

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 27, 2022 • *Transfiguration of the Lord*

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

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

We gather, as God's people, bringing our fears and pain, knowing that when our spirits have grown cold,

God rekindles the gift of faith in us.

We gather, as God's people, hanging our broken hearts on the branches of the tree of life, knowing that while friends may turn against us,

God transforms enemies into sisters and brothers.

We gather, as God's people, hungering for healing and hope, knowing that even when life is no picnic,

God prepares a feast for us.

Hymn 49

The God of Abraham Praise

(verses 1, 2, and 4)

*The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above,
The Ancient of Eternal Days, the God of love!*

*The Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven confessed,
We bow before your holy name, forever blest.*

*Your spirit still flows free, high surging where it will.
In prophet's word you spoke of old and you speak still.
Established is your law, and changeless it shall stand,
Deep writ upon the human heart by your strong hand.*

*You have eternal life implanted in the soul;
Your love shall be our strength and stay, while ages roll.
We praise you, living God! We praise your holy name:
The first, the last, beyond all thought, and still the same!*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

We stand before you in this moment, Listening God, and state what you already know. Our cheeks are carved with the tears of pain we have caused. Our hearts are so empty, we cannot comfort others. Our desires have taken us to places where we cannot sing your praises. God of mercy, forgive us. Plant a tiny seed of hope, that it might grow into a bouquet for others. Increase our faith until it spills over in thanksgiving to you. Fill us with the love that overwhelms all our complaints and rekindles our desire to follow faithfully Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. 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 Readings

Exodus 1:8-22
2 Timothy 1:1-14

Sermon

It Takes a Village

Susan Reisinger

Affirmation of Faith

Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For in him all things in heaven and on earth were created: things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers; all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from among the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

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 47

Bless All Who Trust in God

Bless all who trust in God and walk within God's ways;

Bless every soul whose happiness springs from the Lord's own praise.

Let families be strong and sparkle bright as wine;

Let partners and let children thrive and flourish like the vine!

And since we may not boast such joys are ours by right,

Teach us, good Lord, to take your gifts with thanks and with delight.

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



*The flowers are given today by Mike and Peggy Hilliard to the glory of God and in memory of Peggy's mother,
Nancy Brock Wilson.*

Announcements

—We welcome the Rev. Susan Reisinger as our guest preacher this morning while Sharon is away on vacation (she will be back tomorrow). We are also grateful to Don Spong for serving as our liturgist.

—The Congregational Care and Welcome Committee will be distributing individual (homemade) coffee cakes after worship today as a nod to Shrove Tuesday (day after tomorrow), which is the last day before Lent begins. For folks who worship virtually, the coffee cakes will be available for drive-thru pickup after worship until 12:15 p.m.

—Lent begins on Ash Wednesday (this week). 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 in the 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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