



FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

June 28, 2026

*Rise in body or spirit.

Bold Type—Participate in unison.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PRAYER OF PREPARATION†

Great God, we thank You for the gift of our ancestors, whose love and wisdom continue to guide us. As we hear their stories of faith passed down through generations of the people whose strength and insights have paved our paths, may their legacy inspire us to walk faithfully in your promises. Help us to honor their legacy and cherish their teachings by living with purpose and kindness. Allow their presence to surround us, filling our hearts with strength and compassion. Let their spirit inspire us to forge deeper connections with our own families and communities. By your Spirit, draw us into the great story of your covenant love. Grant us the strength to carry their legacy forward, embracing the lessons of the past. 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 “Divinum Mysterium”

arr. Wilbur Held

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God called Abram to leave the familiar and trust God's promises.

People: We come today trusting the God who leads and provides.

Leader: God said, "I will bless you and make your name great."

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People: We praise God, the source of every blessing.

Leader: God said, "You will be a blessing."

People: We offer ourselves to God as instruments of grace and love.

Leader: Through Abram, God promised blessing for all the families of the earth.

People: We rejoice that God's love extends to every nation, every people, and every generation.

Leader: We have been blessed by God's mercy, faithfulness, and provision.

People: May God's blessings flow through us to others.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN—NO. 49 "The God of Abraham Praise"

Please be seated.

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, Your story has always been written through imperfect people. Abraham doubted, Isaac deceived, and Sarah laughed at Your promise. Yet You remained faithful.

We confess that we, too, struggle to trust Your promises when the future is uncertain. We seek our own ways instead of waiting on Your timing. We cling to fear rather than faith, self-reliance rather than obedience, and comfort rather than courage.

Forgive us for the times we have failed to love You with our whole hearts and to love our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us for words that have wounded, choices that have dishonored You, and opportunities to do good that we have overlooked.

Like our forebearers in faith, we bring before You our weaknesses, our failures, and our hidden burdens. Cleanse us of all that separates us from You and from one another.

We know Your grace is greater than our sin, Your mercy deeper than our shortcomings, and Your covenant love stronger than our failures. As You guided and restored those who came before us, guide and restore us now.

A time of silent prayer

KYRIE

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Soup Kitchen Sandwiches We received an urgent request this week from First Presbyterian Soup Kitchen for bologna sandwiches. These should be made with plain white loaf bread, bologna, and American cheese slices. Please do not add anything additional to the sandwich. Place individually in sandwich bags. Sunday morning, June 28, at 10am in the kitchen you can join an assembly line and bring extra supplies. Or, please bring pre-made sandwiches to Farmington and place - labeled "For the Soup Kitchen" in the freezer in the kitchen by Tuesday at 6pm.

Electronic Giving We are now able to receive gifts through texts and this QR code. It is a simple process to set up an account or to make a one-time gift as a visitor. You will soon receive much more information about our new church app with Church Directory, calendar, signups, and more available on your mobile phone. Text FarmPresGive (not case-sensitive) to 1-888-364-GIVE (4483) in order to receive a reply with the link to your giving interface, or scan this QR code with your phone's camera.



This Week at Farmington Rev. Rebecca is the Teaching Elder Commissioner to the 227th Assembly for the Presbytery of the Mid-South. She was busy in her office with Zoom Committee meetings Monday through Wednesday of this week and traveled to Milwaukee Thursday to continue her role with a community day of service, worship with local congregations, and plenary sessions. Rev. Rebecca is standing for Co-Moderator of the General Assembly with Rev. Chris Peters. Please be in prayer for all commissioners, especially Rev. Rebecca, for the assembly, and for the life and service of the church.

Prayer Concerns

Remember in Prayer Our Farmington Family, Session, and Staff; Earleen Anderson, Kathy and Bill Argo, Jackie Baker, Kevin Beard, Bonnie Blair, Bo Bradham, Judith Cassidy, Jim Collins, Dan Freymeyer, Brenda Geise, Adrienne Pakis Gillion, Betzabe Guzman, Bill Harrington, Martha Hart, Annette Hosier, Jerry Hosier, John Ingram, Peter Kendall, Bill Knight, Tammy Lee, Kristie Lively, Jim Mable, Annette Main, Sara Millar, Tommy Nagel, Nancy & Dennis Palmer, Sandra Piggies, Bill Renfrow, Ellen Renfrow, Bob and Linda Seidman, Karen Smaili, William Stephens, Jon Still, Joan Wallace, Jayme White, Frank Whited, and from our Presbytery: 227th General Assembly; Buntyn Presbyterian Church, Memphis, TN.

Sympathy to the family and friends of Thom Stephenson, grandfather of Gretchen Burch, Director FPDS; Ed Myers, former FPDS staff; Joe Gaul, husband of Audrey, former FPDS staff; and Johnna Gaustad, mother of FPDS staff member, Bren Gaustad.

