

# First Presbyterian Church

October 23, 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.)***

**October 23, 2022 • 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*\*Please stand, in body or in spirit. Text printed in bold italics to be read in unison.  
(For the sake of brevity, we occasionally sing selected verses of hymns.)*

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**\*Call to Worship**

On this morning, as every morning,  
**we are surrounded by God's grace.**  
In these moments, as every moment,  
**we are called to costly discipleship by Jesus.**  
Throughout this day, as every day,  
**we are taught peace and hope by the Spirit.**

**\*Hymn 684**

*Faith Begins by Letting Go*

**\*Call to Confession**

**\*Prayer of Confession**

*(a moment for silent confession)*

***We call ourselves people of faith. We try to walk in the way of peace, hope and love. But the truth is, we live with an all too healthy amount of doubt and fear. We bring that fear to you, praying for direction and comfort. We bring our doubt to you, praying for hope. We offer this confession of sin: I believe, help my unbelief.***

**\*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 the children in this church family. May they learn to follow Jesus and show his love for all people. And may we always show them your way in everything we do and say.**

**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.)*

## Scripture Readings

Isaiah 50:4-9

Mark 9:14-27

## Sermon

*Between Belief and Unbelief*

Susan Reisinger

## Musical Reflection

*O Savior, in This Quiet Place*  
*(Verses 1 and 6)*

*Glory to God, 794*

## \*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed (*traditional*)

***I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.***

## Call to Prayer

*Glory to God, 701*

***Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.***

***With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.***

## 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 817

*We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight*

## \*Charge and Blessing

## \*Sung Response

*Irish Blessing*

*(inside back cover of hymnal)*

## Postlude



*The flowers today are given by Susan Sharp and Richard Ward to the glory of God.*

## **Announcements**

—Thank you to Dale Hadden for serving as our liturgist today.

—We welcome Susan Reisinger who is preaching today while Sharon is away leading a CREDO conference.

—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 coping with loss during the holiday season.

—The **youth group** will be meeting at FPC this evening at 5:30 p.m. for pizza and pumpkin carving.

—We will be celebrating **All Saints Day on Sunday, Nov. 6**. The service includes the reading of names of those who have died over the past year (since November 2021). Please send to Madison (fpcadmin@comcast.net or 483-1318) the names of those you would appreciate having included – family members, friends, colleagues, neighbors, and beloved pets. Deadline for submission is Sunday, Oct. 30.

—You are invited to sign up to **host refreshments and fellowship after worship**. You'll find a signup sheet on the bulletin board just inside the fellowship hall entrance from the narthex.

—**Presbyterian Disaster Assistance** is hard at work in the wake of Hurricane Ian and other damaging storms. Financial support for their relief efforts (designated to DR000194) can be made by going to [www.pcusa.org/GIVE-HURRICANES](http://www.pcusa.org/GIVE-HURRICANES), by phone at (800) 872-3283, or by check payable to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) with DR000194 on the memo line. Mail checks to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), P. O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700.

### **LOOKING AHEAD**

Oct. 30: Baptism of Maren Grace Aragones

Oct. 30: Fifth Sunday event: Paul Akers & Barbara Reeve's summer adventures

Nov. 5: Church hike

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