

First Presbyterian Church

September 26, 2021 • 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 26, 2021 • *Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

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

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship *(based on James 5)*

Are any among you suffering?

Then let us pray.

Are any among you cheerful?

Then let us sing songs of praise.

Let us pray with hope and sing with joy!

Let us worship almighty God!

Hymn 330

Our Help Is in the Name of God
(verses 1 and 2)

*Our help is in the name of God the Lord,
The One who made the heavens with a word,
Creator of the world, each living thing.
Come bless the Lord, lift up your hearts and sing:
“Our help is in the name of God the Lord.”*

*When evil seems to have the upper hand,
Call on God’s name: the Lord, the great “I AM.”
When troubles rise and all around gives way,
Remember God stays with us night and day.
Our help is in the name of God the Lord.*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful Maker of us all, in you we live and move and have our being. You provide us with more than we need to do your will. And yet, we are never fully faithful to you. We lack confidence in your power, seeking instead alternatives that never satisfy. We pray very little, assuming that it is an exercise in futility. Forgive us, O God. Remind us daily of your sustaining providence in all things, that we might, in turn, offer hope to others; in Jesus’ name we pray. 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 5:13-20

Sermon

Let Us Pray

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

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying
(sing twice)

(Glory to God, 469)

*Lord, listen to your children praying. Lord, send your Spirit in this place.
Lord, listen to your children praying. Send us love; send us power; send us grace.*

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 465

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

*What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit; O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!*

*Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer!*

*Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge; take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a solace there.*

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 Sally Moyer to the glory of God
and in memory of her best friend Doreen Van Riet.*



Announcements

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

—Next Sunday, Oct. 3, World Communion Sunday, we will receive the **Peace & Global Witness offering**, a special offering of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Your gift enables the PC(USA) to promote peacemaking and reconciliation and addresses systems that perpetuate violence. Local congregations retain 25% of the offering for use in local and regional peacemaking initiatives. Our Social Concerns committee has directed our portion toward FPC’s Morgan County Residential Recovery Court ministry. You can make a check payable to FPC and note “Peace” on the memo line, or you may give online using the QR code below.

—The **flower calendar** is available for you to sign up (in-person or by calling the church office) to provide flowers for a Sunday service. The flowers come from Oak Ridge Floral. All you do is cover the cost (\$35—payable to FPC prior to the Sunday you choose) and provide Adrienne with details for dedicating the flowers.



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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Peggy Hinkle, Organist Devin Earhart, Technical Assistant

Lee Robinson, Children & Youth Coordinator

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