

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 20, 2022 • *Third Sunday in Lent*

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

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship *(from Micah 6)*

With what shall I come before the Lord and bow myself before God on high?

Shall I come before God with burnt offerings and rivers of oil?

God has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you?

To do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with God.

Let us worship God.

Hymn 54

Make a Joyful Noise to God!

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!

Bless the Lord, our refuge sure; let our songs of praise be heard!

By whose justice we are tried; by whose grace, our guilt deferred.

When our life's sure end shall come, bring us to your heavenly home.

Call to Confession

Litany of Confession

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

While you have been faithful to us, we have failed to keep our promises to you.

(silence)

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

We have shown your love to select people, rather than to everyone.

(silence)

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

We have isolated ourselves from others, not wanting to appear weak.

(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

Luke 13:6-9

Sermon

*Lent through Mister Rogers' Eyes:
Neighborhood Gardener*

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 727

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

*Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.*

*We are Pilgrims on a journey; we're together on a road.
We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.*

*I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night-time of your fear.
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.*

*I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and Sorrow till we've seen this journey through.*

*When we sing to God in heaven, we shall find such harmony,
Born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony.*

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 John Drake and Patty Barlow to the glory of God
and in honor of their parents.*



Announcements

—Thank you to Bob Cantrell for serving as our liturgist today, and to our guest accompanist, Terrye Danner, for sharing her musical gifts with us while Peggy Hinkle is away.

—Sharon will be leading a CREDO conference in Richmond, Va., beginning tomorrow through the following Monday. Carolyn Dipboye will be our guest preacher next Sunday.

—Our Lenten series on the book *Space for God: Study and Practice of Spirituality and Practice*, written by Don Postema and led by Sharon, will not meet this Wednesday evening, Mar. 23 while Sharon is away. The study will resume the following Wednesday evening, Mar. 30, at 6:30 p.m.

—A daily prayer vigil for Ukraine will continue to be held from 11:45 a.m. to noon at the International Friendship Bell.

Mark your calendars

April 10: Passion/Palm Sunday (reading of the Passion Narrative)

April 14: Maundy Thursday (Communion service)

April 15: Good Friday (prayer stations, including full-sized labyrinth in the fellowship hall)

April 17: Easter Sunday (brass ensemble)

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