

# 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 8, 2023 • *Baptism 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** *(from Isaiah 42)*

Thus says God, who spread out the earth and gives breath to the people upon it:

***I am the Lord; I have taken you by the hand and kept you.***

See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare.

***Let us worship almighty God with joyful hearts!***

**\*Hymn 475**

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

**\*Call to Confession**

**\*Prayer of Confession**

*(silent confession)*

***Merciful God, in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life, making us part of the body of Christ. Yet, we confess that we fall short of who you desire us to be, both as individuals and as your people as a whole. We miss opportunities to practice reconciliation. We squander chances to make amends. Forgive us, we pray. Cleanse and renew us, that we might reflect your grace in both word and deed; in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.***

**\*Assurance of Forgiveness**

**Ordination and Installation of Joe Concepcion as Ruling Elder**

**Presentation of the Candidate**

**Constitutional Questions to the Candidate**

**Constitutional Questions to the Congregation**

Do we, the members of the church, accept this brother in Christ as a ruling elder, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

***We do.***

Do we agree to encourage him, to respect his decisions, and to follow as he guides us, serving Jesus Christ who alone is Head of the Church?

***We do.***

**\*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 306, first verse*)

***Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.  
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.***

**Time with Children**

***Loving God, thank you for all children everywhere, and especially for these children among us. Bless them in this new year with much growth, wonder, play, and curiosity. Help us to nurture them well in their faith. And help them always to remember how much they are loved by you. Amen.***

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

**Anthem**

*Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me*

**Scripture Reading**

Matthew 3:13-17

**Sermon**

*Watershed Moment*

Sharon Youngs

**Musical Reflection**

**Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant**

**Sentences of Scripture**

**Profession of Faith**

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

***I renounce them.***

Who is your Lord and Savior?

***Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.***

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his word and showing his love?

***I will, with God's help.***

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

***I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.***

**Thanksgiving for Baptism**

**Call to Prayer** (*hymn 688, first verse*)

***Spirit of God, descend upon my heart; wean it from earth;  
through all its pulses move; stoop to my weakness,  
mighty as thou art, and make me love thee as I ought to love.***

**Prayers of the People with The Lord's Prayer** (*ecumenical*)

***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.***

\*Hymn 482

*Baptized in Water*

\*Charge and Blessing

\*Sung Response

*Irish Blessing*

*(inside back cover of hymnal)*

Postlude



*The flowers today are given by Elaine Wilson to the glory of God  
and in memory of her dad, Rev. Skip Wilson.*



## **Announcements**

—Thank you to our worship leaders today: Sally Moyer, liturgist, and Teresa Gross, organ/piano.

—The special presbytery-wide Bible study on the Book of Genesis begins this afternoon, 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. Wendy Neff, a member of the PET, is leading the study, which is designed for older youth and adults. She will travel to a different location in the Presbytery each week to teach, so that participants in that area can join in person. Otherwise, folks will participate via Zoom. FPC folks will attend in person today at Second Presbyterian Church (Knoxville). If you would like a ride or to carpool, please let Sharon know (we'll gather at 2:15 p.m. in the church parking lot). We will gather in the fellowship hall for all future sessions (Jan. 22, 29, and Feb. 5 and 12) and participate via Zoom. You can also participate from your home by using this link: [presbyteryeasttn.org/zoom](https://presbyteryeasttn.org/zoom) (password: prespass).

### **Opportunities:**

—This Thursday, Jan. 12, is our **Welcome Table** dinner, 5:00 to 6:00 p.m., in the fellowship hall. All are invited to this community meal! If you can help with serving or cleanup, please let Sharon know before Thursday.

—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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