



FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP

World Communion Sunday

October 4, 2026

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Holy Trinity, Community of Love,
Draw your children together
Across human boundaries
Across denominations
Draw us together in your creative light
Awaken us to collaboration and mutual callings
Quick to celebrate, serve, and share
Quick to live your love
Make us joyful in the ways you gift each of us
Quick to celebrate, serve, and share
Quick to live your love
Open us to unexpected invitations in unexpected places
Quick to celebrate, serve, and share
Quick to live your love
Holy Trinity, Community of Love,
Draw your children together
To honor each other
To uplift our community
To live your steadfast love
Amen.

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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 “Ave Verum Corpus”

Mozart

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather in awe to worship God Almighty and to give up our desire to figure it all out.

We acknowledge, Lord, that we walk toward a destination that is certain on paths that are sometimes dark and hard to see.

In the darkest times, we remember that the prophet Isaiah spoke God’s promise, “See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland.”

We come curious about this “new thing” that God will do, confident in God’s promise of redemption by love.

Yet, our spirits are anxious and unsettled: Can God sustain our world through financial meltdown? Can God sustain our world through devastating environmental change? Can God sustain our world through the valleys of violence and bloodshed?

We need a way through the wasteland parts of our lives, Lord. In this hour of worship, help us to perceive your power. Give us the courage to love.

You designed us to depend on each other in love, not as weakness, but as grace.

We come with joy at your invitation, Lord, to feast at your Table, joining our hearts and minds with millions of others around the world who have also gathered to worship you.

*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 329 “God Is Our Refuge and Strength”

Please be seated.

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION†

Teach us the courage, O God, to turn from what seems so natural, so safe: the way of grasping power, and befriending the powerful, in the hope of protection and security.

Teach us the humility, O God, to turn from what is so enticing, so persuasive: the way of accumulating things, and trusting in wealth, in the hope of comfort and life.

Lead us, O God, in another way, the way of true security, true wealth, the way of Christ, the servant, the way of weakness and simplicity.

Lead us, O God, in another way, the way of caring for the neglected, feeding the hungry, housing the homeless, protecting the threatened, and challenging the powerful, the foolish way of the Gospel, that brings salvation to all.

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.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

adapted from the Belhar Confession

We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the unity of the communion of saints of the entire human family. And we believe that this unity of the people of God must be manifest and active, in that we love one another; that we give ourselves willingly and joyfully to one another, that we share one baptism together, that we eat of one bread and drink of one cup together, that we confess one name, one Lord, for one cause, with one hope, which is the height and the breadth and the depth and the love of Christ, forever and ever. Amen.

CELEBRATION OF MINISTRY

Mike Colley

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

Romans 8:31b-39

Pew Bible 1758

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

SECOND LESSON

Genesis 50:15-21

Pew Bible 85

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

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

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

SERMON “God Intends Good for Us”

Rev. Rebecca Luter

RESPOND TO GOD

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM “But the Lord is Mindful of His Own”

Mendelssohn

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

**Merciful and gracious God, you abound in steadfast love and faithfulness. With
gratitude, we bring our gifts to you. Bless these gifts and strengthen our faith to
tear down barriers, build each other up, and work together to establish justice for
all people so that your kingdom of peace on earth may come. 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. 757 “Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples” Verses 1-3

*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 “Rigaudon” Campra

*Rise in body or spirit.

Bold Type-Participate in unison.

Children are welcome in worship, and worship bags are available from an usher.

A nursery is located across from the Sanctuary.

[†]Prayer of Confession by John van de Laar on [Sacredise.com](https://sacredise.com).

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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? Want to sign up for something? Looking for the livestream of worship? Go to our website: www.farmingtonpres.org

Need to give us information? Want 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

World Communion Sunday and Potluck This Sunday, October 4, we join with Christians around the world in a global, ecumenical observance of the Lord's Supper. We also receive the PCUSA's World Communion Offering that supports ministries of justice, peacemaking, global witness, and ecumenical and interfaith relations. Immediately following worship, all are invited to Fellowship Hall for potluck lunch. If you forgot to bring a dish, come because there is always a gracious plenty!

Sunday School Class Bob Freymeyer is leading a class at 10am in the East Room discussing *Being Presbyterian in the Bible Belt: A Theological Survival Guide for Youth, Parents, and other Confused Presbyterians* by Ted V. Foote, Jr., and P. Alex Thornburg. The class will consider both the theological issues of what being Presbyterian means as well as the role of religion in the South more generally. Bob is a Professor Emeritus of Sociology at Presbyterian College. Much of his research focused on the social and demographic conditions and recent changes in the American South. The book is available on Amazon for \$9.33, or you can purchase it on your

Kindle. If you would like for the church to place an order for you, please email church@farmingtonpres.org and let us know.

Confirmation and Youth 2026: This fall, youth (6th grade and older) are gathering on Sunday evenings from 4:30-6pm for dinner, study, and games as we learn together what it means to be Presbyterian and people of faith. All youth ages 6th grade and up are invited to join us tonight Sunday, October 4 for a conversation about “The Feeding of the 5,000” to compare the Gospel accounts and to decorate the youth room for Halloween. Dinner will be provided.

Thursday Morning Prayer Have you wanted to learn how to pray? Wanted to pray for your concerns, the concerns of others, and for the world? Rev. Rebecca will be leading a weekly time of prayer this fall from 8:00-8:30am on Thursday mornings in the East Room. We learn to pray by practicing prayer. Come as often as you can, there is no registration or prior experience required. We will gather each Thursday until Thanksgiving except October 15.

Campfood and Cocktails This annual fundraiser for Pinecrest Camp and Retreat Center is back again on October 18 from 5-7pm at Shady Grove Presbyterian. Tickets are \$75 on Eventbrite.com or \$85 at the door.

Wednesday Night Dinner On October 21 at 6pm we will gather for our monthly Wednesday night dinner in Fellowship Hall. Following dinner, at 6:45pm we will have prayer for the First Presbyterian Soup Kitchen and Clothes Closet and pack bologna sandwiches to be distributed by the Soup Kitchen.

Trunk or Treat It is time to make plans for your trunk for this year’s Trunk or Treat on October 25 from 4-6pm. If you are going to host a trunk, please sign up on the bulletin board outside Fellowship Hall or under “Sign-ups” on our website. If you would like to help with the hotdogs or cake walk, please contact Rev. Rebecca at rluter@farmingtonpres.org.

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 Our October newsletter is filled with information and celebration! Thank you to Sharaze Colley for volunteering her graphic design skills to produce it and social media posts. Be sure to check them out and to share them!



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!”

PRAYER CONCERNS

Remember in Prayer Our Farmington Family, Session, and Staff; Earleen Anderson, Kathy and Bill Argo, Harrison Ashley, Jackie Baker, Kevin Beard, Bonnie Blair, Judith Cassidy, Jim Collins, Dan Freymeyer, Rev. Mary Gale, Brenda Geise, Adrienne Pakis Gillion, Betzabe Guzman, Bill Harrington, Martha Hart, Annette Hosier, Jerry Hosier, John Ingram, Peter Kendall, Bill Knight, Kristie Lively, Annette Main, Steve Milinkovich, Sara Millar, Tommy Nagel, Robbie Pike, Bill Renfrow, Ellen Renfrow, Pat Sherman, Karen Smaili, Emma Dean Van Frank, William Stephens, Jon Still, The People of Nepal impacted by flooding, Joan Wallace, Barbara White, Frank Whited, and from our Presbytery: Theological Education and Seminaries.

Sympathy to the family and friends of Jim Mable, cousin of Paula Patterson

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