

First Presbyterian Church

July 5, 2020 • 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.)
July 5, 2020 • Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Welcome to worship! A few guidelines if you are present in the sanctuary:
Please remain seated with your mask on throughout the service and greet others from a distance.
Refrain from singing (a small handful of designated musicians will provide instrumental and vocal music
for the service). A basket is located in the back of the sanctuary for your offering as you depart.*

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Come, let us praise our great and wondrous God!
Let us lift our voices to the One who is Creator of all.
We are small and insignificant in comparison to our Maker,
Yet God uses us in miraculous ways.
Let us worship the God of small seeds and mighty power.

Hymn

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven

(Glory to God, 619)

*Praise, my soul, the God of heaven; glad of heart your carols raise;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who, like me, should sing God's praise?
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the Maker all your days!*

*Praise God for the grace and favor shown our forebears in distress;
God is still the same forever, slow to chide and swift to bless.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Sing our Maker's faithfulness!*

*Like a loving parent caring, God knows well our feeble frame,
Gladly all our burdens bearing, still to countless years the same.
Alleluia! Alleluia! All within me, praise God's name!*

*Angels, teach us adoration; you behold God face to face.
Sun and moon and all creation, dwellers in all time and space:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace!*

Prayer of Confession

God of tender mercies, our faith in you is so fleeting. We place our trust in big, shiny things, rather than rely on your steady strength. We quickly forget what you have said and done and promised. Forgive us, we pray. Deepen our roots in you, that we might bear the fruit of your mercy, love, and abundant life; in Jesus' name. 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.

Hymn

Faith Begins by Letting Go

(Glory to God, 684)

*Faith begins by letting go, giving up what had seemed sure,
Taking risks and pressing on, though the way feels less secure:
Pilgrimage both right and odd, trusting all our life to God.*

*Faith endures by holding on, keeping memory's roots alive
So that hope may bear its fruit; promise-fed, our souls will thrive,
Not through merit we possess but by God's great faithfulness.*

*Faith matures by reaching out, stretching minds, enlarging hearts,
Sharing struggles, living prayer, binding up the broken parts;
Till we find the commonplace ripe with witness to God's grace.*

Charge and Blessing

Sung Response

Irish Blessing

*May the road rise to meet you, may the wind be 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.*

Postlude



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



Announcements

There are several **weekly online gatherings** for you to plug into as we all work to stay connected (see weekly emails for Zoom links). There are three Adult Sunday school classes: "Rise 'n' Shine" and "Let's Talk About It" both meet at 9:00 a.m.; "Early Birds" at 11:45 a.m. There's a post-worship fellowship time each Sunday that starts right after the service. At 5:30 p.m. Sunday evenings the youth group meets (see a note about what they're up to in the July *Banner*). Sharon hosts a Monday morning Coffee Chat each week at 9:00 a.m., a mid-week Bible study at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesdays, and Thursday evening's "Brewing Questions" at 7:00 p.m.

Welcome Table is this Thursday, 5:30-6:00 p.m. We'll be continuing with our drive-thru distribution of a hot meal and bags of canned food. If you would like to be in the rotation of volunteers to assist with this ministry, please contact Sharon (771-7178 or fpcpastor@live.com).

Thank you for your continued support of the ministries of FPC. You can mail your regular financial contribution to FPC (see address below) or give online using the QR code here or via the link on fpcor.org. Thank you!



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Please call the church number to reach us.