



FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 23, 2026

*Rise in body or spirit.

Bold Type-Participate in unison.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Holy God, we gather as your people, uniting our voices in worship and praise. You formed each person in your image, claiming us as your own. Heal every division caused by not recognizing your image in the other. Reinvigorate us as individuals and as a community to seek to be a living witness of your vision for humanity, where all your children live in peace, honor one another's dignity, and work together for the flourishing of your creation to the end that you, O God, may be glorified and your name be praised. 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 "Adagio Cantabile"

Beethoven

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

With steadfast love, the Lord creates and sustains the vast reaches of the cosmos and the electromagnetic boundaries of an atom.

All nature reveals God's power and rings with God's goodness!

With that same love, the Lord gathers the wandering and heals the broken.

How good it is when all people live together in unity, for there the Lord has commanded the blessing – life forevermore.

Though the world around often encourages division, we come together as one.

Let our lives reveal God's glory and sing God's praise!

*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 363 “Rejoice, the Lord Is King!”

Please be seated.

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace, we are grateful that your mercy is wider than our wanderings and deeper than all our sin. Forgive the times we take life for granted and the times we live only to please ourselves. Forgive our callousness toward those who lack what they need and our envy of those who seem to want for nothing. Forgive our desire to hold grudges and retaliate and remind us of our own need for forgiveness. Soften our hearts where they have become hard. Cleanse our hearts where they have been stained. Change us so that we desire what is good, love what you love and live as you command – loving you and loving the other above all else.

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.

To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world as God's reconciling community. This community, the church universal, is entrusted with God's message of reconciliation and shares God's labor of healing the enmities which separate people from God and from each other. Christ has called the church to this mission and given it the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. Christ's life as man involves the church in common life of people. Christ's service to people commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. Christ's suffering makes the church sensitive to all the sufferings of humankind so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of people in every kind of need. Christ's crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on people's inhumanity toward other people and the awful consequences of its own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of Christ's coming the church sees the promise of God's renewal of life in society and of God's victory over all wrong.

The church follows this pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action. So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord.

THROUGH CHILDREN'S EYES

Liv Palmer

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

Proverbs 11:2, 15:1, 17:14, and 20:3

Pew Bible 999

This is the Word of the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**

SECOND LESSON

Romans 14:5-12 and 17-19

Pew Bible 1765

This is the Word of the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**

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

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

SERMON “Disagreeing Without Being Disagreeable”

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 TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM “With a Voice of Singing”

Martin Shaw

With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia!

Utter it even unto the ends of the earth. The Lord hath delivered His people, Alleluia!

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

Creating, Redeeming, and Sustaining God, you have entrusted us with a variety of gifts and an abundance of blessings. For all that you are and all that you do, we offer our time, talent, and treasure with thanksgiving and praise. Strengthen us to encourage one another, build each other up, and work together faithfully as we wait with hope and anticipation to welcome your kingdom on earth. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN – NO. 306 “Blessed Be the Tie That Binds”

Verses 1, 2, and 3

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

SENDING FORTH HYMN – NO. 753 “Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”

Verse 1

Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me bring your love. Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord and where there's doubt, true faith in you.

POSTLUDE “Recessional”

Gordon Young

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

Chris Williams, Liturgist
Liv Palmer, Children's Moment
Kasi Wann and Sandy Wann, Ushers



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AND RECORDED. ATTENDEES
IMPLICITLY AGREE THAT THEY, AND
ANY CHILDREN ACCOMPANYING
THEM, MAY BE ON CAMERA.

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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.

Sanctuary Flowers The flowers this morning are given to the glory of God by Stephanie and Tom Nagel in celebration of their 48th wedding anniversary.

Potluck Next Sunday 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 food and fellowship as the Farmington family!

Adult Sunday School On August 23 and 30 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.

Youth Activities and Confirmation: This Fall, the Farmington youth group is in the process of pulling together as a new community of fellowship and Christian education. Parents of kids from 6th-12th grade are encouraged to reach out to Davis Howe either by email or phone at davis@farmingtonpres.org or 901-482-2503 to discuss availability and scheduling. We are targeting either Friday or Sunday evenings for weekly dinners, games, and study.

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).

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."

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 The Chancel Choir is resuming rehearsals on Wednesday evenings at 7pm. Now is a good time to join the choir as we will soon begin preparing music for Christmas and our Service of Lessons and Carols on December 20.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Remember in Prayer Our Farmington Family, Session, and Staff; Earleen Anderson, Kathy and Bill Argo, Jackie Baker, Kevin Beard, Bonnie Blair, Judith Cassidy, Jim Collins, Dan Freymeyer, Brenda Geise, Adrienne Pakis Gillion, Betzabe Guzman, Bill Harrington, Martha Hart, Annette Hosier, Jerry Hosier, Jame Jameson, Peter Kendall, Bill Knight, Kristie Lively, Jim Mable, Annette Main, Steve Milinkovich, Sara Millar, Renee Mitchell, Tommy Nagel, Nancy & Dennis Palmer, Bill Renfrow, Ellen Renfrow, Karen Smaili, William Stephens, Jon Still, Joan Wallace, Frank Whited, and from our Presbytery: Parkway Gardens United Church, Memphis, TN.

Sympathy to the family and friends of Willie ‘Boe’ James, uncle of Anthony Jones; Suzanne Dunn, friend of Linda Stamps.

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