

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.)
October 11, 2020 • Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship (from *Psalms* 106)

Praise the Lord! O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;

For the Lord's steadfast love endures forever.

Who can utter the mighty doings of God, or declare all God's praise?

Happy are those who observe justice, who do righteousness at all times.

Hymn

Sing Praises to God Who Reigns Above
(verses 1, 3)

(Glory to God, 645)

Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation,

The God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation.

With healing balm my soul is filled, and every faithless murmur stilled:

To God all praise and glory!

The Lord is never far away, but, through all grief distressing,

An ever-present help and stay, our peace and joy and blessing,

As with a mother's tender hand God gently leads the chosen band:

To God all praise and glory!

Prayer of Confession

Sovereign God, you see all too well how stubborn and impatient we are. We quickly forget your providential care for us when we do not get what we think we deserve.

We craft idols to sooth our insecurity, rather than rely on your steadfast promise to be with us. Have mercy on us. Re-order our priorities, that we might serve you and you alone in word and deed; in Jesus' name 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

The Steadfast Love of the Lord

(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.

Scripture Reading

Exodus 32:1-8

Sermon

Idolness

Sharon Youngs

Musical Reflection

Jesus Calls Us
(verses 2, 4)

(Glory to God, 720)

*Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world's golden store,
From each idol that would keep us, saying "Christian, love me more."*

*Jesus calls us by thy mercies, Savior, may we hear thy call,
Give our hearts to thy obedience, serve and love thee best of all.*

Call to Prayer

Love the Lord Your God

(Glory to God, 62)

The image shows four staves of musical notation for the hymn 'Love the Lord Your God'. Each staff is in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a 3/4 time signature. The lyrics are written below each staff.

Love the Lord your God with all your heart.

Love the Lord your God with all your soul.

Love the Lord your God with all your mind.

Love the Lord your God with all that you are.

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

Be Thou My Vision
(verses 1, 3, 4)

(Glory to God, 450)

*Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.*

*Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.*

*High King of Heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.*

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

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*No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, or your faith journey,
you are welcome at First Presbyterian Church.*
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Announcements

Outdoor services: We are worshipping outdoors on the soccer field each Sunday morning, 10:30 a.m., in October (weather permitting). You are invited to bring a chair, wear a mask, and join us (COVID-19 protocols in place).

Evening Prayer continues outdoors at 7:00 p.m. each Tuesday evening through October. Bring a chair, wear a mask, and meet outside the entrance to the community garden.

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, and
Let's Talk About It
11:00 a.m. Post-worship fellowship
11:30 a.m. Pathfinders: children's class
5:30 p.m. Faith seekers: Youth class

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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