

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.)

February 5, 2023 • *Fifth 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 112)*

Happy are those who greatly delight in God's commandments.

They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright.

It is well with those who conduct their affairs with justice;

For the righteous will be remembered forever.

Let us worship God.

***Hymn 22**

God of the Sparrow

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

(a moment for silent confession)

Merciful God, you tell us that we are salt of the earth and light of the world. Yet, we confess that our witness is often bland and dim. We are quick to extinguish opportunities to share your love in word and deed. Forgive us, we pray. Help us to flavor the earth with righteousness and reflect your light in this shadowed world; through Jesus Christ, the Light of the world. 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

God of love and grace, thank you for all of the gifts that children bring to your world. Thank you for their wide-eyed wonder, their questions, and their laughter. Help us to nurture their lives in ways that draw them closer to you, and in so doing, find that our own faith is deepened. Amen.

(Children are welcome to return to their seats or join the activity in the fellowship hall.)

Anthem

Bring Forth the Kingdom

Haugen

Scripture Reading

Matthew 5:13-20

Sermon

*Christian Primer 101:
A Seasoned Life*

Sharon Youngs

Hymn 507

Come to the Table of Grace

***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.

The Eucharist

Invitation to the Table

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Eternal God, holy and mighty ... who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

You are holy, O God of majesty ... Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit ... all glory and honor are yours, eternal God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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.

Breaking of the Bread

Communion

Prayer after Communion

Loving and gracious God, you have gathered us at your table and fed us from your body. Send us out to be your hands and feet in the world, sharing your good news of light and love to all. Amen.

*Hymn 297

In Christ Called to Baptize

*Charge and Blessing

*Sung Response

Irish Blessing

(inside back cover of hymnal)

Postlude



*The flowers today are given by Anna Robinson to the glory of God
and in honor of her grandchildren, Caleb, Daniel, Jeremiah, & Lillian.*



Announcements

—Thank you to Dave Mullins for serving as our liturgist this morning.

—Today we are receiving the annual **Blanket Offering**, which 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 Offering” on the memo line. You can also give electronically by using the QR code below.

—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 room 6 to participate via Zoom with other congregations in the Presbytery.

—This Thursday, Feb. 9, is our **Welcome Table** dinner, 5:00 to 6:00 p.m., in the fellowship hall. All are invited to this community meal! If you can help with serving or cleanup, please let Sharon know before Thursday.

—**Next Sunday 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).

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