

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.)
March 7, 2021 • Third Sunday in Lent

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

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship *(adapted from Psalm 25)*

Good and upright is the Lord; God instructs sinners in the way.
God leads the humble in what is right and teaches the meek God's way.
All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness,
For those who keep God's covenant and commandments.
Let us worship the Maker of our days.

Hymn

The Mighty God with Power Speaks
(verses 1 and 3)

(Glory to God, 13)

*The Mighty God with power speaks, and all the world obeys;
From dawn until the setting sun, God's wonder earth displays.
The perfect beauty all around from Zion's height shines forth;
And stars across the firmament so brightly beam their worth.*

*The heavens declare your justice, Lord, as endless as the sky;
Against the taunts of disbelief, our God will testify.
Receive my heartfelt gift of thanks, as honor to your might;
Refresh my faith with each new day; protect me through the night.*

Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves, and apart from you. We have turned from our neighbors and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed. In your great mercy forgive our sins and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments; through Jesus Christ our Savior. 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

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.*

Scripture Reading

Exodus 20:1-17

Sermon

The Big Ten

Sharon Youngs

Musical Reflection

Commit Your Way to God the Lord
(verses 1, 3, and 4)

(Glory to God, 706)

*Commit your way to God the Lord: your cause will shine as bright as fire;
Delight to do God's holy word and you will find what you desire.*

*Salvation comes from God alone; the faithful know their help is sure;
To heaven, all our needs are known, and in God's strength we are secure.*

*Commit your way to God the Lord; to peace and truth and grace aspire;
Then mercy shall be your reward; God's promises, your heart's desire.*

Eucharist

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great 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.

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise ... who forever sing to the glory of your name:

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.

You are holy, O God of majesty ... our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen.

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

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit ... in the holy church, now and forever. **Amen.**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

Communion

Prayer after Communion

You have fed us at your Table, Lord. Now send us forth to live as faithful and dedicated disciples in service to all the world; in your holy name we pray. Amen.

Hymn

God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens
(verses 1 and 4)

(Glory to God, 24)

*God, who stretched the spangled heavens infinite in time and place,
Flung the suns in burning radiance through the silent fields of space,
We, your children in your likeness, share inventive powers with you.
Great Creator, still creating, show us what we yet may do.*

*As each far horizon beckons, may it challenge us anew,
Children of creative purpose, serving others, honoring you.
May our dreams prove rich with promise, each endeavor well begun.
Great Creator, give us guidance till our goals and yours are one.*

Charge and Blessing

Sung Response

Go with Us, Lord

(Glory to God, 748)

*Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day,
That in your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to you.*

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

--**Welcome Table**, this Thursday, Mar. 11, at 5:30 p.m. If you would like to help with cooking, packaging, or distributing our drive-by meals (following safe Covid protocols), contact Sharon at the number below.

--**J. Herbert Nelson**, Stated Clerk of the PC(USA) General Assembly, will be the special guest of the Let's Talk About It class next Sunday, Mar. 14, 9:00 a.m. J. Herbert, along with Sharon, will ponder the future of the church post-pandemic.

--**Hunger Fund quarterly offering**, Sunday, Mar. 14. Your gifts support multiple efforts to serve those in need in our community and surrounding areas, including ADFAC, Second Harvest, local food pantries, and our own Welcome Table community meal. Checks can be made to FPC with "hunger" on the memo line, or you can give online via the QR code below. Thank you.

--**Cultivating Christian Mindfulness**: a two-part series, led by Steve Herbes, Mar. 16 and 23, 7:00 p.m., via Zoom. The series will explore: what mindfulness is (and isn't), the benefits of mindfulness, some basic techniques, its roots in Christian history, and contemporary practice of Christian mindfulness.

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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