

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 13, 2022 • *Second Sunday in Lent*

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

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
God is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?
I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.
Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage.
Let us worship God.

Hymn 12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise
(verses 1, 3, and 4)

*Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.*

*To all, life thou givest to both great and small.
In all life thou livest, the true life of all.
We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
Then wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.*

*Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light.
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight.
All praise we would render; O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!*

Call to Confession

Litany of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you.
We seldom muster the courage to fully trust in your sovereign power and providence.
(silence)
Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against our neighbors.
Our hands remain idle when help is needed.
(silence)
Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against ourselves.
We burn ourselves out, thinking we are the only ones who have the right approach.
(silence)

Assurance of Pardon

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

*Jesus, be with us. Help us each day to follow the gospel and live as we pray.
Send us your Spirit and show us your way. Jesus, be with us today.*

Time with the Children

Scripture Reading

Psalm 27 (selected verses)

Sermon

*Lent through Mister Rogers' Eyes:
Look for the Helpers*

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

Take, O Take Me as I Am
(sing twice)

(Glory to God, 698)

*Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;
Set your seal upon my heart and live in me.*

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer (*traditional*)

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.

Hymn 754

Help Us Accept Each Other
(verses 1, 2, and 4)

*Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us;
Teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace.
Be present, Lord, among us and bring us to believe
We are ourselves accepted, and meant to love and live.*

*Teach us, O Lord, your lessons, as in our daily life
We struggle to be human and search for hope and faith.
Teach us to care for people, for all, not just for some,
To love them as we find them, or as they may become.*

*Lord, for today's encounters with all who are in need,
Who hunger for acceptance, for justice and for bread,
We need new eyes for seeing, new hands for holding on:
Renew us with your spirit; Lord, free us; make us one!*

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 Herb and Carolyn Krause to the glory of God
and the memory of their parents, Bertha and Herbert Krause,
and Dorothy and Russel Hay.*



Announcements

—Thank you to Peggy Terpstra for serving as our liturgist today.

—Special thanks to our guest accompanist, Terrye Danner, for sharing her musical gifts with us today while Peggy Hinkle is away.

—Last call for the hike to the fire tower at Frozen Head State Park! Youth and adults are invited to join Barbara Reeve and Paul Akers for a 7-mile (round-trip) hike this Tuesday, March 15. Those participating in the hike will leave the church parking lot at 9:00 a.m. **Bring your own lunch, plenty of water, and a wind jacket. Wear closed-toe shoes (boots or sneakers).** It helps to know who's coming so that we know to look for you. Please call Madison (483-1318) or Sharon (771-7178).

—Our special Lenten series on the book *Space for God: Study and Practice of Spirituality and Practice*, written by Don Postema and led by Sharon, continues this Wednesday evening, Mar. 16, at 6:30 p.m. We are meeting in hybrid fashion (in person and via Zoom). Check this week's eNews for the Zoom link. Let Sharon know if you need a book.

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