

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 23, 2020 • Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship (from *Psalms* 51)

Listen to me, you that seek the Lord and pursue righteousness.

Lift up your eyes to the heavens and look at the earth beneath;

The heavens will vanish like smoke and the earth will wear out like a garment.

But God's salvation and deliverance will never be ended.

Hymn

O Lord My God

(Glory to God, 625)

*O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed:*

Refrain:

Then sings my soul, my savior God, to thee: How great thou art! How great thou art!

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*When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze:*

(Refrain)

*And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin:*

(Refrain)

*When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!"*

(Refrain)

Prayer of Confession

Forgiving God, we confess that we are conformed to this world instead of to you. We fail to notice the multitude of blessings you provide and the people who deliver them. We seek the easiest and least painful route, rather than what will draw us closer to you and your call for our lives. Have mercy, we pray. Open our eyes to the stirring of your Spirit in our midst, that we might be your partners in birthing your realm of righteousness; 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.

Sung Response

The Steadfast Love of the Lord

(*Glory to God*, 59)

*The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; God's mercies never come to an end.
They are new every morning, new every morning;
Great is your faithfulness, O Lord, great is your faithfulness.*

Scripture Reading

Exodus 1:8—2:10

Sermon

On-Time Delivery

Sharon Youngs

Musical Reflection

The Sacrament of Baptism

Debbie Thomas

Presentation

Questions to the Congregation

Do you, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture Debbie by word and deed, with love and prayer?

We do.

Will you encourage her to know and follow Christ and to be a faithful member of his church?

We will.

Thanksgiving Over the Water

The Baptism

Welcome

Hymn

Baptized in Water

(*Glory to God*, 482)

*Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, cleansed by the blood of Christ our King;
Heirs of salvation, trusting the promise, faithfully now God's praises we sing.*

*Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, dead in the tomb with Christ our King;
One with his rising, freed and forgiven, thankfully now God's praises we sing.*

*Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, marked with the sign of Christ our King;
Born of the Spirit, we are God's children; joyfully now God's praises we sing.*

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:

Our **post-worship fellowship** begins approximately 5 minutes after the worship service ends. A little later, at 1:00 p.m., the monthly **Conversation on Loss** commences, led by Elaine Wilson. For the links to both of these Zoom gatherings, please see the email sent out this past Tuesday.

Sharon will be leading a brief Evening Prayer liturgy at 7:00 p.m. each Tuesday evening, and a similar Morning Prayer liturgy each Saturday morning at 8:00 a.m. These brief, informal services will be outdoors. You are invited to bring your own chair and wear a mask. We'll gather in the parking lot by the soccer field and go from there to an area where we can observe physical distancing.

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

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