

# 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 24, 2021 • *Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

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

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship** *(from Psalm 34)*

I will bless the Lord at all times;  
**God's praise will continually be in my mouth.**  
My soul makes its boast in God;  
**Let the humble hear and be glad.**  
O magnify the Lord with me,  
**And let us exalt God's name together!**

**Hymn 29**

*O God, You Search Me*  
*(verses 1, 2, and 3)*

*O God, you search me and you know me.  
All my thoughts lie open to your gaze.  
When I walk or lie down you are before me:  
Ever the maker and keeper of my days.*

*You know my resting and my rising.  
You discern my purpose from afar,  
And with love everlasting you besiege me:  
In every moment of life or death, you are.*

*Before a word is on my tongue, Lord,  
You have known its meaning through and through.  
You are with me beyond my understanding:  
God of my present, my past, and future, too.*

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession**

***Merciful God, our thoughts and deeds too often fall short of reflecting the grace you show us. Our speech and actions too often do not proclaim your justice. Forgive us, we pray. Give us the courage to take heart in your mercy. Grant us the strength to move closer to you with each new day. Provide us with the wisdom to know how best to be your people in this world; through Christ our Lord 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.*

## Scripture Reading

Mark 10:46-52

## Sermon

*The Squeaky Wheel*

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 772

*Live Into Hope*

*Live into hope of captives freed, of sight regained, the end of greed.  
The oppressed shall be the first to see the year of God's own jubilee!*

*Live into hope! The blind shall see with insight and with clarity,  
Removing shades of pride and fear, a vision of our God brought near.*

*Live into hope of liberty, the right to speak, the right to be,  
The right to have one's daily bread, to hear God's word and thus be fed.*

*Live into hope of captives freed from chains of fear or want or greed.  
God now proclaims our full release to faith and hope and joy and peace.*

## 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 Shirley Sauls to the glory of God  
and in memory of her husband Bill.*



## Announcements

—Thank you to Mimi Tilley for serving as our liturgist.

—Next Sunday, Oct. 31 we will celebrate 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 featuring the film *Coco* 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.

—**All Saints Sunday** is Nov. 7. Communion will be served, and we will remember those who have died this past year (since Nov. 1, 2020). If you have names you would like for us to remember on Nov. 7, please send them to Adrienne at [fpcadmin@comcast.net](mailto:fpcadmin@comcast.net) and include the name(s), date of death, and that person's relationship to you (e.g., parent, neighbor, colleague, friend, and so forth) so that we can include them in the bulletin. The deadline for submitting names is Nov. 1.

### 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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