

# 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 13, 2020 • Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship** (*from Psalm 113*)

Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time on and forevermore.

***Let us praise God from the rising of the sun to its setting.***

The Lord is high above all nations; God's glory is above the heavens.

***God raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap.***

**Hymn**

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

*(Glory to God, 14)*

*For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies:*

*Refrain:*

*Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*

*For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,  
For the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight:*

*(Refrain)*

*For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,  
Friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild:*

*(Refrain)*

*For thyself, best gift divine to the world so freely given;  
For that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:*

*(Refrain)*

**Prayer of Confession**

***Loving God, your grace and mercy are ever-present in our lives. Your forgiveness is boundless in mercy when we fail to live in Christlike ways. And yet, we are quick to carry a grudge—quick to find fault, quick to assign blame, quick to harden our hearts toward others. Cleanse us, we pray, and help us to model the grace you have shown us by offering grace to others. We pray in the name of the One who died so that we might fully live. Amen.***

## 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*                                      (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**                                      Romans 14:1-13

**Sermon**                                      *You Be the Judge—or Better Yet, Not*                                      Sharon Youngs

## Musical Reflection

**Call to Prayer**                                      *There Is a Place of Quiet Rest*                                      (Glory to God, 824)

*There is a place of comfort sweet, near to the heart of God,  
A place where we our Savior meet, near to the heart of God.  
O Jesus, blest Redeemer, sent from the heart of God,  
Hold us, who wait before thee, near to the heart of God.*

**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**                                      *When We Are Living*                                      (Glory to God, 822)

*When we are living, it is in Christ Jesus,  
And when we're dying, it is in the Lord.  
Both in our living and in our dying,  
We belong to God; we belong to God.*

*Through all our living, we our fruits must give.  
Good works of service are for offering.  
When we are giving, or when receiving,  
We belong to God; we belong to God.*

*'Mid times of sorrow and in times of pain,  
When sensing beauty or in love's embrace,  
Whether we suffer, or sing rejoicing,  
We belong to God; we belong to God.*

*Across this wide world, we shall always find  
Those who are crying with no peace of mind,  
But when we help them, or when we feed them,  
We belong to God; we belong to 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



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



#### *Announcement*

Today marks the beginning of two new classes for children and youth. Both will be meeting virtually, so if you need a Zoom link, please contact Ryan Tilley ([rtilley10@yahoo.com](mailto:rtilley10@yahoo.com) or 603-7298).

- **Pathfinders:** Children in pre-K-3rd grade, Sundays, 11:30 a.m.  
Parents are encouraged to participate with their child.
- **Faith Seekers:** Youth in grades 4-12, Sundays, 5:30 p.m.  
Games, fellowship, and study

### 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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