

# 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 29, 2023 • *Fourth Sunday after Epiphany*

*\*Please stand, in body or in spirit. Text printed in bold italics to be read in unison.  
(For the sake of brevity, we occasionally sing selected verses of hymns.)*

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**\*Call to Worship** *(from Psalm 15)*

Let us worship God.

Who may dwell on God's holy hill?

***Those who do what is right and speak the truth from their heart;***

Those who honor their neighbors and seek the well-being of their friends;

***Those who fear God and stand firm in their faith.***

Those who do these things shall never be moved.

**\*Hymn 15**

*All Creatures of Our God and King*  
*(verses 1, 2, and 6)*

**\*Call to Confession**

**\*Prayer of Confession**

*(a moment for silent confession)*

***Merciful God, we confess that we have neither done what is blameless and right, nor spoken truth from the heart of love. Rather than keeping your word, we have participated in those things that cause pain to others, to this planet, to ourselves, and to you. Have mercy on us, we pray. Return us to you, so that our lives may be in sync with your will for us; in the name of Christ 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** *(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

*Rejoice and Be Glad*

## Scripture Reading

Matthew 5:1-12

## Sermon

*Christian Primer 101:  
One Thing Leads to Another*

Sharon Youngs

## Musical Reflection

### \*Affirmation of Faith

***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 852

*When the Lord Redeems the Very Least*

### \*Charge and Blessing

### \*Sung Response

*Irish Blessing*

*(inside back cover of hymnal)*

### Postlude

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*The flowers today are given by Roger Ryburn  
to the glory of God and in loving memory of his wife.*

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## **Announcements**

—Thank you to Chuck Hadden for serving as our liturgist this morning.

—You are invited to remain after worship today for **lasagna and the annual meeting of the congregation**. Please join us, even if you're not a member of FPCOR; it's a great way to learn more about us—and the lasagna is outstanding!

—The Presbytery-wide Bible study on Genesis has been **canceled for this afternoon**. It will resume next Sunday, Feb. 5, at 3:00 p.m.

—We will receive the annual **Blanket Offering** next week. The offering supports Church World Service in their efforts to help people around the world recover from disasters and get a fresh start. If you write a check, please put "Blanket Sunday" on the memo line. You can also give electronically by using the QR code below.

### **Looking ahead:**

—**Feb. 12 is Scout Sunday**. Members of Troop 42B and 42G, for which First Presbyterian Church is the charter organization, will be with us and assist in worship leadership. Afterward, the scouts will host a luncheon in the fellowship hall (donations are appreciated).

### **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.

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