

# 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 9, 2020 • Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship** (*adapted from Psalm 105*)

O give thanks to the Lord, make known God's deeds among the peoples.

**Offer praises to God, tell of all God's wonderful works.**

Seek the Lord's presence continually.

**Keep steady watch for God's direction.**

Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

**Hymn**

*How Firm a Foundation*

*(Glory to God, 463)*

*How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,  
Is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!  
What more can be said than to you God hath said,  
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?*

*"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,  
For I am thy God and will still give thee aid;  
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.*

*"When through the deep waters I call thee to go,  
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;  
For I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless,  
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.*

*"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,  
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;  
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I'll never, no, never, no never forsake."*

**Prayer of Confession**

***God of tender mercies, we confess that we are drowning in doubt and fear. We hesitate to trust that you are more powerful than the churning chaos around us. As a result, we place our faith in things that cannot sustain us. Save us, Lord. Restore to us the joy of your salvation, that we might show forth your justice and grace in both word and deed; in Jesus' name 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.



## 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 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.*

### **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  
11:00 a.m.            Post-worship fellowship  
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

### **Living Waters for the World**

Today we receive a special offering for Living Waters for the World.

Though we are 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 using the QR code below, or mail a check to FPC with "LWW" on the memo line.

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