FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP
Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost
October 25, 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

Almighty God, we gather to praise you and to thank you for your goodness. Your steadfast love endures forever. You teach us that those who observe justice and do what is righteous in all circumstances know the joy of abundant life. We pray that you would save us from our failures, for our faith falters and we grow anxious. We forget you and replace you with idols of our own making. Just as you heard Moses' prayer for his people and delivered them, so you hear Jesus' prayers for us, and graciously grant us the gift of salvation. May this time of worship and our daily living proclaim our thanksgiving for these undeserved and lavish gifts of grace. In Jesus' name, we pray. 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 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" Martin Luther

*CALL TO WORSHIP

When shadows stretch long and the silence feels heavy, our hearts grow restless, our faith trembles, and we worry as fear whispers its lies.

Yet the voice of God calls through the stillness, "Do not be afraid. I am with you."
We chase after what our eyes can see, what our hands can hold, and what our strength can control.
Yet God stands beside us, unseen yet sure, inviting us to trust, "Do not be dismayed, for I am your God."
God is always near, calling us to trust and follow.
God's promise is sure, "I will strengthen you; I will help you. I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."
Grace flows like a wellspring: sustaining us, carrying us, washing away our doubt.
We are here to worship and give our hearts, our praise, and our very lives to God alone.

*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 23 "God, You Spin the Whirling Planets"

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 — Madi Lewis

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

Exodus 32:1-14 — Pew Bible 137

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

PSALTER — Psalm 106: 1-6, 19-23, 47

Praise the Lord! Give thanks to the Lord who is good;

Whose steadfast love endures for ever!

Who can utter the mighty doings of the Lord, or show forth all God's praise?

Blessed are they who observe justice, who do righteousness at all times!

Remember me, O Lord, when you show favor to your people; help me when you deliver them.

That I may see the prosperity of your chosen ones, that I may rejoice in the gladness of your nation, that I may glory with your heritage.

Both we and our forebears have sinned;

We have done wrong and dealt wickedly.

Our forebears made a calf in Horeb and worshiped a molten image.

They exchanged the glory of God for the image of an ox that eats grass.

They forgot God, their Savior, who had done great things in Egypt, wondrous works in the land of Ham and terrible things by the Red Sea.

Therefore the Lord intended to destroy them

Had not Moses, God's chosen one, stood in the breach, to turn away God's wrath from destroying them.

Save us, O Lord our God, and gather us from among the nations, that we may give thanks to your holy name and glory in your praise.

SECOND LESSON

Philippians 4:1-9 Pew Bible 1829

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

RESPONSE TO THE WORD – NO. 587 "Alleluia!"

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

SERMON "Thriving: Deepening Our Faith" 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 " Let Us With a Gladsome Mind" Antes

Let us with a gladsome mind praise the Lord who is so kind: for God's mercies shall endure, ever faithful, ever sure.
God, with all-commanding might, filled the new-made world with light: for God's mercies shall endure, ever faithful, ever sure.
All things living God does feed; with full measure, meets their need: for God's mercies shall endure, ever faithful, ever sure.

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. 366 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

SENDING FORTH HYMN – NO. 749 "Come! Live in the Light!" Verse 2

Come! Open your heart! Show your mercy to all those in fear! We are called to be hope for the hopeless so hatred and violence will be no more.
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 "Chorale" (from Suite Gothique) Boellmann

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

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 in celebration of Jon and Charlene Still's 62nd wedding anniversary. They were married on Charlene's birthday at the First Presbyterian Church in Clay Center, Kansas on November 1, 1964.

Confirmation and Youth Fellowship Tonight we will be helping with games at Trunk or Treat from 4-6pm. Next Sunday, we will gather at 4:00 to discuss Pentecost and the burning bush with Rev. Barb, dinner, and games.

Trunk or Treat Tonight those with trunks will gather at 3:30pm to be ready to welcome our Trunk or Treaters from 4pm – 6pm. If you would like to host a trunk or help with the refreshments or games, please let Rev. Rebecca know at rluter@farmingtonpres.org.

All Saints' and Potluck Sunday Next Sunday, November 1, is All Saints' Sunday. We will be honoring those in our faith family who have joined life triumphant as we gather at the

Communion Table. Immediately following worship, we will gather around the tables in Fellowship Hall to share a potluck meal. Everyone is encouraged to bring a dish (marked with any serving instructions) to the kitchen before worship and stay to enjoy food and fellowship after worship. If you are able to help with set up or clean up, please let Elizabeth Demaree or Paula Patterson know.

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 We once again saw the power of community as we made over 200 sandwiches for the First Presbyterian Soup Kitchen in under 15 minutes on Wednesday evening! Thank you to all who helped and all who donated additional sandwiches.

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, Beth Morris, Saundra Piggies, 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 Bethesda Presbyterian Church, Selmer, TN.

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

Sandy Hilliard, Liturgist
Madi Lewis, Celebration of Ministry
Paula Gale and Paula Patterson, 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!"

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