

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 6, 2020 • *Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship (*adapted from Psalm 111*)

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the congregation.

Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;

All those who practice it have a good understanding.

Hymn

Where Charity and Love Prevail

(Glory to God, 316)

*Where charity and love prevail, there God is ever found;
Brought here together by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.*

*Let strife among us be unknown; let all contentions cease.
Be God's the glory that we seek; be his our only peace.*

*Let us forgive each other's faults as we our own confess,
That we may love each other well in Christian gentleness.*

Litany of Confession

From evil, even when it masquerades as good,

Merciful God, deliver us.

From irresponsible behaviors, quarreling, and jealousy,

Merciful God, deliver us.

From hurtful disagreements and irreconcilable differences,

Merciful God, deliver us.

Turn us away from the death sin inflicts.

Teach us to forgive one another; through Christ we pray. Amen.

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

Matthew 18:12-22

Sermon

Recipe for Reconciliation

Sharon Youngs

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.

Musical Reflection

Feed Us, Lord

(*Glory to God*, 501)

*Feed us, Lord. Feed us, Lord. In the broken bread, be revealed again.
Come and feed our hearts, O Lord.*

*Quench us, Lord. Quench us, Lord. On this thirsty ground, may your love flow down.
Come and quench our hearts, O Lord.*

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy ... who forever sing to the glory of your name:

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.

You are holy, O God of majesty ... all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever. ***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 and Sharing of the Bread

Pouring and Sharing of the Cup

Prayer after Communion

Reconciling God, thank you for feeding us at your table. May the sustenance of this meal strengthen us to build bridges of your compassion and pathways of your peace; in Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Hymn

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

(Glory to God, 203)

Refrain:

*Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love;
Show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.*

*Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet,
Master who acts as a slave to them.*

(Refrain)

*Neighbors are wealthy and poor, varied in color and race;
Neighbors are near us and far away.*

(Refrain)

*These are the ones we should serve; these are the ones we should love;
All these are neighbors to us and you.*

(Refrain)

*Loving puts us on our knees, willing to wash others' feet;
This is the way we should live like you.*

(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



*No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, or your faith journey,
you are welcome at First Presbyterian Church.*

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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