Welcome

We seek to be a community that is a home for all of God's family with a heart for God's world. We hope that you will sense the presence of the Holy Spirit in this place and find that you feel at home. We are grateful for the visitors and friends of the Farmington family who add to our community each week.

Need more information? What to sign up for something? Looking for the livestream of worship? Go to our website: www.farmingtonpres.org

Need to give us information? What 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 (for those who have never been a member of a church), Reaffirmation of Faith (for those who have joined a church in the past but not been involved in a while), and Transfer of Membership (for those who are coming from active participation in another church). If you are interested in knowing more about Farmington Presbyterian or about joining, let Rev. Rebecca or Rev. Barb 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 church office. You may reach Rev. Rebecca Luter at (901)674-8000 or rluter@farmingtonpres.org.

Large print hymnals and hearing assistance devices are available from the ushers.

Happenings

Coffee in the Narthex After worship this morning, you are encouraged to enjoy fellowship over coffee and cookies in the Narthex.

Youth Fellowship Summer youth activities are subject to change based on the availability of some very busy kids! If you would like to be informed on what youth events are being planned, feel free to reach out to Davis at davis@farmingtonpres.org or at 901-482-2503. The youth meet Sunday evenings in the Youth Room from 5:30-7:30pm for a time of fellowship, games, faith-building, and food.

Youth Sunday School (6th-12th grades) All youth are encouraged to come next Sunday at 10am for discussion on the life of Mary Magdalene. Donuts will be provided!

Adult Sunday School We are on Summer Break until August.

2026 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."

*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 believe in God, Creator of heaven and earth, the source of every good and perfect gift, whose love is everlasting and whose faithfulness never ends. In times of abundance, we give thanks. In times of uncertainty, we trust God's presence. In times of sorrow, we rest in God's comfort.

We believe that God keeps every promise. When fear overwhelms us, God's promises give us courage. When the future seems uncertain, God's promises light our way. When we grow weary, God's promises renew our hope.

We believe that God's blessings are not rewards we earn, but grace – gifts freely given through divine love and mercy, so that we can bless others in God's name: sharing compassion with those who suffer, seeking justice for those who are oppressed, working for peace and reconciliation in a divided world, and bearing witness to God's love in word and deed.

So, with grateful hearts, we receive God's blessings and promises with humility, trust, and joy. Blessed by grace and sent in faith, we commit ourselves to love and serve our neighbors, to share the hope we have received, and to be a blessing in the world, for the glory of God. Amen.

THROUGH CHILDREN'S EYES

Bailey 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 READING

Romans 4:13-25

Pew Bible 1752

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Genesis 12: 1-9

Pew Bible 17

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSE NO. 587 “Alleluia!”

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

SERMON “Blessed to be a Blessing: The Call of Abram”

Rev. Dr. Barb Johnson

RESPOND TO GOD

PRAYER CONCERNS—*Please remember those on our prayer list.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM “Thy Word is a Lamp Unto My Feet”

Carter

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. When I feel afraid and I think I’ve lost my way, still you’re there right beside me. Nothing will I fear as long as you are near. Please be near me to the end.

*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

Gracious God, You are the giver of every good gift. As you blessed Abraham and Sarah to be a blessing to others, You have also blessed us with mercy, hope and life in Jesus Christ. Receive these offerings as a sign of our gratitude and trust. Use them to proclaim your love, serve those in need, bring hope to the nations, and make Your church a blessing in the world. Teach us to live generously, walk faithfully, and to remember that all we have comes from you. Amen

*CLOSING HYMN—NO. 850 “In a Deep, Unbounded Darkness”

*INVITATION, CHARGE, AND BLESSING

*SENDING FORTH HYMN—NO. 543 “God Be the Love”

Verse 1

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.

*POSTLUDE “O God of Every Nation”

Welsh Folk Melody



THIS SERVICE IS BEING LIVE-STREAMED
AND RECORDED. ATTENDEES
IMPLICITLY AGREE THAT THEY, AND
ANY CHILDREN ACCOMPANYING
THEM, MAY BE ON CAMERA.

Worship Online at 11:00 Sunday Mornings
www.farmingtonpres.org , click “Worship with us!”

FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Rebecca Luter, Pastor

Rev. Dr. Barb Johnson, Associate Pastor

Davis Howe, Youth Director

Jim Thrash, Director of Music

Dr. Tom Bryant, Accompanist

PARTICIPATING IN THE SERVICE TODAY

Jinney Hart, Liturgist

Bailey Wann, Children’s Moment

Roland Mittag and Shelley Wann, Ushers

¹ Prayer of Preparation, Adapted from 31 Heartfelt Prayers for Our Ancestors.