

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 21, 2022 • 21st 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** *(from Psalm 133)*

How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

It is like the precious oil on the head, running down Aaron's beard.

It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion.

For there the Lord ordained God's blessing, life forevermore.

Let us worship God.

***Hymn 661**

His Eye Is on the Sparrow

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

(a moment for silent confession)

Almighty God, we confess that we have, yet again, fallen short of what you desire of us. We have done things we should not have done, and left undone things we should have done. We have neither loved you with our whole heart nor loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us, we pray. By your Spirit help us to live as those who know you, so that others may be drawn to your light; in Jesus' name 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**

Will the Circle Be Unbroken

Will the circle be unbroken by and by, Lord, by and by?

There's a better home a-waiting in the sky, Lord, in the sky.

Time with Children

Holy God, as the children go out to school and play, please keep them in your sight. Help us to guide them and love them as their church family, teaching them your love through our example. May they grow in that love to be the amazing people we know they are.

God bless you and keep you,

God smile on you and gift you,

God look you full in the face and make you prosper. Amen.

(Children are welcome to return to their seats or join the activity in the fellowship hall.)

Scripture Reading

Romans 12:9-18

Sermon

*Jesus, Take the Wheel:
Howdy, Dolly*

Sharon Youngs

Musical Reflection

***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, solo; second time, all)*

Glory to God, 835

***Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea,
Daily walking close to thee; let it be, dear Lord, let it be.***

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.

Moment for Mission

***Hymn 313**

Lord, Make Us More Holy

***Charge and Blessing**

Postlude

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*The flowers today are given by Darlene Sanders
to the glory of God and in honor of her mom, Betty Ward, and granddaughter,
Zoey Sanders, and their August birthdays.*

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Announcements

—Thank you to Dave Mullins for serving as our liturgist today, and to guest vocalist Shauntina Phillips for sharing her musical gifts with us.

—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 exploring how people may grieve when loss is experienced at different ages throughout our lifespan.

—Our **potluck dinner and hymn sing** is this Wednesday, Aug. 24, 6:00 p.m. John Purifoy (piano) and Peggy Hinkle (organ) will be our accompanists. Have your potluck dishes to the fellowship hall by 5:45 p.m.

—You may notice a new approach to **Time with Children** this morning. After prayer during the service, children who are present will be invited to the fellowship hall for a coloring activity. Children at home will be able to access the coloring activity at fpcor.org. If you would be willing to take a turn to be with the children for this pre-planned activity during worship, please talk with Camille Graves, Elaine Wilson, or Sharon.

—Please pass the word: We are actively seeking a **Coordinator for Children & Youth Ministries**. This part-time position (up to 20 hours) is responsible for planning, coordinating, and overseeing activities for children and youth (birth through high school) to promote healthy friendships, spiritual development, and ministry involvement. Talk with Sharon for more details.

—You are invited to sign up to **host refreshments and fellowship after worship**. You'll find a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board just inside the fellowship hall entrance from the narthex.

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