

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 23, 2022 • *Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

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

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

God built the heavens, the earth, and everything in them.

God calls us to be builders, too.

God calls us to live as followers of Jesus.

To live out the good news of God's love and liberation for all people.

Let us worship God with willing and joyful hearts!

Hymn 395

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

(verses 1 and 3)

*Blessed Jesus, at your word we have come again to hear you;
Let our thoughts and hearts be stirred and in glowing faith be near you.
By your gospel true and holy, teach us, Lord, to love you solely.*

*Glorious Lord, yourself impart, Light of Light, from God proceeding.
Touch our lips and ears and heart; help us by your Spirit's pleading.
Hear the cry your church now raises; hear, and bless our prayers and praises.*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Whenever we come home to you, O God, we realize how far we have strayed. We are aware of how much we have neglected or forgotten of your law and your love. We have not loved you with our whole hearts. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us, Lord. Heal and restore us in our relationship with you, that we might help restore others to you; in Jesus' name we pray. 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

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

(Glory to God, 306)

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.

The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

Time with the Children

Scripture Reading

Luke 4:14-21

Sermon

An Elevator Speech for the Ages

Sharon Youngs

***Affirmation of Faith** (from *A Brief Statement of Faith*)

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit give us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Holy Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!” Amen.

Musical Reflection

Call to Prayer

(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 and 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 744

Arise, Your Light Is Come!

*Arise, your light is come! The Spirit’s call obey;
Show forth the glory of your God, which shines on you today.*

*Arise, your light is come! Fling wide the prison door;
Proclaim the captives’ liberty, good tidings to the poor.*

*Arise, your light is come! All you in sorrow born,
Bind up the brokenhearted ones and comfort those who mourn.*

*Arise, your light has come! The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing; God’s power will make us strong.*

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



*The flowers are given today by Jeri Duke to the glory of God
and in loving memory of her husband Jere on his 75th birthday.*

Announcements

—Thank you to Chuck Hadden for serving as our liturgist, and welcome back to Peggy Hinkle, our organist/pianist!

—The **annual meeting of the congregation** will be after worship next Sunday, Jan. 30. The meeting will be hybrid (in person and via Zoom). The Zoom link will be shared in this week's eNews. Copies of the annual report have been distributed electronically. Hard copies are available upon request.

—We will receive the annual **Blanket Offering** on Sunday, Feb. 6. The offering supports the work of Church World Service, an ecumenical organization that helps those who have experienced the harmful results of natural and conflict-related disasters.

—The **flower calendar** is available for you to sign up (in-person or by calling the church office) to provide flowers for a Sunday service.



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Peggy Hinkle, Organist Devin Earhart, Technical Assistant

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