

# First Presbyterian Church

January 17, 2021 • 10:30 a.m.



*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 17, 2021 • Second Sunday after Epiphany**

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

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship** *(based on Psalm 139)*

We have come to worship God, who loved us before we were yet born.

***We have come to worship God, who knows us even better than we know ourselves.***

Let us worship the One whose presence never leaves us.

***Let us worship the One whose love for us never ceases.***

**Hymn**

*Sing Praise to God, You Heavens!*  
*(verses 1 and 4)*

*(Glory to God, 17)*

*Sing praise to God, you heavens! Sing praise, each shining light!*

*Sing, planets in your orbits; sing, stars all burning bright!*

*Sing praise, you winds and tempests, you driving rain and snow!*

*Sing, clouds that race and billow and shadow earth below!*

*Sing praises now, God's people; your gift of speech employ*

*To praise the Lord, your Maker, with thankfulness and joy!*

*Sing with the whole creation; a cosmic chorus raise:*

*"To God alone be glory and everlasting praise!"*

**Prayer of Confession**

***Holy and all-knowing God, you see into each of us and know us fully as creatures in need of your constant care. We confess that we have neither heard your word nor followed your will. We have fallen short as neighbors, friends, family members, and colleagues. We have also failed ourselves. Have mercy on us, Lord. Bring us back to you, that we might respond without hesitation when you invite us to "Come and see"; in Jesus' name. 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** John 1:43-51

**Sermon** *Seeing* Sharon Youngs

### **Musical Reflection**

**Call to Prayer** *God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me* (Glory to God, 543)  
*God, be the love to search and keep me; God be the prayer to move my voice;  
God, be the strength to now uphold me: O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.*

### **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** *Open My Eyes, That I May See* (Glory to God, 451)

*Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me.  
Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.  
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!*

*Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear.  
And while the wave notes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear.  
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!*

*Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere.  
Open my heart, and let me prepare love with thy children thus to share.  
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!*

### **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**

## Announcements

Thanks to our guest pianist, Wendel Werner for sharing his musical gift 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 next Sunday**—Following worship next Sunday, Jan. 24, we will gather via Zoom for a congregational meeting where we will review our work and witness in 2020. Please make plans to attend.



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



### 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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