

# 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.)**  
**August 2, 2020 • Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship**

A word of encouragement came from prophet to people;

**Live a life that is full – build, plant, eat, love, multiply--**

Pray for your communities

**Keep God in the center of all that is.**

We enter into worship today with hope in our hearts

**For something happens here that reminds us that we can live as God desires**

God has made a promise of faithfulness to us

**and we can trust the promise.**

**Hymn**

*God of Great and God of Small*

*(Glory to God, 19)*

*God of great and God of small, God of one and God of all,  
God of weak and God of strong, God to whom all things belong,  
Alleluia, alleluia, praise be to your name.*

*God of land and sky and sea, God of life and destiny,  
God of neverending power, yet beside me every hour,  
Alleluia, alleluia, praise be to your name.*

*God of silence, God of sound, God by whom the lost are found,  
God of day and darkest night, God whose love turns wrong to right,  
Alleluia, alleluia, praise be to your name.*

*God of heaven and God of earth, God of death and God of birth,  
God of now and days before, God who reigns forevermore,  
Alleluia, alleluia, praise be to your name.*

**Prayer of Confession**

***Saving God, like Israel before us we are filled with joy when you deliver us from bondage and we praise you when you vanquish our foes. Yet we are less trusting when you lead us into the desert: the long way, the unknown path, the journey of trial, trust, and refining. Forgive us for questioning the path you have chosen for us. Forgive our complaining along the way. Forgive the times we've stumbled when the journey was long and hard. Deliver us from our Egypts. Lead us on our unexpected journeys. Sustain us in our deserts. Bring us to our promised lands. 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.



## 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



*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:**

*The online post-communion fellowship will not gather today. Join us next Sunday via Zoom!*

*Today through Tuesday, Aug 2 - 4, the "Let's Talk About It" class is hosting a virtual movie night, featuring Come Hell or High Water: The Battle for Turkey Creek. Bring your own popcorn and stream the movie using the link in last Thursday's email, or contact Dan Terpstra (danterpstramail@gmail.com or 216-6974).*

*The film follows the painful but inspiring journey of Derrick Evans, a Boston teacher who moves home to coastal Mississippi when the graves of his ancestors are bulldozed to make way for the sprawling city of Gulfport. There's a webinar with the director on Wednesday, Aug. 5, at 8:00 p.m., and Let's Talk About It will be discussing the movie again next Sunday, Aug. 9, at 9:00 a.m.*

*Next Sunday, Aug. 9, we will receive a special offering for Living Waters for the World. Even though we will not be able to receive it in person, please consider making a gift to help others around the world have access to clean, safe water. You can make a gift online, or mail a check to FPC with "LWW" on the memo line.*

### **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  
Let's Talk About It  
5:30 p.m. Youth group

#### **Mondays:**

9:00 a.m. Coffee Chat with Sharon

#### **Wednesdays:**

5:30 p.m. Mid-week Bible study

#### **Thursdays:**

7:00 p.m. Brewing Questions

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