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This Week at Farmington We received a thank you note from Audrey Gaul, retired FPDS teacher, for the prayers and support of the Farmington Family during the illness and death of her husband, Joe. She expressed her appreciation for receiving the first in the Journey through Grief books that we provide over the course of the first year following the death of an immediate family member.

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, Anna Freymeyer, Dan Freymeyer, Brenda Geise, Adrienne Pakis Gillion, Betzabe Guzman, Bill Harrington, Martha Hart, Annette Hosier, Jerry Hosier, Peter Kendall, Bill Knight, Kristie Lively, Jim Mable, Annette Main, Steve Milinkovich, Sara Millar, Renee Mitchell, Tommy Nagel, Nancy & Dennis Palmer, Paula Patterson, Bill Renfrow, Ellen Renfrow, Karen Smaili, William Stephens, Jon Still, Joan Wallace, Frank Whited, and from our Presbytery: Young Adult Volunteers.

Sympathy to the family and friends of Robert Lee Sims, father of Anthony Jones; and Bob Seidman, friend of Jinney Hart (husband of Linda).

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FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 2, 2026

*Rise in body or spirit.

Bold Type—Participate in unison.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PRAYER OF PREPARATION†

Holy Creator, the earth is yours, and all that is in it. We give you thanks for the beauty of the earth, for the creatures that fill it, and for your providence, which stands beneath and above and within it all. Now grant us hearts open to your grace, eyes open to your wonders and ears open to your Holy Word. Let your Holy Spirit dwell with us, that we may be renewed in our commitment to growing in the way, the truth and the life of Jesus Christ. 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 “Prelude in F Minor”

Bach

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather today, knowing that we are fearfully and wonderfully made.

O Lord, you have searched us and known us.

Before we move or think or speak, God knows our actions and our words.

O Lord, you breathed life into us and shaped us in human form to serve your purpose and sing your praise.

There is nowhere we can go away from God's Spirit; nowhere can we flee from God's

presence.

How wonderful are your thoughts, O Lord! How vast is the expanse of your grace and love!

Let us worship God who knows us and loves us unconditionally.

O Lord, we praise you for your mercies are new every morning! Great is your faithfulness.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN—NO. 714 “God of the Fertile Fields”

Please be seated.

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, you have searched us and found us wanting. You have known our inmost thoughts and called us to better things. You have set us in this world to love and serve you by loving and serving one another, to worship you by tending to those most vulnerable among us. When we fail, do not abandon us. When we go astray, call us back home. Search us O God, and know our hearts. Test us and know our thoughts. Root out the wicked ways in us, and lead us in the way everlasting. Amen.

A time of silent prayer

KYRIE

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

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*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 the Creator, infinite in wisdom, power, and love, whose mercy is over all creation, and whose will is ever directed to humanity’s good.

We believe in God the Christ, born Jesus of Nazareth, Son of God and Son of man: gift of unfailing grace, ground of our hope, and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives, whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ, and find strength and help in

Sunday evenings in the Youth Room from 5:30-7:30pm for a time of fellowship, games, faith-building, and food.

Youth Confirmation All youth interested in knowing more about the church and affirming their faith are encouraged to attend a weekend of Confirmation August 8-9. Parents should have received an email from Davis with details. Please contact Davis or Rev. Rebecca if you would like to attend and did not get the information.

Youth Sunday School (6th-12th grades) All youth are encouraged to come next Sunday at 10am for discussion on “How We Worship, and Why”. Donuts will be provided!

Adult Sunday School Summer Break is ending next Sunday, August 9! Rev. Rebecca will be leading a discussion on the Scripture Lessons on which she will be preaching in the East Room at 10am. Cooper Patterson’s class will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30am. They will be studying the Gospel of Mark this fall.

Blessing of the Backpacks If you are going to school this fall as a student or teacher, bring your backpack or school bag to worship on August 9 for us to pray God’s blessing to go with you as you embark on a new school year.

School Uniforms and Supplies We are working with Room in the Inn to respond to the needs of the Family Inn’s children experiencing homelessness as they return to school. Presbyterian Women have pledged \$500 of their funds toward these needs. If you are able to donate, please memo your gift “RITI Back to School.”

PW Fall Gathering Presbyterian Women are invited to enjoy the day at Pinecrest on Saturday, August 22 (9am-1pm). Rev. Dr. Cindy Schwartz will introduce us to our Bible Study for 2026-27. If you would like to carpool, please let Jinney Hart know. Registration forms are available in the Narthex and are due by August 12.

Presbytery Retreat Day Renowned author Dr. Catherine Meeks will present her thoughts on race, justice, faith, and racial healing through the lens of her new book, Bridging the Rivers of Difference: A Proclamation of Unity in Resistance on Saturday, August 29 (10am-2:30pm) at Parkway Gardens United Presbyterian Church (1005 East Shelby Drive, Memphis).

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.”

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.

Sanctuary Flowers The flowers this morning are given to the glory of God by Iris Lawing in loving memory of her husband, Bill.

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

time of need.

We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord, to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. Amen.

THROUGH CHILDREN’S EYES

Nic Luter

*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 86:11-17

Pew Bible 924

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43

Pew Bible 1516

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSE NO. 587 “Alleluia!”

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

SERMON “Weeds in the Kingdom”

Rev. Rebecca Luter

RESPOND TO GOD

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS

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. Try me

and know my heart. See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

*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 have sown good seed among us. Receive now the harvest of what you have planted, the good gifts of our lives, time and resources, for the flourishing of your Will on earth. 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

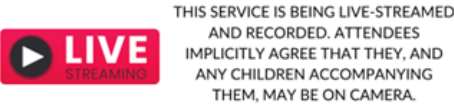
*CLOSING HYMN—NO. 5 “God the Sculptor of the Mountains” Verses 1 and 3

*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 “Song of Joy” Christopher Bodle



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

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Rev. Dr. Barb Johnson, Associate Pastor

Davis Howe, Youth Director

Jim Thrash, Director of Music

Dr. Tom Bryant, Accompanist

PARTICIPATING IN THE SERVICE TODAY

Pat Sherman, Liturgist

Nic Luter, Children’s Moment

Rebecca and Scott Hutchins, Ushers

Elizabeth Demaree, Ann Erickson, Laurinda Ingram,

Madi Lewis, and Nadine Oest, Communion Servers