

# First Presbyterian Church

October 25, 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.)**  
**October 25, 2020 • Reformation Sunday**

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

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship** (from *Psalm 90*)

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

***Before the mountains were brought forth, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.***

Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,

***So that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.***

**Hymn**

*I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art*

*(Glory to God, 624)*

*(verses 1, 3, 5)*

*I greet thee, who my sure Redeemer art, my only trust and Savior of my heart,  
Who pain didst undergo for my poor sake; I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.*

*Thou art the life, by which alone we live, and all our substance and our strength receive;  
Sustain us by thy faith and by thy power, and give us strength in every trying hour.*

*Our hope is in no other save in thee; our faith is built upon thy promise free;  
Lord, give us peace, and make us calm and sure, that in thy strength we evermore endure.*

**Prayer of Confession**

***Faithful God, throughout all generations you have never broken covenant with your people.  
And yet, time and again, we have not kept covenant with you. We have neither loved our  
neighbors as ourselves, now have we honored your beloved creation. Our sin is always before  
you, our faults in the truth of your light. Forgive us, gracious Lord. Restore in us the joy of  
your salvation, that we might reflect your compassion, kindness, and honesty in our words  
and our actions; through Christ our Lord 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**

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

**Sermon**

*Living Markers*

Sharon Youngs

**Musical Reflection**

*All Good Gifts*

Purifoy

*We plough the fields and scatter the good seed on the land,  
But it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand.  
God sends the snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain,  
The breezes and the sunshine, and soft refreshing rain.  
All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above,  
Then thank You, Lord, for all Your love.*

*You only are the Maker of all things near and far,  
You paint the wayside flower and light the evening star.  
The winds and waves obey You, by You the birds are fed.  
Much more to us, Your children, You give our daily bread.  
We thank You, Creator, for all things bright and good,  
The seed time and the harvest, our life, our health and food.*

*Accept the gifts we offer, for all Your love imparts,  
But what You most would welcome, our humble, thankful hearts.  
All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above,  
Then thank You, Lord, for all Your love.*

**Call to Prayer**

*Love the Lord Your God*

(Glory to God, 62)

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**

*Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*  
(verses 1, 3, 4, 6)

(Glory to God, 687)

*Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home:  
Before the hills in order stood, or earth received its frame,  
From everlasting thou art God, to endless years the same  
A thousand ages in thy sight are like an evening gone,  
Short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.  
Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,  
Be thou our guard while life shall last, and our eternal home.*

## 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

**Conversation on loss:** this monthly gathering, hosted by Elaine Wilson, begins at 1:00 p.m. via Zoom. Please see this past Tuesday's congregational email for the Zoom link.

**All Saints Sunday, Nov. 1,** is next week. The worship service will include a remembrance of FPC members and friends who have died since last November, plus additional family members, friends, neighbors, or pets you would like to be remembered. Please submit your names by Wednesday this week to Adrienne in the church office at (865) 483-1318 or fpcadmin@comcast.net.

**Morgan-Scott Project Christmas gifts:** Next Sunday we will receive a special offering to help the Morgan-Scott Project purchase Christmas gifts. Please write "Morgan Scott Christmas" on the memo line of your check. You can also give online using the QR code below.

### 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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