



**FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP**

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 7, 2025

Worship Online at 11:00am Sunday Mornings

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ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP[†]

Weaver of life, framer of the ages, we marvel at your artistry and the trust you place in us. From our first cries to our final breaths, we are your own. Bind us now to each other in ways beyond our choosing, that your purpose might find fulfillment in our common life and service. 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 "Impromptu in G-flat Major"

Schubert

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We come to worship God, Creative Potter of the Universe,
who formed the vast depths of blackholes and wove the intricate webs of our bodies.

We need not look for flashes of lightening to find God,
we need only to look around: within ourselves, beyond ourselves, into the eyes of another.

We need not listen for distant thunder to find God,
we need only listen to the music of life: the words of children, the questions of the curious, the rhythm of a heartbeat.

Come, let us worship God,
who inhabits our world and indwells our lives.

*HYMN OF PRAISE – No. 645

"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

(Please be seated.)

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION†

Holy God, like children long-indulged, we are quick to presume your pardon, your sanction of the way we live. We turn away from neighbors in need, sharing fragments that remain only after our cravings have been met.

Merciful Potter, you created us for better use; remake us now. Where we are distorted re-center and reshape us, bring us low and raise us up. Then fire our hearts until we shine with your glory and find our place in your purpose.

(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

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

THROUGH CHILDREN'S EYES

Shelley Wann

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 139:1-6, 13-18

Pew Bible Page No. 974

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SECOND LESSON

Jeremiah 18:1-12, 19:1-2, 10-11, 14-15 Pew Bible Page No. 1203

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

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

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

SERMON “A Stern Warning”

Rev. Rebecca Luter

RESPOND TO GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please remember those on our prayer list.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM “Psalm 139”

Allen Pote

Lord, you have searched me and known me, you know everything I do. When I rise up, when I lie down, you are with me through and through.

Before a word is on my tongue, you know what I will say; your presence follows me day by day. Where can I flee from your spirit? Where can I go to run away? If I go to heaven or live in hell, you are there.

Search me, O God, and know me, Try me and know my heart. See if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. Amen.

*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, all that we are and all that we have is gift. We give thanks for your faithfulness to us. We give thanks for your hope in us. We rejoice confidently in your love and bask in the light of your mercy. In gratitude, we dedicate these offerings, and ourselves, to you. 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 - No. 515 "I Come with Joy" Verses 1 & 2
(Choir sings and congregation is invited to join as the Spirit leads.)

I come with joy, a child of God forgiven, loved and free, the life of Jesus to recall, in love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed, the new community of love in Christ's communion bread, in Christ's communion bread.

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

*HYMN - No. 53 "O God Who Gives Us Life"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

“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 “Psalm 19”

Marcello

*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.

Participating in the service today:

Rev. Rebecca Luter, Pastor
Jim Thrash, Director of Music
Tom Bryant, Accompanist
Davis Howe, Youth Director
Susan Bryant, Liturgist
Shelley Wann, Children's Moment
John Hazen and Roland Mittag, Ushers
Susan Bryant, John Hazen, Rebecca Hutchins,
Nadine Oest, and Shelley Wann, 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

Potluck Lunch After worship today (September 7), we will gather in the Fellowship Hall to enjoy food and fellowship together. If you didn't bring a dish, please come. There is always a gracious plenty!

Acolyte Training Today 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

Youth Fellowship (6th-12th grades) The youth will meet tonight in the Youth Room at 5:30pm to go to an escape room. Parent wavers are required. Please text or email Davis at 901-482-2503 or davis@farmingtonpres.org for more information or to be notified of upcoming events.

Wednesday Night Dinner This Wednesday (September 10) at 6pm we will gather in Fellowship Hall for dinner together prepared by Scott Hutchins. The menu includes salad, spaghetti pie, bread, and dessert. 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.

Adult Discipleship In the spirit of we can do this better together, we are casting a net for two or three disciples to serve alongside Charlie Smithers (Chair) on this committee to help coordinate and encourage participation in Christian education opportunities for adults such as Sunday School, Wednesday Night programming, small groups for prayer and prayer chains, retreats, and special seasonal events, including Lent and Advent. We'll have an occasional lunch together too! Our first "meeting" is after Wednesday Night Dinner this week (September 10), as we embrace the new committee meeting program schedule announced in the August 2025 *New Vision*. Please let Charlie know if you'd like to serve.

Sunday School Classes

Youth Sunday School (6th-12th grades) This year the youth's Bible study begins at the beginning 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 for making the Grandparents' Day Celebration fun for all of our preschoolers by "standing in" for grandparents who couldn't make it. We had 10 volunteers on Thursday and 6 volunteers on Friday who enjoyed sharing God's love over a plate of muffins.

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, Bill Renfrow, Caitlin Shirazee, JoAnne Simpkins, Molly Smith, William Stevens, Jon Still, Kasi Wann, Frank Whited, Pamela Williamson and from our Presbytery: Christian Formation Week.

Sympathy to the family and friends of Susan Yount, friend of Catherine Laycook; Pam James, former co-worker of Pat Rush Davis; and Jack Reagan, friend of Iris Lawing.

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