

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 20, 2022 • *Seventh Sunday after Epiphany*

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

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship *(from Psalm 37)*

Commit your way to the Lord; trust in God to act.

Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for God.

Depart from evil and do good; so you shall abide forever.

For the Lord loves justice and will not forsake God's faithful ones.

Let us worship the Holy One on High.

Hymn 629

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

(verses 1, 2, and 3)

*Jesus, the very thought of thee with sweetness fills my breast.
But sweeter far thy face to see, and in thy presence rest.*

*Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame nor can the mind recall
A sweeter sound than thy blest name, O Savior of us all.*

*O hope of every contrite heart, O joy of all the meek,
To those who fall, how kind thou art! How good to those who seek!*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of tender mercies, we confess that we have neither followed your ways nor trusted your promises. We love only those who love us; we show kindness only to those who are kind to us; we give only when we expect to receive. Forgive us, Lord. Fill our hearts with your selfless love, that we might turn grudges into grace and reflect your goodness to those we meet; in Jesus' name 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

First Reading Genesis 45:3-11, 15
Second Reading Luke 6:27-38
Sermon *The Long View* Sharon Youngs

Musical Reflection

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.

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 547 *Go, My Children, with My Blessing*

*"Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.
In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own."*

*"Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Here you heard my dear Son's story; here you touched him, saw his glory.
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure."*

*"Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit's power filled you; here my tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free."*

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 Ed and Mimi Tilley to the glory of God and in memory of our parents,
Jim and Peggy Gregory and Clarence and Ann Tilley.*

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Announcements

—Thank you to Bert Everitt for serving as our liturgist today.

—Susan Reisinger will be our guest preacher next Sunday 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 March 2, which is Ash Wednesday. We will have a Communion service that evening, 6:30 p.m., which 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.

—“Lent through Mr. Rogers’ Eyes” is our Lenten theme this year. Pull out your cardigan sweater for March 20, which is Mr. Rogers Day on the Presbyterian Planning Calendar! Check out the upcoming March issue of *The Banner* for all the details.

—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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