

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 15, 2023 • *Second Sunday after Epiphany*

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

Prelude

Welcome

***Call to Worship**

Ready or not, God calls us.

Let us bring our everyday selves to praise and to pray.

Ready or not, God calls us.

Let us open our ordinary selves to encounter the Holy One.

Ready or not, God calls us.

Let us respond by worshipping the Lord our God.

***Hymn 17**

Sing Praises to God, You Heavens!

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

(a moment for silent confession)

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our failure to be what you created us to be. You alone know how often we have sinned in ignoring your call, in wandering from your way, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. By your loving mercy, help us to live in your light and abide in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. 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 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	<i>Here I am</i>	arr. Larson
Scripture Reading	John 1:35-42	
Sermon	<i>Come and See</i>	Sharon Youngs

Musical Reflection

***Affirmation of Faith** *(The Apostles' Creed)*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

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.

Minute for Ministry

***Hymn 726** *The Summons*

***Charge and Blessing**

***Sung Response** *Irish Blessing* *(inside back cover of hymnal)*

Postlude

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The flowers today are given by Walt Porter to the glory of God and in honor of Kate Porter.

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Announcements

—Thank you to Peggy Terpstra for serving as our liturgist today.

—The special presbytery-wide Bible study on the Book of Genesis will continue next Sunday, January 22, from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m.

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

Looking ahead:

—Jan. 29: Lasagna lunch and annual meeting of the congregation.

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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