



**FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP**

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 31, 2025

Worship Online at 11:00am Sunday Mornings

www.farmingtonpres.org

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ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP[†]

Faithful God, open our eyes to see the world as you see it. In Jesus you show us a way of humility and hospitality that has the power to transform the world. Give us the grace to love those things that please you and the courage to live them, for your glory. 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 "Prayer (from Suite Gothique)"

Boellmann

*CALL TO WORSHIP

God calls us to service,
rather than honor.

God calls us to love the unknown,
rather than the familiar.

We are called to give God glory
in the compassion we show to one another.

We are called to love without judgment,
of ourselves or of others.

We gather as one Body,
seeking to walk in the way of Jesus.

We gather as one Body,
to worship the one who is Love.

*HYMN OF PRAISE – No. 402 "How Lovely, Lord"

(Please be seated.)

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION†

For the times we fail to offer hospitality to those in our world who suffer oppression, and poverty, we pray:

God, have mercy on us and forgive us.

For the times we lack courage to address the causes of injustice, oppression and poverty, we pray:

God, have mercy on us and lead us.

For the times we give in to despair and resignation when confronted with the injustice of our world, we pray:

God, have mercy on us and empower us.

For the times we allow our fears to triumph over the call to solidarity and action, we pray:

God, have mercy on us and embolden us. Heal the brokenness in our hearts and in our world caused by injustice, indifference, selfishness, and fear. Open our hearts to hear the cries of your suffering people. Support us as we seek to respond with Kingdom hospitality.

(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

Philippians 2:5-11

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

Therefore, God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.

*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

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Pew Bible Page No. 1878

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SECOND LESSON

Luke 14:1, 7-14

Pew Bible Page No. 1621

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

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

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

SERMON “Kingdom Hospitality”

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

Althouse

“Lord, I Stretch My Hands to You”

*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 grace, you bless us with abundance and inspire us to be generous. Accept these gifts and our lives and dedicate them to extending your invitation and offering your welcome and hospitality to all. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN - No. 523

Verses 1, 4, and 5

"You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"

*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 "God Is Here!"

Cyril V. Taylor

*Stand as able.

Bold Type – congregation in unison

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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

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) The youth will not meet tonight since it is Labor Day Weekend. Please text or email Davis at 901-482-2503 or davis@farmingtonpres.org to be notified of upcoming events.

Acolyte Training Next Sunday, September 7, from 12:30–1:00pm all children (10 years and older) and youth are encouraged to attend training in the Sanctuary with Rev. Ruth. "...Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to God in heaven." ~Matthew 5:16

Grandparents' Day We have been asked by the Day School teachers to be substitutes for grandparents who are not able to attend our Grandparents' Day celebration. If you are able to come this Thursday and/or Friday (September 4 & 5) from 8:30am – 9:30am and sit with a preschool child to have a muffin, please let Rev. Rebecca know.

Potluck Lunch After worship next Sunday, September 7, we will gather in the Fellowship Hall to enjoy food and fellowship together. Please bring a dish and place it on the counter in the kitchen before worship with serving instructions. If you are able to help with setup or cleanup, please

let Elizabeth Demaree or Paula Patterson know, or sign up by the coffee in the Narthex.

Wednesday Night Dinner At 6pm on September 10th in Fellowship Hall we will gather for dinner together prepared by Scott Hutchins. During the meal we will have the opportunity to express our hopes for opportunities to serve, to study, and to fellowship. Please plan to attend. The cost of the meal is \$10/adult, \$5/child, and \$30 max/family.

Fall Festival Mark your calendar and let Madi Lewis know you want to be involved! September 19 from 5-8pm we will gather as the Farmington family with Day School families in the backyard to enjoy music, pizza (homemade by Scott Hutchins), crafts, and games. We will also be packaging 200 hygiene kits and accepting donations for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

Sunday School Classes

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 are excited to share that we collected over \$1500 for school uniforms for children at Room in the Inn who are experiencing homelessness!

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, Agatha & David LaPaglia, Annette Main, 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, Pamela Williamson and from our Presbytery: Oakland Presbyterian Church Oakland, TN and First Presbyterian Church, Paris, TN.

Sympathy to the family and friends of Susan Yount, friend of Catherine Laycook.

Participating in the service today:

Rev. Rebecca Luter, Pastor
Jim Thrash, Director of Music
Tom Bryant, Accompanist
Davis Howe, Youth Director
Ashleigh Williams, Liturgist
Laurinda Ingram, Children's Moment
Leslie McNamara and Jennifer Young, Ushers

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