

# First Presbyterian Church

April 18, 2021 • 10:30 a.m.



*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.)**  
**April 18, 2021 • Third Sunday of Easter**

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

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship**

We gather in the name of the risen Christ to worship God.

***God calls us to worship in spirit and in truth.***

Let us recall again the wonder and the joy of the Resurrection.

***Let us be renewed in the spirit of the living Christ.***

**Hymn**

*Now the Green Blade Rises*  
*(verses 1, 2, and 3)*

*(Glory to God, 247)*

*Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,  
Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;  
Love lives again, that with the dead has been;  
Love is come again like wheat arising green.*

*In the grave they laid him, love by hatred slain,  
Thinking that he would never wake again,  
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen;  
Love is come again like wheat arising green.*

*Forth he came at Easter like the risen grain,  
He that for three days in the grave had lain;  
Raised from the dead, my living Lord is seen;  
Love is come again like wheat arising green.*

**Prayer of Confession**

***God of everlasting life, we proclaim with great joy that Christ is risen! And yet, we confess that we do little more than lip service when it comes to expressing our faith in you. We hesitate to reach out to others in your name, afraid they will ask too much of us. We are only half present to those around us, preoccupied with our own thoughts and agendas. Forgive us, we pray. Renew the vigor of our faith, that we might truly be witnesses to your grace and truth, both in what we say and in what we do; through Christ our risen Savior, we pray. 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**

*The Steadfast Love of the Lord*

*(Glory to God, 59)*

*The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; God's mercies never come to an end.  
They are new every morning, new every morning;  
Great is your faithfulness, O Lord, great is your faithfulness.*

**Scripture Reading**

Luke 24:36b-48

**Sermon**

*Skin in the Game*

Sharon Youngs

**Affirmation of Faith** (*from A Brief Statement of Faith*)

***In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.***

**Call to Prayer**

*Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks*  
(*refrain, sing twice*)

(*Glory to God, 240*)

*Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.*  
*Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.*

**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**

*Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts*  
(*verses 1, 2, and 4*)

(*Glory to God, 494*)

*Jesus, thou joy of loving hearts, thou fount of life, thou light of all,  
From the best bliss that earth imparts we turn, unfilled, to heed thy call.*

*Thy truth unchanged hath ever stood; thou savest those that on thee call;  
To them that seek thee thou art good, to them that find thee, all in all.*

*Our restless spirits yearn for thee, where'er our changeful lot is cast,  
Glad when thy gracious smile we see, blest when our faith can hold thee fast.*

**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**

## Announcements

—Matt Stone continues our **six-week study of *Good White Racist?***, written by Kerry Connelly, this afternoon from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. You do not need to have read the book to participate in the discussion. Here's the Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86345504275?pwd=eIFzTU5xMIFL0DZHaXpHMFY0YW9lQT09>

Passcode: 959562

—Reminder: you are always welcome to submit photos for *The Banner*, FPC's monthly newsletter. The May edition is being prepared, so it is a perfect time to send photos of family Easter events, spring blooms in your yard, etc. Please send them to the office at [fpcadmin@comcast.net](mailto:fpcadmin@comcast.net) by the 20th of each month, and include a note for a caption.



*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

### ***First Presbyterian Church—A PC(USA) Congregation***

P.O. Box 6106 ❖ Oak Ridge, TN 37831 ❖ (865) 483-1318

❖ [fpcor.org](http://fpcor.org) ❖ on Facebook at First Presbyterian Church, Oak Ridge, TN

Sharon Youngs, Pastor Anna Thomas, Director of Music

Peggy Hinkle, Organist Devin Earhart, Technical Assistant

Ryan Tilley, Director of Children & Youth Ministries

Adrienne Walker, Office Manager



*give online*

*Thank you for your continued support of the ministries of FPC. You can mail your regular financial contribution to FPC (address at left) or give online using the QR code here or via the link on [fpcor.org](http://fpcor.org).*