

# First Presbyterian Church

September 25, 2022 • 10:30 a.m.



*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 25, 2022 • *26th 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 91)*

You who live in the shelter of the Most High will say to the Lord,  
“My God, in whom I trust.”

***For under God’s wings you will find refuge.***

You will not fear the terror of the night or the arrow that flies by day.

***For God says, “I will be with them in trouble and show them my salvation.”***

**\*Hymn 630**

*Fairest Lord Jesus*

**\*Call to Confession**

**\*Prayer of Confession**

*(a moment for silent confession)*

***God of grace, you promise to be with us until our journey’s end. And yet, we are hesitant to trust your sovereign presence. We fear that the destruction and chaos around us are greater than your power to bring about shalom. Rather than stepping up to help, we step back to safeguard ourselves and all we deem precious. Forgive us, we pray. Grant us the courage to be steadfast in our faith, that we might live as those who have assurance in your coming realm on earth, even as it is in heaven; in Jesus’ name. 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	<i>Sing to the Lord, Rejoice!</i>	Telemann/Hopson
Scripture Reading	Jeremiah 32:6-15	
Sermon	<i>A Radical Act of Hope</i>	Sharon Youngs
Musical Reflection	<i>What Does the Lord Require of You?</i>	<i>Glory to God, 70</i>

## \*Affirmation of Faith (from *A Brief Statement of Faith*)

***We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Holy Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" 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 307

*God of Grace and God of Glory*

## \*Charge and Blessing

## \*Sung Response

*Irish Blessing*

*(inside back cover of hymnal)*

## Postlude

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*The flowers today are given by Mary Childress to the glory of God  
and in memory of Bill Childress who would have been 84 on September 28, 2022.*

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## **Announcements**

—Thank you to Janet Swift for serving as our liturgist today.

—Our monthly **Conversation on Loss** meets in the parlor today at 11:50 a.m. for a potluck lunch and discussion. The focus today will be self-care.

—**Coffee Chat** will be in person tomorrow, Sept. 26, 9:30 a.m., in room 6 of the Sanctuary building. Sharon will have coffee ready. Bring whatever topic is on your mind.

—Next Sunday, Oct. 3, is **World Communion Sunday**. We will receive the annual Peace & Global Witness offering, which enables the PC(USA) to promote peacemaking and reconciliation and address systems that perpetuate violence. FPC will retain 25% of the offering for use in local and regional peacemaking initiatives. To give, make a check payable to FPC and note “Peace” on the memo line, or use the QR code below to give online. Thank you!

—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.

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