



**FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP**

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost
October 18, 2026

*-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.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Faithful God, let your face shine on us that we might grow. You have planted us like a vineyard on a fertile hill. Clear away the stones in our lives. Prune away all that is sinful in us. Engraft us into the vine of Jesus to be his branches of peace and justice, yielding good fruit. Shower us with your grace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 "Nocturne in B-flat Major"

J. Field

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Come, let us worship God, who plants, nurtures, and tends the vineyard of creation.

All that we are and all that we have are gifts from God.

God has entrusted the vineyard to our care, calling us to be faithful stewards of all God has given.

We will receive God's gifts with gratitude and share them with generosity.

Christ is the True Vine, and we are called be branches, spreading into the world with compassion, justice, and love.

Let us open our hearts to God’s Word and examine the fruit of our lives.

*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 32 “I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

Please be seated.

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION[†]

God of grace, you call us to give ourselves completely to you, to walk with you, in your ways. Yet, we are intrigued by other paths and drawn to worldly pursuits. You give us the gift of time – time to serve, time to learn, time to grow, time to share. But we choose to use the time serving ourselves. You gift us with talents and abilities and opportunities to use them, but we often choose to hide them. You have provided even the least of us who are worshipping together today with more resources than most people in the world today have. Yet, we resist sharing out of fear for our future. Lord, in your mercy, forgive us and help us be good stewards of all you have entrusted to us.

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[†]

We believe in God the creator, who is always creative and invites us to affirm and explore who we are, with all our differences; and who is the source of our faith.

We believe in God the Savior revealed in the world as Jesus the Christ who died and is risen, the one Lord of the church.

We believe in God the Reconciler, the Holy Spirit, who is always with us bearing witness with our spirits that we are the children of God.

We believe that our smallness can never diminish God's vastness; that our frailties can never overcome God's will for wholeness; that our sin can never crush God's power for new life even in the face of death.

We believe, and in this belief, we need one another, as a choir needs every voice and every part for the harmony to be complete.

We believe - that in the Holy Spirit, in Jesus Christ and in the love of God - we are one!

We believe - and may our lives reflect our belief.

CELEBRATION OF MINISTRY

Laurinda Ingram

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

Matthew 21:33-46

Pew Bible 1533

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

SECOND LESSON

Isaiah 5:1-7

Pew Bible 1065

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

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

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

SERMON “Thriving: Known by Our Fruits”

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 “Be Still”

Karen Marrolli

Be still and know that I am God; let peace embrace your heart. Be still and know that I am God; let fear and anguish now depart. Though the earthquakes rage, though the tempests roll, though the storms conspire to destroy, be still and know that I am God: the earth shall rise again in joy. Be still and know that I am God; let tranquil hope fill your mind. Be still and know that I am God; let grief and trouble be left behind. Though the shadows fall, though the darkness cries, though the night seems endless and dire, be still and know that I am God; the morn shall rise in holy fire. Though the earthquakes rage, though the tempests roll, though the storms conspire to destroy, be still and know that I am God: the earth shall rise again in joy.

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

Loving God, you formed us, we are yours, and you granted us freedom. Our very lives, everything that we are, and all that we have are gift from you. As stewards, caretakers, of your blessings, lead us to choose to generously show Christ’s love with our lives and our resources. In Jesus’s name, Amen.

CLOSING HYMN – NO. 285 “Like the Murmur of the Dove’s Song”

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

SENDING FORTH HYMN – NO. 749 “Come! Live in the Light!”

Verse 1

Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord! We are called to be light for the kingdom, to live in the freedom of the city of God.

We are called to act with justice; we are called to love tenderly; we are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.

POSTLUDE “Sometimes a Light Surprises” Irish Folk Melody

arr. Alfred Fedak

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

Jackie Hall, Liturgist
Laurinda Ingram, Celebration of Ministry
Ann Erickson and Nadine Oest, Ushers



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 of Confession adapted from Liturgy for Stewardship Sunday by Christian Smith.

Affirmation of Faith adapted from Ian Tozar 1997 UCA Assembly.

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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

Fellowship Coffee Everyone is invited to gather in Fellowship Hall after worship this morning. Thank you to Jinney Hart, Leslie McNamara and Elizabeth Demaree for providing refreshments. We hold Fellowship Coffee on the third Sunday each month. If you would like to help host, please sign up on our website.

Farmington Presbyterian Women Ever wonder what it would be like to build a church beyond the mortar and brick? All women are invited to join together in the East Room at 12:30 this Sunday to discuss Lesson 2 of United Through Christ, Bound to Each Other: Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians. Get a snack from Fellowship and come join the group.

Confirmation and Youth Fellowship Since it is Fall Break, confirmation will not be meeting tonight (Sunday, October 18).

Campfood and Cocktails Tonight is the annual fundraiser for Pinecrest Camp and Retreat Center at Shady Grove Presbyterian from 5-7pm. Tickets are \$75 on [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com) or \$85 at the door.

Wednesday Night Dinner This Wednesday, 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 Next Sunday is Trunk or Treat! Please sign up to host a trunk on October 25 from 4-6pm. You can sign up on the sheets by Coffee in the Narthex or email Rev. Rebecca. If you would like to help with the hotdogs or cake walk, please contact Rev. Rebecca at rluter@farmingtonpres.org.

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.

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.

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 200 hygiene kits we prepared at Fall Festival were delivered to the Disaster Assistance Center at Ferncliff Camp and Conference Center near Little Rock, Arkansas, and are ready for distribution through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

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, Jane David, 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, Alan and Wendy McNamara, Annette Main, Max Merkle, 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: Covenant Presbyterian Church, Germantown, TN.

Sympathy to the family and friends of John VanderEcken, grandfather of Gretchen Burch, FPDS Director.

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