

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.

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Laurinda Ingram, Children's Moment
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Pat Sherman, Kasi Wann, and Sandy Wann



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FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
July 5, 2026

*Rise in body or spirit.

Bold Type—Participate in unison.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PRAYER OF PREPARATION†

Great God, As we hear these stories of faith passed down through generations of the people whose strength and wisdom 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. May we be ever mindful of the roots from which we have come. Lord Jesus, we thank You for the gift of our ancestors, whose love and wisdom continue to guide us. 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 "Amazing Grace"

American Hymn Tune

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Lord Comes to us in unexpected ways.

People: God comes to us in hospitality, promise, and grace.

Leader: Abraham welcomed strangers beneath the trees of Mamre.

People: And there he encountered the presence of God.

Leader: Sarah laughed at the promise of a new life.

People: Yet God remained faithful beyond human imagining.

Leader: Is anything too wonderful for the Lord?

People: Nothing is impossible with God!

Leader: Let us worship the God who surprises us with mercy and hope.

People: Let us worship with joy and thanksgiving.

*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

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 regularly 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.”

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 As we recognize our nation's 250th birthday this weekend, we give thanks for the spirit of justice and freedom that have shaped our history and inspired generations. May we uphold these principles with faith, compassion, and a commitment to the dignity of all people. Let us pray for our nation and for wisdom as we work together to build a more just and peaceful future for all.

Following the service postlude, *The Stars and Stripes Forever* will be played to begin our Fourth of July celebration. All are invited to continue the celebration in the Fellowship Hall with cake and punch.

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, Saundra 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.

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 “March in D” Peeters

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

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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

4th of July Celebration After worship this morning, all are invited to continue our celebration in the Fellowship Hall with cake and punch.

Sanctuary Flowers The flowers this morning are given to the glory of God by Charlie and Mo Smithers in celebration of the 250th Birthday of the USA!

*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

Laurinda Ingram

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

Psalm 126

Pew Bible 967

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Genesis 18:1-15

Pew Bible 24

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSE NO. 587 “Alleluia!”

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

SERMON “The Blessing is Repeated: Sarah Laughs”

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 “Come, Sing Unto the Lord”

Come, sing unto the Lord, sing a song of joy, a grateful hymn of praise; and let his glory fill the earth, let every voice be raised. O sing unto the Lord, let the earth respond, his awesome deeds proclaim. Declare his works to everyone and praise his holy name. All oceans, hills, and trees reply: “Let his praise be lifted high. Let the valleys now be raised and every mountain shout his awesome praise.” Come, sing unto the Lord, let the song go forth, all nations join as one. As sing unto the Lord, Come sing unto the Lord. Ascribe to God, the Lord of hosts, the wonders he has done. Come, sing unto the Lord a song of Joy, his love for endless days, and celebrate the one true God who’s worthy of our praise. Sing unto the Lord!

*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

THE INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

THE PRAYER OF 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 elements at the allergen-free station this morning are
gluten, soy, nut, and dairy-free bread and grape juice.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Gracious God, we thank you for feeding us at your table with the bread of life and the cup of salvation. As Abraham received your presence and Sarah accepted your promise, you welcomed us and renewed us in this holy meal. Strengthen us to trust your faithfulness when the future is uncertain, to always receive your grace with joy, and to share your hospitality with everyone we meet. Send us into the world as witnesses to your love, confident that nothing is too wonderful for you. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN—NO. 51 “To Abraham and Sarah”

*INVITATION, CHARGE, AND BLESSING

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

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