

# 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 11, 2022 • *24th 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 147)*

How good it is to sing praises to God;

***For God is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.***

The Lord gathers the outcasts and heals the brokenhearted.

***The Lord binds up the wounded and lifts up the downtrodden.***

Let us worship almighty God with heart, soul, mind, and strength.

**\*Hymn 619**

*Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven*

**\*Call to Confession**

**\*Prayer of Confession**

*(a moment for silent confession)*

***God of mercy, although we believe we are experts at faithfulness, we confess we are unskilled workers at doing good for others. Too often we turn a deaf ear to the cries of people we have judged to be fools. Too easily we scoff at those we believe have nothing to teach us. How foolish we are! Forgive us, we pray. Restore us to your goodness, that we might in turn search for all who sit in the shadowed corners of this world, yearning for someone to find them, even as Jesus Christ found us. 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 *Bow Down Low (Shaker Song)* arr. Bridges

Scripture Reading Luke 15:1-10

Sermon *Search and Rescue* Sharon Youngs

## Musical Reflection

**\*Affirmation of Faith** The Apostles' Creed *(traditional)*

***I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.***

Call to Prayer *Glory to God, 795*

***Healer of our every ill, light of each tomorrow,***

***Give us peace beyond our fear, and hope beyond our sorrow.***

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 649 *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

\*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 Linda Fall to the glory of God.*



## ***Announcements***

—Thank you to Sally Moyer for serving as our liturgist today.

—The kick-off for FPC's fall 2022 youth group will be this evening from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. The youth will meet for a firepit meal and to plan the year ahead. Sharon will meet with the parents while the youth enjoy another activity.

—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.

—Sharon leaves tomorrow morning to lead a CREDO conference near Little Rock, Ark. She'll return the evening of Sept. 19. Larry Dipboye will preach next week.

## **Looking ahead:**

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.

Oct. 8: National Storytelling Festival (see Sue Byrne for details).

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