

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 22, 2022 • *Sixth Sunday of Easter*

**Please stand, in body or in spirit. Text printed in bold italics to be read in unison.*

Prelude

Welcome

***Call to Worship** *(from Psalm 67)*

Let the people praise you, O God; Let all the people praise you!

Let the people celebrate and shout with joy!

Let the nations be glad and rejoice;

let the far ends of the earth join in shouts of praise!

Let us worship almighty God!

***Hymn 610**

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

(a moment of silence for personal confession)

Compassionate God, in Jesus Christ you come to us as the bearer of mercy. You know us in our promise and strength, as well as in our failure and weakness. Forgive us when we rely on old rules instead of new mercies. Raise us from troubled depths to wholeness and restoration. Cleanse us in the pools of your grace, and renew our commitment to walk with you and declare your goodness; in the name of the risen Christ we pray. Amen.

***Assurance of Forgiveness**

***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.

Time with the Children

Anthem *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* arr. Martin

Scripture Reading John 5:1-9

Sermon *Unprovoked Grace* Sharon Youngs

***Affirmation of Faith** (*adapted by members of FPC*)

We believe in God, the Father Almighty, and in Jesus Christ, his Son, our Lord, and in the Holy Spirit. We seek to know God's will, to walk in God's ways, and to proclaim the Gospel to all people, by our lives as well as by our words. We work and pray for the progress of knowledge, the promotion of justice, the reign of peace, and the realization of human unity in our time. And we look with faith for the triumph of righteousness in our community and in our world. Amen.

Call to Prayer (*first time, choir; second time, all*) *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 436** *God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us*

***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 today are given by Don Spong and Janet Swift
to the glory of God and in celebration of their wedding anniversary.*



Announcements

—Thank you to Bert Everitt for serving as our liturgist today.

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

—Our monthly **Conversation on Loss** meets in the parlor today at 11:50 a.m. for a potluck lunch and discussion. The focus today includes a guided spiritual meditation and discussion on Scripture verses to help cope with loss.

—The **2022 flower calendar** still has openings. All you need to do is (1) sign up for a Sunday in memory or in honor of someone; (2) submit the dedication information on a slip of paper located next to the calendar on the fellowship hall door; and (3) remit a check for \$35 payable to FPC (please note “flower” on the memo line).



—You are invited to sign up to **host fellowship and refreshments after worship**. You’ll find a signup sheet on the A-frame sign just inside the fellowship hall entrance from the narthex. Thank you!

Looking ahead:

May 29: Fifth Sunday outdoor worship and all-church picnic

June 5: Pentecost Sunday

June 24: Family Movie Night

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