

First Presbyterian Church

October 10, 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.)

October 10, 2021 • Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship *(based on Job 38)*

How manifold are the works of God!

In wisdom God has made them all.

God gave orders to the morning and showed the dawn its place;

the Lord molded the earth until it took shape.

God alone comprehends the vastness of the universe;

the Lord alone knows the laws of heaven.

Let us bless the Lord, Creator of all!

Let us praise God's holy name!

Hymn 625

O Lord My God
(verses 1, 2, and 4)

*O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed:*

Refrain

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:
How great thou art! How great thou art!
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How great thou art! How great thou art!*

*When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze:*

Refrain

*When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration, and there proclaim,
"My God, how great thou art!"*

Refrain

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of grace and grandeur, we marvel at your blueprint of the universe. None can compare to you. And yet, we go about our days as if we had designed it all ourselves. We demonstrate a frivolous attitude toward your creation. We act as if we know what is best for everyone, paying attention to some and ignoring others. Forgive us, we pray. Help us to change our way of life, so that we might love what you love and do what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.*

Scripture Reading

Job 38 (selected verses)

Sermon

On Not Being God

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 30

O God, in a Mysterious Way
(verses 1, 2, and 4)

*O God, in a mysterious way great wonders you perform.
You plant your footsteps in the sea and ride upon the storm.*

*Deep in unfathomable mines of never-failing skill,
You treasure up your bright designs and work your sovereign will.*

*Our unbelief is sure to err and scan your work in vain.
You are your own interpreter, and you will make it plain.*

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 Mimi & Ed Tilley to the glory of God
and in memory of Mimi's sister, Perky Gregory Hunt.*



Announcements

—Thank you to Carolyn Dipboye for serving as our liturgist.

—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.



—Looking ahead

- Oct. 17: Children and youth in grades 4 and up, along with their parents, are invited to a campfire dinner at the FPC firepit, beginning at 5:30 p.m.
- Oct. 31: A Fifth Sunday in two parts. Part 1 will be after worship when Congregational Care & Welcome folks will trade you a bag of treats for canned goods for our food pantry. Part 2 will be a churchwide movie night in the courtyard of the Activities building, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Bring a chair and your own snack and beverage. In the event of rain (none is expected), we'll be in the fellowship hall.

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

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Church office open 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday

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