

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 30, 2022 • *Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

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

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Come from east and west, from north and south.

From everywhere God has placed us, with everything God has given us—we come.

Come, receive again the gift of grace;

Not for owning, not for boasting, but for celebrating—we come.

Come, discover again the way that leads to life.

Remembering who we are, seeking who we are yet to be—we come.

Hymn 42

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

(verses 1, 3, and 4)

*Your faithfulness, O Lord, is sure in all your words, your gracious deeds;
You gently all burdened souls and well provide for all our needs.*

*Lord, you are just in all your ways, and kind in everything you do;
Forever near you stand to hear and help all those who call on you.*

*My mouth shall speak you praise, O Lord; my soul shall bless your holy name;
Let all things living join the song of praise, from age to age the same.*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Generous God, we confess that when we set our tables, we imagine who belongs. We limit the seating to those who make us comfortable and do not challenge us. We draw boundaries for our own family, our own congregation, our own neighborhood. Forgive us, we pray. Soften our hearts toward those whom we despise, and renew us with your abundant love, that we might be vessels of your good news to all; through Jesus 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

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 4:21-30

Sermon

Good News and Bad News

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 gives 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 301

Let Us Build a House
(verses 1, 4, and 5)

*Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,
A place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions:
All are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place!*

*Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone
To heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face;
Let us bring an end to fear and danger:
All are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place!*

*Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard
And loved and treasured, taught and claimed, as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace;
Let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:
All are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place!*

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 Sharon Youngs to the glory of God and in memory of her parents Barna and Kay on their 69th wedding anniversary.

Announcements

- We are grateful to Sally Moyer for serving as our liturgist today.
- The **annual meeting of the congregation** will be after worship this morning. The meeting will begin at 11:30 a.m., which will give enough time for folks in the sanctuary to move to the fellowship hall, and for those who are joining virtually to switch from Facebook to Zoom.
- Next Sunday, Feb. 6, is Scout Sunday.** Members of Troop 42, for which First Presbyterian Church is the charter organization, will be with us and assist in worship leadership.
- We will receive the annual **Blanket Offering** next week. 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.
- February is our month to team up with Central Baptist Church to staff the **Ecumenical Storehouse**. We're looking for volunteers. Please talk with Peggy Terpstra for details (216-1592 or peggybertrand-mail@gmail.com).
- 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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