

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 7, 2021 • Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

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

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship *(from Psalm 40)*

Have you not known?

The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.

Have you not heard?

It is God who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, who makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.

Have you not known?

God gives power to the faint and strengthens the powerless.

Have you not heard?

Those who wait for God will renew their strength.

They shall run and not be weary.

They shall walk and not faint.

Let us worship God.

Hymn

From All That Dwell Below the Skies
(verses 1 and 2)

(Glory to God, 327)

From all that dwell below the skies let the Creator's praise arise: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Let the Redeemer's name be sung through every land, in every tongue.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

In every land begin the song; to every land the strains belong: Alleluia! Alleluia!
In cheerful sound all voices raise and fill the world with joyful praise.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, the beauty and majesty of your creation is beyond measure. Yet, we tend to treat the world with careless indifference and little regard for the future. We bury ourselves in our own agendas, assuming that someone else will care for those in need. Forgive us, we pray. Make us fully aware of both our blessings and our responsibilities, that we might be agents of peace and hope to others; in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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

We Are Forgiven

(Glory to God, 447)

We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

Scripture Reading

Mark 1:29-39

Sermon

Pausing to Remember

Sharon Youngs

Musical Reflection

Come and Find the Quiet Center

Come and find the quiet center in the crowded life we lead,
Find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are freed:
Clear the chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes, that we can see
All the things that really matter, be at peace, and simply be.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of 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.

All praise to you, God our Creator ... with all the heavenly host, we praise you with joy:
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.

We bless you for creating the whole world.... Great is the mystery of faith:

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

Holy God, send your Holy Spirit ... one God forever and ever.

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 the Bread and Pouring the Cup

Sharing the Elements

Prayer after Communion

Holy God, you have nourished us with your grace and goodness. Continue to sustain us as we go forth from this meal, that we might declare in word and deed the good news of your gospel; in Jesus' name. Amen.

Hymn

For the Bread Which You Have Broken

(Glory to God, 516)

(verses 1 and 2)

*For the bread which you have broken, for the wine which you have poured,
For the words which you have spoken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.*

*By this promise that you love us, by your gift of peace restored,
By your call to heaven above us, hallow all our lives, O Lord.*

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

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*No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, or your faith journey,
you are welcome at First Presbyterian Church.*

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Announcements

Today is **Blanket Sunday**—You are invited to make a donation, either online or by mail, for the Blanket Offering, which supports the work of Church World Service. CWS works to meet the pressing needs of individuals and families impacted by disasters, both natural and the result of conflicts. Please make checks payable to FPC with “blanket Sunday” on the memo line.

Welcome Table—This Thursday, Feb. 11, 5:30 to 6:00 p.m. If you would like to help with cooking, packaging, or distributing our drive-by meals (following necessary protocols), let Sharon know (771-7178 or fpcpastor@live.com).

Looking ahead: Ash Wednesday, Feb. 17 this year, marks the beginning of Lent. Watch for coming details about our worship service that evening.

Weekly online gatherings

(See weekly emails or call the church office for Zoom links.)

Sundays:

9:00 a.m. classes Early Birds, Rise ‘n’ Shine, and
Let’s Talk About It
11:00 a.m. Post-worship fellowship
11:30 a.m. Pathfinders: children’s class
5:30 p.m. Faith seekers: Youth class

Mondays:

9:30 a.m. Coffee Chat with Sharon

Wednesdays:

5:30 p.m. Mid-week Bible study

Thursdays:

7:00 p.m. Brewing Questions

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