

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 18, 2022 • *25th 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**

In the quiet shadows of uncertainty and confusion we come to you, O Lord.

***In the softness of the morning, in the solace of silence
we come to you, O Lord.***

We need your acceptance, forgiveness and love
as we learn to be accepting, forgiving, and loving.

In the serenity of worship, we open our hearts to God.

***Hymn 766**

The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

(a moment for silent confession)

***God, who knows us better than we know ourselves, forgive our preference
for the way that is safe, expedient and predictable over your call to the
daring and costly path of discipleship. Forgive us and transform us by
your grace that our lives may reflect the beauty of your image and the
wholeness of your creation. 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.

***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.)

Scripture Reading

Luke 16:1-13

Sermon

Hey, It's Complicated!

Larry Dipboye

Musical Reflection

Because I Have Been Given Much

arr. Petersen

*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 65

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

*Charge and Blessing

Give me neither poverty nor riches;
feed me with the food that I need.

(Proverbs 30:8b)

*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 Driver to the glory of God
and in memory of her late husband Michael Machen.*



Announcements

—Thank you to Dave Mullins for serving as our liturgist today.

—Special thanks to Larry Dipboye for preaching today while Sharon is away.

—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. 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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