

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 19, 2021 • *Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

(For the sake of brevity, we occasionally sing selected verses of hymns.)

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship *(from Psalm 1)*

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked or sit in the seat of scoffers;
but their delight is in the law of God, on which they meditate day and night.

They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season.

In all that they do, they prosper.

Let us worship God.

Hymn 318

In Christ There Is No East or West
(verses 1, 2, and 3)

*In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
But one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.*

*In Christ shall true hearts everywhere their high communion find;
His service is the golden cord close-binding humankind.*

*Join hands, disciples of the faith, whate'er your race may be.
All children of the living God are surely kin to me.*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of all peoples, your commandment is to love our neighbors as ourselves. But we confess that we treat some people with more dignity and respect than others. We welcome those who look and act like us, while being less open to strangers and those who are different. Forgive us for the moments when our faith has been empty, for the times when our deeds have not matched our words. Help us to lean ever more toward your goodness in word and in deed; in Jesus' name. 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

God Welcomes All
(sing twice)

(Glory to God, 399)

*God welcomes all, strangers and friends;
God's love is strong and it never ends.*

Time with the Children

Scripture Reading

James 2:1-10, 14-17

Sermon

Playing Favorites

Sharon Youngs

***Affirmation of Faith** (adapted by members of FPC)

We believe in God, the Father Almighty, and in Jesus Christ, His Son, our Lord, and in the Holy Spirit. We seek to know God's will, to walk in God's ways, and to proclaim the Gospel to all people, by our lives as well as by our words. We work and pray for the progress of knowledge, the promotion of justice, the reign of peace, and the realization of human unity in our time. And we look with faith for the triumph of righteousness in our community and in our world. Amen.

Call to Prayer

Come and Fill Our Hearts
(sing twice)

(Glory to God, 466)

*Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You alone, O Lord, are holy.
Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Alleluia!*

Prayers of the People and 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 762

When the Poor Ones
(verses 1, 2, and 4)

*When the poor ones who have nothing share with strangers,
When the thirsty water give unto us all,
When the crippled in their weakness strengthen others,*

Refrain:

*Then we know that God still goes that road with us,
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*When at last all those who suffer find their comfort,
When they hope though even hope seems hopelessness,
When we love though hate at times seems all around us,*

Refrain

*When our homes are filled with goodness in abundance,
When we learn how to make peace instead of war,
When each stranger that we meet is called a neighbor,*

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



*The flowers are given today by Elizabeth Andrews & Richard Long to the glory of God
and in memory of Elizabeth's sister Karen Haywood Sawyer.*



Announcements

—Thank you to Chuck Hadden for serving as our liturgist.

—Today we receive our third quarter Hunger Fund offering. Your gift supports the work of Second Harvest and various other local food pantries, provides food vouchers through ADFAC and FPC for immediate food assistance, and funds FPC's monthly Welcome Table community meal. Please make checks payable to FPC with "Hunger Fund" on the memo line or use the QR code below to give online. Thank you helping feed the hungry in our community.

—Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is the emergency relief agency of the PC(USA). To make a gift to the PDA to aid with hurricane relief, you can make a check payable to FPC with "PDA" on the memo line, or you can give directly to PDA by visiting their website at pda.pcusa.org.

Weekly gatherings

(See weekly emails for details.)

Sundays:

9:00 a.m. classes Early Birds; Rise 'n' Shine;
Let's Talk About It

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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