

# First Presbyterian Church

February 26, 2023 • 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 26, 2023 • *First Sunday in Lent*

*\*Please stand, in body or in spirit. Text printed in bold italics to be read in unison.*

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**\*Call to Worship** *(from Psalm 32)*

Let all who are faithful offer prayer to God;

***At a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them.***

Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous;

***Shout for joy, all you upright in heart.***

**\*Hymn 665**

*As Morning Dawns*

**\*Call to Confession**

**\*Litany of Confession**

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you.

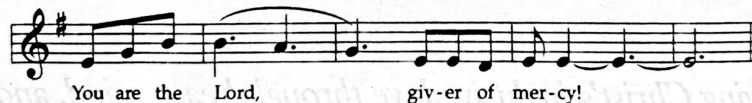
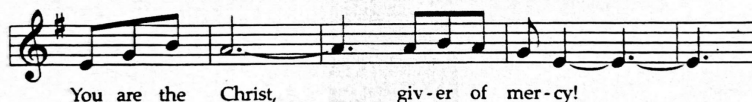
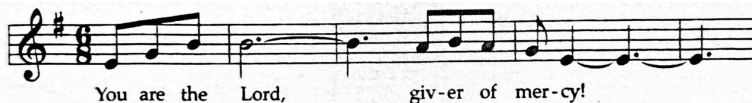
***You provide the food we need; yet we desire a different menu.*** *(silence)*

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against our neighbors.

***We make sure our own cups are filled, while offering little to others.*** *(silence)*

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against ourselves.

***We stuff our bodies and minds with things that cannot satisfy.*** *(silence)*



**\*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** (*sing twice*)

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

**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**

*Create in Me a Clean Heart*

Reeves

**Scripture Reading**

Matthew 4:1-11

**Sermon**

*Life in the "Fast" Lane:  
Give Us This Day*

Sharon Youngs

**Musical Reflection**

**\*Affirmation of Faith** The Apostles' Creed (*traditional*)

***I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.***

**Call to Prayer** (*sing twice*)

***Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants,  
Beyond my fears, from death into life.***

**Prayers of the People with 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 166**

*Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days*

**\*Charge and Blessing**

**\*Sung Response**

*Irish Blessing*

*(inside back cover of hymnal)*

**Postlude**

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*The flowers today are given by John Drake and Patty Barlow  
to the glory of God and in loving memory of their parents.*

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## **Announcements**

—Thank you to Janet Swift for serving as our liturgist this morning.

—Our monthly **Conversation on Loss** gathers in the parlor today at 11:50 a.m. for a potluck lunch and discussion. The focus this month is guilt vs. regret.

—Today, directly after morning worship, the **Christian Education Committee will offer training** for “Time with Children” volunteers, as well as training for nursery volunteers. The training is for all who are currently helping in these areas, as well as for those who are interested in learning more before signing up for a Sunday.

—**Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA)** is helping with earthquake relief and recovery in Turkey and Syria. To make a much-needed monetary gift, you can donate directly to PDA through [pcusa.org](http://pcusa.org), give online to FPCOR (designate your gift for PDA DR999999), or write a check to FPCOR (put PDA DR999999 on the memo line) and we will see that it gets to PDA.

### **Looking Ahead**

--Sharon will lead **Who Are We Presbyterians?**, an occasional class on Presbyterians in general and First Presbyterian Church in particular, following worship on March 12, 19, and April 2. All are invited, especially folks new to FPCOR.

### **Welcome to First Presbyterian Church!**

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here. We hope you feel the love that is present and our joy in having you with us. If you'd like to know more about First Presbyterian Church, let's talk! Please speak with Sharon or any of the ushers after the service.

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