



FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 9, 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 Theme from “Concerto No. 2”

Rachmaninoff

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come and worship God with all your heart.

We come with mustard seeds of faith.

Come and worship God with all your being.

We come to be made strong branches.

Come and worship God with all your mind.

We come in awe at the wonders of the natural world.

FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Come and worship God with your whole lives.

We come with all that we are to praise God of small seeds and mighty power.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN—NO. 25 “O Lord, Our God, How Excellent” Verses 1-3

Please be seated.

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, we confess that we often turn to you asking for what we want rather than seeking to know what you want. You are God of justice, yet we ask for more than our share. You are generous, yet we store up for ourselves at the expense of others not having enough to live. You are trustworthy, yet we choose to trust the passing, flimsy things of this world rather than you. Forgive our idolatry. Forgive our selfishness. Forgive our lack of faith. Reveal your Will to us. Entrust the small seeds of your Kingdom to us so that we may know the joy of planting them and watching them grow. 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 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.

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, 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: Liberation Community Church, Memphis, TN.

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

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

- Susan Bryant, Liturgist
- Leslie McNamara and Nadine Oest, Ushers

Youth Fellowship This weekend, youth have been participating in a Confirmation Retreat. 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.

School Uniforms and Supplies We are working with Room in the Inn to respond to the needs of the Family Inn’s 33 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).

Mark Your Calendar The first Potluck of the 2026-27 school year will be August 30 following worship. Plan to bring a dish to share and leave it in the kitchen before worship with any serving or warming instructions. We look forward to sharing in food and fellowship as the Farmington family!

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 Farmington Presbyterian Day School Classes and Before and Aftercare kicked off a new school year. We provide care before and after school with bus service for students in Germantown schools. We also have part-time and full-time preschool classes for 3 year olds, 4 year olds, and Transition Kindergarteners. We still have some spaces available if you know anyone looking for a terrific school for their family.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

*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 8, selected verses Pew Bible 1756
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Matthew 13: 31-33 Pew Bible 1518
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSE NO. 587 “Alleluia!”
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

SERMON “Seeds of the Kingdom” Rev. Rebecca Luter

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 “At the Name of Jesus” arr. Joseph Martin
At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow, every tongue confess him King of glory now;
’Tis the Father’s pleasure we should call him Lord, who from the beginning was the mighty

Word.

Humbled for a season to receive a name from the lips of sinners, amongst whom he came. Faithfully he bore it, spotless to the last, brought it back victorious when from death he passed.

In your hearts enthrone him! there let him subdue all that is not holy, all that is not true. Crown him as your Captain, in temptation's hour; let his will enfold you in its light and power.

*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

We give you thanks, O God, for the many blessings you have planted in our lives. Just as your kingdom grows from even the smallest of seeds, bless these gifts of our time, talent, and treasure that we might be ever more faithful in your work of reconciliation, justice, and love. Amen.

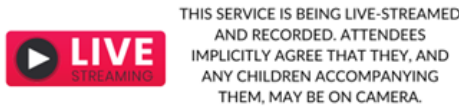
*CLOSING HYMN—NO. 407 “Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers” Verses 1, 3 and 5

*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 “Voluntary IV in C Major” William Croft



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

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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

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

Blessing of the Backpacks This Sunday, August 9, we are blessing the backpacks of those who are going to school this fall as a student or teacher, and praying for God’s blessing to go with you as you embark on a new school year.

Youth Sunday School (6th-12th grades) All youth are encouraged to come each Sunday at 10am for faith-based discussion and fellowship. Donuts will be provided!

Adult Sunday School On August 9, 23, and 30 (not meeting August 16) Rev. Rebecca will lead a discussion on the Scripture Lessons on which she will be preaching in the East Room at 10am. Cooper Patterson’s class will meet each Sunday of August in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30am. They will begin studying the Gospel of Mark this fall.