

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 28, 2022 • *22nd 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*)

The heavens are telling the glory of God,
and the firmament declares God's handiwork.

Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.

There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard;

***Yet their voice goes out through all the earth,
and their words to the end of the world.***

Let us worship the Maker of all that is, seen and unseen.

***Hymn**

Unclouded Day

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

(a moment for silent confession)

God of grace and mercy, we confess how hard it is to live by faith and not by sight. We prefer to tuck ourselves safely away and wait for your return, rather than work now to help ease the struggles of this world. We desire more "sweet by and by" and less of today's troubles. Forgive us, we pray. Bolster our faith, that we may live as your confident and eager disciples in these present days; in Jesus' name. 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.)

Anthem

Angel Band

Scripture Reading

2 Corinthians 4:16—5:5

Sermon

*Jesus, Take the Wheel:
Honky-Tonk Heaven*

Sharon Youngs

***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.

***Hymn**

I'll Fly Away

***Charge and Blessing**

Postlude

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*The flowers today are given by Shirley Sauls
to the glory of God and in memory of Bill Sauls.*

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Announcements

—Thank you to Bob Cantrell for serving as our liturgist today and a special thanks to our marvelous musicians.

—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. If interested, go to <https://indeedhi.re/3wd3CEX> or talk to 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.

Looking ahead:

Sept. 10: Congregational hike at Obed Lilly Bluff Point Trail.
Details to come in weekly eNews.

Sept. 11, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m: Kick-off meeting for Fall 2022 FPC youth group.
Parent's meeting, youth activity, and campfire hot dogs + smores.

Sept. 23-25: Middle School Retreat at Camp John Knox (6th-8th grade).

Sept. 30 - Oct 1: Pre-teen retreat at Camp John Knox (4th-5th grade).
Overnight and one-day option.

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