

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 10, 2021 • Baptism of the Lord

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

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Our Maker says, "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name; you are mine."
Ascribe majesty, strength, and honor to God's name.
Let us worship almighty God in holy splendor

Hymn

Sing of God Made Manifest
(verses 1 and 2)

(Glory to God, 156)

*Sing of God made manifest in a child robust and blest,
To whose home in Bethlehem where a star had guided them,
Magi came and gifts unbound, signs mysterious and profound;
Myrrh and frankincense and gold grave and God and king foretold.*

*Sing of God made manifest when at Jordan John confessed,
"I should be baptized by you, but your bidding I will do."
Then from heaven a double sign—dove-like Spirit, voice divine—
Hailed the true Anointed One: "This is my beloved Son."*

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life, making us part of the body of Christ. Yet, we confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves, separated from our siblings in Christ. We hold grudges and are reluctant to welcome those who differ from us. In your loving-kindness, have mercy on us and free us from our sin. Renew our trust in you, that we might obey your will and serve you with joy; through Christ our Savior we pray. Amen.

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

We Are Forgiven

(Glory to God, 447)

We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

Scripture Reading

Mark 1:4-11

Sermon

Wet Behind the Ears

Sharon Youngs

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

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*No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, or your faith journey,
you are welcome at First Presbyterian Church.*

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Announcements

Thanks to our guest pianist, Wendel Werner, and singer Alison Smith Werner for sharing their musical gifts with us today.

Star words—Because of COVID-19, star words for 2021 will be included in your end-of-year contribution statement that will be mailed by the end of January.

Annual meeting of the congregation is Jan. 24—Following worship on Sunday, Jan. 24, we will gather via Zoom for a congregational meeting where we will review our work and witness in 2020. A link will be send in a congregational email the week before. Please make plans to attend.

Weekly online gatherings

(See weekly emails or call the church office for Zoom links.)

Sundays:

9:00 a.m. classes Early Birds, Rise 'n' Shine, and
Let's Talk About It
11:00 a.m. Post-worship fellowship
11:30 a.m. Pathfinders: children's class
5:30 p.m. Faith seekers: Youth class

Mondays:

9:30 a.m. Coffee Chat with Sharon

Wednesdays:

5:30 p.m. Mid-week Bible study

Thursdays:

7:00 p.m. Brewing Questions

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