

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 22, 2023 • *Third 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** *(from Psalm 27)*

God is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

God is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

One thing I asked of God, that will I seek after:

To behold God's beauty all the days of my life.

Let us worship God.

***Hymn 666**

O Splendor of God's Glory Bright

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

(a moment for silent confession)

God of compassion, we confess that we have not been the people you call us to be. We have been selfish in our desires and quarrelsome in our relationships. We have allowed fear and mistrust to dominate our thoughts and actions, especially toward those who differ from us. Turn us around, we pray. Shine your light into our shadowed hearts, that we might fall in step with where you lead; in Jesus' name. 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

From the Nets of Our Labor

Scripture Reading

Matthew 4:12-22

Sermon

Pivot Point

Sharon Youngs

Musical Reflection

*Affirmation of Faith *(adapted from A Declaration of Faith, PCUS)*

We believe that what God says to us and does for us centers in Jesus Christ as he is remembered, known, and expected. In Christ God's Word of acceptance takes flesh: by grace through faith we are set right with God, not because of anything we have done, but because of what Christ has done. In Christ God's Word of demand is lived out: to love God and neighbor as he did is what God requires of us. We affirm that God is at work, especially in events and movements that free people by the gospel and advance justice, compassion, and peace. 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.

*Hymn 721

Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

*Charge and Blessing

*Sung Response

Irish Blessing

(inside back cover of hymnal)

Postlude

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*The flowers today are given by Jack Cantrell to the glory of God
and in memory of Mrs. Dixon, former 2nd grade teacher at Linden Elementary.*

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Announcements

—Thank you to Dale Hadden for serving as our liturgist today.

—The special presbytery-wide Bible study on the Book of Genesis picks back up today. We are gathering from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall to participate via Zoom with other congregations in the Presbytery.

Looking ahead:

—Next Sunday: Lasagna lunch and annual meeting of the congregation

Opportunities:

—The full **2023 flower calendar** is now 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.

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church!

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here. We hope you feel the love that is present and our joy in having you with us. If you'd like to know more about First Presbyterian Church, let's talk! Please speak with Sharon or any of the ushers after the service.

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