

# 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.)**

**May 16, 2021 • Seventh Sunday of Easter/Ascension**

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

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship** *(based on Psalm 47)*

Clap your hands, all you people; shout to God with loud songs of joy.

***For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome, a great sovereign over all the earth.***

God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

***Sing praises to God, sing praises!***

Let us worship almighty God!

**Hymn**

*Joy to the World*  
*(verses 1,2, and 4)*

*(Glory to God, 266)*

*Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king;  
Let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing.*

*Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ,  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy.*

*He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove  
The glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love.*

**Prayer of Confession**

***Holy God, through Christ's death and resurrection, you made us witnesses to your grace. In your Word you showed us your vision of peace and made us witnesses to your promises. Forgive us, O God, when we fail to work for your reign, forgetting that you have called us to bear your truth. Forgive us when we gaze up toward heaven, forgetting that you have called us to do your work on earth. Enable us to see resurrection life taking root around us, that we might be inspired to do your will in word and deed; through Christ 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

Acts 1:1-11

Sermon

To Be Continued

Sharon Youngs

Affirmation of Faith (*The Apostles' Creed*)

***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

*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

*Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*  
(verses 1 and 2)

(Glory to God, 260)

*Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; his the scepter, his the throne;  
Alleluia! his the triumph, his the victory alone!  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood:  
"Jesus out of every nation has redeemed us by his blood."*

*Alleluia! Not as orphans are we left in sorrow now;  
Alleluia! he is near us; faith believes nor questions how.  
Though the cloud from sight received him, when the forty days were o'er,  
Shall our hearts forget his promise: "I am with you evermore"?*

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 concludes our **six-week study of *Good White Racist?***, written by Kerry Connelly, this afternoon at 2:00 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=eIFzTU5xMIFL0DZHhXpHMFY0YW9lQT09>

Passcode: 959562

—We will receive the **Pentecost Offering** on Sunday, May 23. This special offering of the PC(USA) unites us in a church-wide effort to encourage, develop, and support its young people, and address the needs of at-risk children. 40% of the offering is retained by local congregations to make an impact in the lives of young people within their own community. The remaining 60% is used to support children-at-risk, youth, and young adults through ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency. Please make your gifts payable to FPC and put “Pentecost” on the memo line, or to give online, use the QR code below or visit [www.fpcor.org](http://www.fpcor.org) for a link.



*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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