

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.)

July 24, 2022 • 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Prelude

Welcome

***Call to Worship**

Lord, you have been our dwelling-place in all generations.

Before the mountains were brought forth, before you formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

From the beginning to the end, you are God.

Your steadfast love holds fast, even when we falter.

Let us worship God whose loving kindness endures forever.

***Hymn 687**

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

(a moment of silence for personal confession)

Often we forget that we are chosen by your love. Too often we neglect to live as people of peace, as disciples of love. We don't remember that your love is everlasting. Teach us, Holy Spirit, to trust your love that remembers us even when we forget you. Remind us, again and again that we are held in your deep mercy, even when we can't see it.

Forgive our sin, and renew our faith that we might once again know, deep in our spirits, that your love will always hold us fast. 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**

We are forgiven

Glory to God, 447

We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

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Anthem

Lord, Listen to Your Children

arr. Larson

Scripture Reading

Psalm 71:4-9

Sermon

When All Seems Lost

Susan Reisinger

Hymn 808

When Memory Fades

***Affirmation of Faith**

We believe these “foolish” mysteries of God’s kingdom: that those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for Christ’s sake will save it; that we should love our enemies and pray for those who persecute us; that Christ’s power is made perfect in our weakness. That God’s love is everlasting and is for everyone. We believe that God has made foolish the wisdom of the world. We believe that God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and that God’s weakness is stronger than human strength. We believe God’s love holds us close, even when we are weak.

Call to Prayer

Glory to God, 692

***Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.
As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving.
Spirit open my heart.***

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 67

My Song Forever Shall Record

***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

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*The flowers today are given by Anna Robinson
to the glory of God and in memory of her husband Bill Robinson.*

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Announcements

—Thank you to Chuck Hadden for serving as our liturgist today.

—Special thanks to our guest accompanist Teresa Gross for sharing her musical gifts with us Today, and to Susan Reisinger for preaching while Sharon is away on vacation.

—Our monthly **Conversation on Loss** meets in the parlor today at 11:50 a.m. for a potluck lunch and discussion. The focus today is on music that brings back fond memories. Please bring a song or hymn to share with the group.

Looking ahead:

July 31 – Ice Cream Social

August 24– Potluck dinner & hymn sing

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church!

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here. We hope you feel the love that is present and our joy in having you with us. If you'd like to know more about First Presbyterian Church, let's talk! Please speak with Sharon or any of the ushers after the service.

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