

First Presbyterian Church

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Embodying Christ's inclusive love through heart, mind, and service

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Oak Ridge, Tennessee
A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

January 1, 2023 • *Epiphany of the Lord*

**Please stand, in body or in spirit. Text printed in bold italics to be read in unison.*

Prelude

Welcome

***Call to Worship** *(based on Isaiah 60)*

Arise, shine! Our light has come,

and the glory of God has risen upon us.

All nations shall come to this light,

and rulers to the brightness of its dawning.

Now the glory of God has risen.

Arise, shine! Our light has come!

***Hymn 143**

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

God of dawn and darkness, we have seen the glimmer of your star-light beckoning to us, but we have turned away and followed other paths.

We confess that we have not loved you with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our mind, and with all our strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us, Holy One. Strengthen our faltering steps and guide us in your holy way of peace; in the name of the newborn King we pray. Amen.

***Assurance of Forgiveness**

***The Peace of Christ**

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

***Sung Response** *(hymn 113, refrain)*

Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Time with Children

(Children are welcome to return to their seats or join the activity in the fellowship hall.)

Anthem

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Scripture Reading

Matthew 2:1-12

Sermon

Star Light, Star Bright

Musical Reflection

The Eucharist

Invitation to the Table

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.

It is a right and joyful thing to offer thanks to you, O God ...

we join the everlasting hymn of praise:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

You fill our world with glory and light ... Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Remembering the life and work of Christ ... all glory and honor are yours,

Almighty God, now and forever.

Amen.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

Communion

Prayer after Communion

Loving and gracious God, you have gathered us at your table, called us your beloved, and fed us from your body. Transform us to be your body in the world, so that we may serve you and our neighbors with great joy.

Amen.

Hymn 152

What Star Is This, with Beams so Bright

*Charge and Blessing

*Sung Response *(hymn 151, refrain)*

***O Star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!***

Postlude



The flowers today are given by Ann Frome to the glory of God and in memory of Ed Frome.



Announcements

—Thank you to Mimi Tilley for serving as our liturgist today.

—After worship today, we will gather in the fellowship hall for a toast to 2023.

—A reminder that the church office will be closed tomorrow.

Looking ahead:

—Jan. 8: Church Life and Witness Team

—Sharon is beginning a confirmation class for youth in grades 8 and higher, this Wednesday, 5:30 to 7:00 p.m., in room 6. If you have a child who is interested and you haven't yet talked with Sharon, please give her a call. Thanks!

Opportunities:

—Sign-up sheets for the first four months of the 2023 flower calendar are available. Cost is \$35, made payable to First Presbyterian Church. You can add your name to the calendar on the fellowship hall door or call the church office (483-1318) to reserve a Sunday.

—You are invited to host our fellowship time after worship. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board just inside the fellowship hall entrance from the narthex.

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