

# First Presbyterian Church

February 13, 2022 • 10:30 a.m.



*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 13, 2022 • *Sixth Sunday after Epiphany*

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

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship**

Happy are those whose delight is in the law of the Lord.

***On God's law they meditate day and night.***

They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season.

***In all they do, they prosper.***

**Hymn 611**

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

*Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!  
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.*

*All thy works with joy surround thee; earth and heaven reflect thy rays;  
Stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
Chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.*

*Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning stars began.  
Love divine is reigning o'er us, joining all in heaven's plan.  
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife.  
Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.*

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession**

***Merciful God, your call to discipleship is demanding. You expect us to reorder our lives, yet we continue in our usual patterns—passing by the poor, the hungry, and the brokenhearted. Forgive our complacency for injustice and our complicity with prejudice. Turn us back to you, for our sake and for the sake of the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord 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 6:17-26

**Sermon** *Maintaining Perspective* Sharon Youngs

**\*Affirmation of Faith** (adapted by members of FPC)

***We believe in God, the Father Almighty, and in Jesus Christ, his Son, our Lord, and in the Holy Spirit. We seek to know God's will, to walk in God's ways, and to proclaim the Gospel to all people, by our lives as well as by our words. We work and pray for the progress of knowledge, the promotion of justice, the reign of peace, and the realization of human unity in our time. And we look with faith for the triumph of righteousness in our community and in our world. 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 852** *When the Lord Redeems the Very Least*  
(verses 1, 2, and 3)

*When the Lord redeems the very least, we will rejoice.  
When the hungry gather for the feast, we will rejoice.*

Refrain:

*We will rejoice with gladness. We will rejoice.  
All our days we'll sing to God in praise. We will rejoice!*

*When the Lord restores the sick and weak, we will rejoice.  
When the earth is given to the meek, we will rejoice. (refrain)*

*When the Lord revives the world from death, we will rejoice.  
When the world of God fills every breath, we will rejoice. (refrain)*

**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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*The flowers are given today by Barbara Reeve and Paul Akers to the glory of God.*

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### **Announcements**

—We are grateful to Carolyn Dipboye for serving as our liturgist today.

—Sunday, Feb. 27, is a big day! Susan Reisinger will be our guest preacher while Sharon is away on vacation. (Sharon will be back on the 28th.) Also, the Congregational Care and Welcome Committee will be distributing individual (homemade) coffee cakes as a nod to Shrove Tuesday, March 1, which is the last day before Lent begins. For folks who worship virtually that day, the coffee cakes will be available for drive-thru pickup after worship until 12:15 p.m.

—Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, which is March 2 this year. We will have a Communion service that evening, 6:30 p.m., that will include the imposition of ashes. Sharon will also offer a drive-thru option for the imposition of ashes earlier that day, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., outside the main Sanctuary building entrance.

—Plenty of openings are still available on the sanctuary flower calendar for 2022. The cost is \$35, made payable to First Presbyterian Church. You can add your name to the calendar poster on the fellowship hall door or call the church office (483-1318) to reserve a Sunday.



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