



FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 24, 2025

Worship Online at 11:00am Sunday Mornings

www.farmingtonpres.org

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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 "Arietta"

Dello Joio

*CALL TO WORSHIP[†]

Come, all who are weary, all who are carrying burdens so heavy.

God leads us to green pastures to rest.

Come, all who are empty, all who are longing for love, forgiveness, and grace.

Christ offers us refreshing, living water to drink deeply.

Come, all who are weak, all who struggle with doubt, with stumbling and falling.

Holy Spirit raises us up to soar like eagles and draws us together to support one another when we cannot fly.

Come, let us worship our God,
who leads us into life.

“Let Us Build a House”

(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

Jinney Hart

*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 6:1-7

Pew Bible Page No. 1700

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SECOND LESSON

Galatians 6:1-10

Pew Bible Page No. 1816

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

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

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

SERMON “Living in Community”

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

Gordon Young

“Now Let Us All Praise God and Sing”

*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. 644 “Give Thanks, O Christian People”

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*SENDING FORTH HYMN - No. 515 Verses 4 & 5
“I Come With Joy”

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

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.

*POSTLUDE “Trumpet Tune in D Major” C.S. Lang

*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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THIS SERVICE IS BEING LIVE-STREAMED
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
Ann Erickson, Liturgist
Jinney Hart, Children’s Moment
Tom and Stephanie 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

Flowers The flowers this morning are given to the glory of God by Stephanie & Tom Nagel in celebration of their wedding anniversary.

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

Usher/Greeter Training Today, August 24, 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 meet tonight in the Youth Room from 5:30-7:30pm for dinner and games. 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.

• **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

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... Those who attended the liturgist’s training on Sunday have sent emails and commented on the excellent tips and information shared by Rev. Ruth Lovell Bradham. We are grateful for Rev. Ruth sharing her gifts with the Farmington family. Be sure to stay today to learn more ways to offer gracious hospitality as ushers.

Remember in Prayer Our Farmington Family, Session and Staff; Jackie Baker, 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, Saundra Piggies, Matt Plunkett, Jack Reagan, Bill Renfrow, Caitlin Shirazee, JoAnne Simpkins, Molly Smith, William Stevens, Jon Still, Kasi Wann, Frank Whited, Pamela Williamson, Susan Yount and from our Presbytery: Kerrville Presbyterian Church, Millington, TN.

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