FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP
Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost
November 8, 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, you form us in your image and we belong to you. Strengthen our faith and empower us to proclaim the good news of your love. Make us imitators of Christ by opening our hearts to serve others, to comfort, to bring healing, and to offer hope. May we gratefully remember today and always that we are yours, and may our very lives glorify you. In Jesus's name, 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 "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" L. Mason

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, let us gather before God who knows our hearts and our thoughts, even before they are on our tongue.
We come seeking God's wisdom and truth and a faithful way to live.

The Lord welcomes us, saying, "I know you by name, and I am pleased with you."
The world asks much of us—our attention, our loyalty, our time, and our resources.
Jesus taught that we are to give to God what belongs to God.
So let us offer ourselves to God: our minds, our hearts, our hands, and our lives.
Our lives ultimately belong to God.
Therefore, we come to worship the One to whom we belong.

*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 12 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" Verses 1, 3, & 4

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 — Jackie Hall

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

I Thessalonians 1:1-10 — Pew Bible 1837

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 22:15-22 — Pew Bible 1535

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

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

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

SERMON "Thriving: Bearing the Image of God" — 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 "Lord, I Stretch Out My Hand to You" Althouse

Lord, I stretch my hands to you; no other help I know. If you should leave me alone, where, then shall I go?

Lord, I give my soul to you, I seek your care and love. No other blessings do I need by those from you above. Lord, I ask you: give me faith, and help me understand. And you Lord, when I this life shall leave, just hold me in your hand.

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. All that we have comes from you. We give back in gratitude. May our gifts and our lives become beacons of hope, doors of justice, and open arms of love to meet the needs of this world. In Jesus's name, Amen.

CLOSING HYMN – NO. 697 "Take My Life" Verses 1, 2, 5, & 6

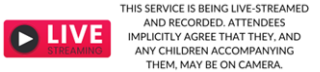
*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

SENDING FORTH HYMN – NO. 295 "Go to the World" Verse 1

Go to the World! Go into all the earth. Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth, baptizing as the sign of our rebirth. Alleluia. Alleluia.

POSTLUDE "Prelude in C" J.S. Bach

†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 given to the glory of God by Charlie and Mo Smithers in honor of Charlie's mother's birthday.

Confirmation and Youth Fellowship Tonight we will gather at 4:30 to discuss the lectern in the PCUSA symbol and the importance of ministry and structure in the Presbyterian Church, dinner, and games.

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.

Thanksgiving Dinner and Worship Each year, the Farmington family enjoys a full Thanksgiving meal together with all the trimmings on the Wednesday before the week of Thanksgiving. You won't want to miss this special time of fellowship and worship on Wednesday evening, November 19. Dinner is $10 for adults and $5 for children (under 12) with $30 family maximum and will be served buffet-style at 6pm with a Service of Gratitude in the Sanctuary at 6:45pm. Please return an RSVP form or email the church office to make reservations, church@farmingtonpres.org.

Hanging of the Green We prepare for Advent on Christ the King Sunday, November 22, after worship as we enjoy a light lunch together and decorate the Sanctuary for Advent and Christmas. Whether you are able to sit and "fluff bows" or be an eye for whether the wreaths are level or climb a ladder, there is a job for you! Stay and enjoy the fun!

Mexico Cistern Mission Trip It is time to purchase flights for our 2027 trip. We will travel to Xpujil, Mexico, from January 11-16 to build cisterns for 4 families. If you are planning to go or want more information about going, please let Rev. Rebecca know.

Church Emails Each week, a Sunday email is sent with the link for online worship, the Happenings, and the Prayer List. In addition, a Mid-Week email is regularly sent with reminders and the New Vision newsletter is sent monthly. If you are not receiving church emails, and would like to, please email church@farmingtonpres.org and let us know.

Food Pantry Collection Farmington collects food pantry items for the Oakland Presbyterian Church Food Pantry. Canned meats, vegetables, pasta sauce, peanut butter, etc. can be dropped off in the basket by the West entrance of the church.

Bulletin Mailing List If you would like to be added to or removed from the weekly mailing of the bulletin, please call Renee at (901)203-3031 and let us know.

Gathered to Worship…Sent to Serve In response to God's blessings and to support what God is doing through the Farmington family, you can make your offering by texting FarmPresGive (not case-sensitive) to 1-888-364-GIVE (4483) in order to receive a reply with the link to your giving interface, scan this QR code with your phone's camera, or mail your offering to Farmington Presbyterian Church, 8245 Farmington Boulevard, Germantown, TN 38139.

This Week at Farmington We are thankful for the blessing of fellowship. This week began with Potluck after worship on Sunday, included a Movie Night in the backyard on Friday night,

and concluded with dinner and an evening of hospitality at Room in the Inn Saturday night. It is a blessing to gather together, to laugh and listen – to know and to be known.

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, Peter Kendall, Bill Knight, Kristie Lively, Alan and Wendy McNamara, Annette Main, Orvaline Mann, 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 Presbytery: First Presbyterian Church, Somerville, TN.

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