

First Presbyterian Church

September 27, 2020 • 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 27, 2020 • *Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship (*based on Exodus 17*)

Come, all who thirst—come to the water!

You who long for the water of life—come and drink!

Dip your soul in the river of God's goodness; quench your thirst at God's well of grace.

For God is here among us, offering living water to all who would drink.

Let us worship God.

Hymn

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

(Glory to God, 81)

Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God.

God, whose word cannot be broken, formed thee for a blest abode.

On the rock of ages founded, what can shake thy sure repose?

With salvation's wall surrounded, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

Round each habitation hovering, see the cloud and fire appear

For a glory and a covering, showing that the Lord is near.

Thus deriving from their banner light by night and shade by day,

Safe they feed upon the manna which God gives them when they pray.

See, the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love,

Well supply thy sons and daughters and all fear of want remove.

Who can faint while such a river ever flows, their thirst to assuage?

Grace, so like the Lord the giver, never fails from age to age.

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we want to be fountains of hope for others, but people find only hardened hearts. We want to be transformed people, but our pride prevents us from yielding to you. We long to stand with those in need, but our selfishness keeps our backs rigid in judgment. Forgive us, we pray. Split open our frozen hearts, that compassion might flow freely to those who are hurting; in the name of Christ we pray. 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

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.*




Announcements

Conversation on loss: this monthly gathering, hosted by Elaine Wilson, begins at 1:00 p.m. via Zoom. It is a timely topic, and especially in this time. Please see last Tuesday's email for the Zoom link.

Ecumenical Storehouse Volunteers needed for October: FPC's turn to help at the Storehouse is coming up. People who are able to move furniture and gather other items for clients are needed on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10:00 a.m. to noon. Owners of trucks are needed to do pickups on Saturdays, 10:00 to noon. COVID-19 protocols are in place for the safety of volunteers and clients. For more information and to volunteer, contact Janet Swift (swiftjan@gmail.com or 387-2027)

Children and Youth Sunday school: Two new classes for children and youth have kicked off. Both meet virtually, so if you need a Zoom link, please contact Ryan Tilley (rtilley10@yahoo.com or 603-7298).

- **Pathfinders:** Children in pre-K-3rd grade, Sundays, 11:30 a.m.
- **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:

9:30 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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