

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 2, 2022 • Epiphany

(For the sake of brevity, we occasionally sing selected verses of hymns.)

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

We gather to celebrate that no darkness can extinguish God's light.

We gather to remember that God's love will always be more powerful than death.

We gather to trust that God's peace will always be stronger than violence.

We gather to worship almighty God!

Hymn 666

O Splendor of God's Glory Bright
(verses 1 and 2)

O Splendor of God's glory bright, from light eternal bringing light;

O Light of Light, light's living spring, true Day, all days illumining:

*Come, Holy Sun of heavenly love, rain down your radiance from above,
And to our inward hearts convey the Holy Spirit's cloudless ray.*

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace. In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and pour out the gifts of your Spirit, that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ; in whose name 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

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

(Glory to God, 306)

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.

The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

Time with the Children

Anthem *Who Would Think That What Was Needed* (Glory to God, 138)

Who would think that what was needed to transform and save the earth
Might not be a plan or army, proud in purpose, proved in worth?
Who would think, despite derision, that a child should lead the way?
God surprises earth with heaven, coming here on Christmas Day.

Shepherds watch and wise men wonder; monarchs scorn and angels sing;
Such a place as none would reckon hosts a holy helpless thing.
Stable beasts and bypassed strangers watch a baby laid in hay;
God surprises earth with heaven, coming here on Christmas Day.

Centuries of skill and science span the past from which we move,
Yet experience questions whether, with such progress we improve.
While the human lot we ponder, lest our hopes and humor fray,
God surprises earth with heaven, coming here on Christmas Day.

Scripture Reading Jeremiah 31:7-14

Sermon *The Radiant Goodness of God* Sharon Youngs

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.

Holy One, the beginning and the end ... who forever sing to the glory of your name:

***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.

With this bread and cup we remember ... Power of the Most High, one 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 136

Refrain

*Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!*

*While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,
Behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light.*

Refrain

*The shepherds feared and trembled when lo! above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth.*

Refrain

*Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,
And God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn.*

Refrain

Charge and Blessing

Sung Response

Irish Blessing

*May the road rise to meet you, may the wind blow at your back,
May the sun shine warmly on your face. May the rain fall softly on your field,
And until we meet again, until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of his hand. Amen.*

Postlude



The flowers today are given to the glory of God.



Announcements

Following worship today, we will gather in the fellowship hall (in a physically distanced way) to toast the arrival of 2022. The Congregational Care and Welcome Committee is providing beverages, pre-packaged ham biscuits, and other snacks.

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