

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.)

September 4, 2022 • *23rd 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 33)*

We gather in the presence of God,

who knows us in all the moments of our lives.

We gather in the house of God:

who has created a family for us, here and in all places around the world.

We gather as the people of God:

who calls us to follow in love, in faith, and in service.

***Hymn 611**

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

(a moment for silent confession)

Searching God, there is no place we can go but that you are there already. We confess that we are often in places where we wish you could not see us—behind walls we build to separate ourselves from others, behind treasures we hoard for ourselves instead of sharing with those in need, behind plans that do not include you. Forgive us, Lord. Knit together once more our scattered souls, that we might reflect your love and justice wherever we are; through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

***Assurance of Pardon**

***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 Never Ceases

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.

Time with Children

Dear God, thank you for children—in this place and in every place. May they learn the joy of knowing that you are with them each day. Keep them healthy and help them to thrive. And help us as their church family to teach them your love through our example.

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	<i>Take Our Lives</i>	Shippey
Scripture Reading	Jeremiah 18:1-11	
Sermon	<i>The Persevering Potter</i>	Sharon Youngs
Musical Reflection		

The Eucharist

Invitation to the Table

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

All praise to you, God our Creator ... and with all the heavenly host, we praise you with joy:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory; Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Loving God, in gratitude we remember ... for what Christ has done for us, we proclaim our hope:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Holy God, send your Holy Spirit upon us ... through Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. ***Amen.***

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.

Breaking of the Bread

Communion

Prayer after Communion

God of glory, you nourish us with bread from heaven. Fill us with your Holy Spirit, that through us your light may shine into all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

***Hymn 312**

Take Us As We Are, O God

***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



The flowers today are given by Susan Sharp and Richard Ward to the glory of God.



Announcements

—Thank you to Peggy Terpstra for serving as our liturgist today.

—The church office will be closed tomorrow, September 5, for Labor Day.

—This Thursday, September 8, is our monthly **Welcome Table**. We'll distribute taco soup meals and groceries from 5:30 to 6:00 p.m. (drive-thru only).

—All are invited to hike the Point Trail at Obed Wild and Scenic River on Saturday, Sept. 10. Paul Akers and Barbara Reeve will be our guides. Wear sturdy shoes for this moderate, 3.8-mile round-trip trail. Bring your lunch and plenty of water. We will leave the church parking lot at 8:30 a.m. and return no later than 4:00 p.m.

—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.

Looking ahead:

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.

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