

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 14, 2021 • Third Sunday in Lent

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

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;
The decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple;
The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;
The commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes.
Let us worship the God of life.

Hymn

Make a Joyful Noise to God!
(verses 1 and 2)

(Glory to God, 54)

*Make a joyful noise to God! All creation sings your praise!
Great your wonders here displayed, unexcelled throughout our days.
Glorious is your sacred name, ages old, yet still the same.*

*Come and see what God has done, great the blessings to the just:
Walked the chosen through the sea, brought their enemies to dust.
Let us lift a thankful voice for God's mercies, and rejoice!*

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, there is a brokenness in us that reflects the brokenness of our world — and it is deep and broad. Yet in your mercy and healing grace, you can restore us and empower us to walk in the way of Christ. In your mercy and healing grace, you can reform our paths toward love and justice for our neighbors and for the earth. In your mercy and healing grace, you can make your peace – your shalom – a reality in our communities and lives. 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

Psalm 19

Sermon

How Do We Know?

Susan Reisinger

Musical Reflection

Psalm 19

Purifoy

*The heavens declare thy glory, Lord. In every star thy wisdom shines.
But when our eyes behold thy word, we read thy name in fairer lines.
The rolling sun, the changing light, the nights and days thy power confess!
But the blessed volume thou hast writ reveals thy justice and thy grace.*

*Sun, moon, and stars convey thy praise 'round the whole earth and never stand;
So when thy truth begun its race, it touched and glanced on every land.
Thy noblest wonders here we view in souls renewed and sins forgiven;
Lord, cleanse my sins, my soul renew, and make thy word my guide to heaven.*

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 - with 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*Let All Things Now Living*

(Glory to God, 37)

*Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
To God our Creator triumphantly raise;
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
By guiding us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us; pure light goes before us,
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night:
Till shadows have vanished, all fearfulness banished,
As forward we travel from light into light.*

*By law God enforces, the stars in their courses,
The sun in its orbit obediently shine;
The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
The depths of the ocean proclaim God divine.
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing;
With glad adoration, a song let us raise,
Till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:
To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!*

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

Announcements

—Thank you to Susan Reisinger for preaching today.

—Our two-part series, **Cultivating Christian Mindfulness**, begins this Tuesday, Mar. 16, at 7:00 p.m. Hosted by Kiersten Ruisard and led by Steve Herbes, the series explores the background and benefits of mindfulness, as well as techniques and practices. The second class will be held the following Tuesday, Mar. 23. Here’s the Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82517429240?pwd=dXBmK0pJR2xkeG41NzUwdnRSK2pqQT09>
Passcode: 756485

—Next Sunday, Mar. 21, 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 of the mission of Living Waters for the World. Please make checks payable to FPC and put “LWW” on the memo line, or visit www.fpcor.org to give online. See page 8 of the March edition of *The Banner* for more information about this important work.



*No matter who you are or where you are on life’s journey, or your faith journey,
you are welcome at First Presbyterian Church.*



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. Midweek Bible study

Thursdays:

7:00 p.m. Brewing Questions

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