GOODNESS

READING FROM PROVERBS 10:28 – 11:7

The righteous can look forward to joy,
but the hopes of the wicked come to nothing.

The way of the Lord is a refuge for the blameless,
but it is the ruin of those who do evil.

The righteous will never be uprooted,
but the wicked will not inherit the earth.

From the mouth of the righteous comes the fruit of wisdom,
but a perverse tongue will be silenced.

The Lord detests dishonest scales,
an honest weight pleases him.

When arrogance appears, disgrace follows,
but with humility comes wisdom.

The integrity of the upright guides them;
but the unfaithful are destroyed by their treachery.

Wealth is worthless in the day of wrath,
but righteousness delivers from death.

The righteousness of the blameless makes their path smooth,
but the wicked are brought down by their own wickedness.

The righteousness of the upright delivers them,
but the unfaithful are trapped by evil desires.

At death the hopes of a wicked man are doomed,
all the promise of their power comes to nothing.

*HYMN - No. 822 "When We Are Living" Verses 1, 2, & 4

When we are living, it is in Christ Jesus, and when we're dying, it is in the Lord. Both in our living and in our dying, we belong to God; we belong to God.

Through all our living, we our fruits must give. Good works of service are for offering. When we are giving, or when receiving, we belong to God; we belong to God.

Across this wide world, we shall always find those who are crying with no peace of mind, but when we help them, or when we feed them, we belong to God; we belong to God.

THE FRUIT OF FAITHFULNESS

THE COVENANTS OF GOD

The Covenant with Noah
The Covenant with Abraham
The Covenant with Moses
The Covenant with David
The Messianic Covenant

*HYMN - No. 687 "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" Verses 1 & 2

Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home:

Beneath the shadow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt secure; sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.

OUR COVENANT WITH GOD[†]

Every day we journey on this earth is a day in which we make choices: left or right, up or down, in or out, yes or no?

Some choices are simple, and some are very complex,
but one choice informs all the others:

Who will be our God?

Who will we trust to see us through this journey?

Who has been with us from before the beginning, bringing us into existence?

Who has loved us and blessed us and sent us on our way?

Who has pointed us toward the path and posted the signs we need to find our way?

Who has been at our side when the road has been smooth and gently curving?

Who has kept with us through hairpin turns and construction zones and potholes and detours?

Who will celebrate with us when we complete our course and seek the comfort of eternity?

Only One. The One and Only.

Holy One. The One and Holy.

Will you choose this day to stay faithful to the One who is faithful to us?

Count us in.

Will you choose this day to place your whole trust in the One who is trustworthy?

Count us in.

Will you choose this day to commit your talents and your resources to the One who first endowed them?

Count us in.

Will you choose this day to love the One who loved us first?

Count us in.

Let us pray:

We devote ourselves to you by renewing the covenant—the promise you made to humanity so long ago. Because you are our God, we will be your people. Enlarge our faithfulness, our trust, our commitment and our love so that we may graciously uphold our side of the deal. Help us always to recognize your presence and your blessings throughout our journey. Keep us in your care. 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.

THE FRUIT OF GENTLENESS

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Spirit of God as Seen as the Wind"

*DOXOLOGY – No. 475

Verse 1

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Come, thou Fount of every blessing; tune my heart to sing thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above; praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love!!

*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 FRUIT OF SELF-CONTROL

*HYMN - No. 543

Verses 1, 4, & 5

"God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me"

God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to move my voice; God, be the strength to now uphold me:

O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.

Walking behind to hem my journey, going ahead to light my way, and from beneath, above, and all ways: *Refrain*

**Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me:
*Refrain***

*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 “We Are One in the Spirit”

Scholtes

*Rise in body or spirit.

Bold Type – Join in unison.

Participating in the service today:

Rev. Rebecca Luter, Pastor
Davis Howe, Youth Director
Jim Thrash, Director of Music
Tom Bryant, Accompanist
Cooper Patterson, Bass Soloist
Natalie Duncan, Vocal Soloist
Becky Hutchins and Kay Patterson, Liturgists
Lizzie Luter, Children’s Moment
Readers: Shelley Wann, Tom Moots,
Elizabeth Williams, Lance Palmer and Susan Bryant
Melissa Still and Kasi Wann, Ushers

†Prayer of Preparation written by Katherine Hawker for the Evangelical United Church of Christ. Posted on Liturgy Outside.

Our Covenant with God Litany written by Rev. Christine Sobania Johnson and posted on Freshly Squeezed Liturgy.

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.

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 Nadine Oest in loving memory of her dear friend, Marie Barrett.

Fellowship Coffee After worship this morning, everyone is invited to the Fellowship Hall. Thank you to Ann Erickson and Jinney Hart for providing refreshments. We hold Fellowship Coffee on the third Sunday each month. If you would like to help host, please sign up on our website.

Liturgist Training Today, August 17, from 12:30–1:00pm all older youth and adults who are liturgists, or are interested in being liturgists, are encouraged to attend training in the Sanctuary.

Youth Fellowship (6th-12th grades) The youth will not be meeting tonight. Please text or email Davis at 901-482-2503 or davis@farmingtonpres.org for more information or to be notified of upcoming events.

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.

Rev. Ruth Lovell Bradham will be leading training, sharing changes, and answering questions about the leadership roles for worship. If you are interested in volunteering to be a part of our worship leadership, whether you consider yourself a “seasoned pro” or this is something new that you’d like to try, please make plans to attend one or more of these brief training sessions. We’ll review each worship leadership role in depth and its importance in creating meaningful worship experiences.

• **Liturgist Training (for older youth and adults)**

August 17 in the Sanctuary following worship and fellowship

“I was glad when they said to me, ‘Let us go to the house of the Lord!’”

~Psalm 122:1

• **Usher/Greeter Training (for older youth and adults)**

August 24 in the Sanctuary following worship

“Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.” ~Romans 15:7

• **Acolyte Training (for children and youth ages 10-college)**

September 7 in the Sanctuary following worship and potluck

“...Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to God in heaven.” ~Matthew 5:16

Sunday School Classes - No Youth or Adult Sunday School today, August 17.

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 We received the news that the Rise Against Hunger meals that we packaged on April 27, 2025 have been sent to the Philippine Islands. Since 2016, Farmington Presbyterian Church has provided 154,782 meals!

Remember in Prayer Our Farmington Family, Session and Staff; Jackie Baker, Hank Baron, Kevin Beard, Elsie Black, Jeanne Carr, Deni Carroll, Judith Cassidy, Jim Collins, Joe Gaul, Brenda Geise, Betzabet Guzman, Rob Hall, Bill Harrington, Martha Hart, Vickie Haguewood, Bill Jones, Bill Knight, Annette Main, Candy Manning, Kaye Mathews, Sara Millar, Nancy & Dennis Palmer, Sandra Piggies, Matt Plunkett, Jack Reagan, Bill Renfrow, Caitlin Shirazee, JoAnne Simpkins, Molly Smith, William Stevens, Jon Still, Kasi Wann, Frank Whited, Reggie Wilson, and from our Presbytery: Shady Grove Church, Memphis, TN; Public Education.

Deepest Sympathy to the family and friends...Mark Fisher, friend of Glen Watkins

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