

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 12, 2023 • *Third Sunday of 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 131)*

O God, my heart is not lifted up, my eyes are not raised too high;
I do not occupy myself with things too great and too marvelous for me.
But I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a weaned child with its mother.
O Israel, hope in God from this time on and forevermore.

***Hymn 694**

Great God of Every Blessing

***Call to Confession**

***Litany of Confession**

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

We have fallen short of trusting you to provide us with what we need. *(silence)*

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

We have hoarded resources rather than sharing them with others. *(silence)*

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

We have fooled ourselves into thinking we need each new shiny object that comes along. *(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

The Prayer of St. Patrick

Schoenfeld

Scripture Reading

Matthew 6:19-24

Sermon

*Life in the "Fast" Lane:
Investment Portfolio*

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 703**

Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me

***Charge and Blessing**

***Sung Response**

Irish Blessing

(inside back cover of hymnal)

Postlude

Announcements



The flowers today are given by Herb and Carolyn Krause to the glory of God and in memory of parents Bertha and Herb Krause, and Russell and Dorothy Hax.



—Thank you to Kiersten Ruisard for serving as our liturgist this morning.

—Special thanks to our guest accompanist Teresa Gross for sharing her musical gifts with us today.

—Following worship today, Sharon will begin a three-session discussion on Who Are We Presbyterians?. The class will focus on Presbyterians in general and First Presbyterian Church in particular. All are invited, especially folks new to FPCOR. (The other dates are Mar. 19 and Apr. 2.)

—Next Sunday, Mar. 19, we will receive a special offering for Living Waters for the World in observance of World Water Day on March 22. Your gifts help support the mission of Living Waters for the World. Please make checks payable to FPCOR and put “LWW” on the memo line, or scan the QR code below to give online. See page 1 of the March edition of The Banner for more information about this important work.

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