

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 5, 2021 • *Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Come, let us worship God, who is the source of all goodness.

Let us worship the Lord with grateful and joyous hearts.

God is greater than our comprehension or imagination,

Yet closer to us than our very breath.

Let us sing and celebrate!

Let us bow before our Creator in humble adoration!

Hymn 67

My Song Forever Shall Record

(verses 1, 2, and 3)

My song forever shall record the tender mercies of the Lord;

Your faithful love will I proclaim, and every age shall know your name.

I sing of mercies that endure, forever firm, forever sure,

A strong support that never dies, established changeless in the skies.

Almighty God, your lofty throne has justice for its cornerstone,

And shining bright before your face are truth and love and boundless grace.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, you call us to be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to anger.

But often we ignore that wisdom. Instead of listening, we talk past one another.

Instead of practicing kindness, we hand out judgment and malice. Forgive us, Lord.

Help us rid ourselves of wickedness and embrace your steadfast love in Jesus Christ, in whose 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.

Hymn 526

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

*Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy:
Bread is broken; the wine is poured; Christ is spoken and seen and heard.*

Refrain:

*Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again;
Pass the Word around: loaves abound!*

*Christ is able to make us one; at the table he sets the tone,
Teaching people to live to bless, love in word and in deed express.*

Refrain

*Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
Gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Immanuel) everywhere!*

Refrain

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

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*Today's flowers are given by George and Irene Darko to the glory of God
and in memory of George's mother Rebecca and Irene's mother Grace.*
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Announcements

- As you depart this morning, please leave the communion element cups on the trays in the narthex.
- Thank you to Sally Moyer for serving as our liturgist today.

Weekly gatherings
(See weekly emails for details.)

Sundays:
9:00 a.m. classes Early Birds; Rise 'n' Shine
11:30 a.m. Post-worship fellowship

Tuesdays:
12:15 p.m. Centering prayer

Wednesdays:
5:30 p.m. Midweek Bible study

Thursdays:
7:00 p.m. Brewing Questions

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