

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.)

November 8, 2020 • Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship (from *Psalm 145*)

I will extol you, my God, and bless your name forever and ever.

Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever.

One generation shall laud your works to another and declare your mighty acts.

They shall celebrate your abundant goodness and sing aloud of your righteousness.

Hymn

My Song Forever Shall Record
(verses 1-3)

(*Glory to God, 67*)

*My song forever shall record the tender mercies of the Lord;
Your faithful love will I proclaim, and every age shall know your name.*

*I sing of mercies that endure, forever firm, forever sure,
A strong support that never dies, established changeless in the skies.*

*Almighty God, your lofty throne has justice for its cornerstone,
And shining bright before your face are truth and love and boundless grace.*

Prayer of Confession

God of the ages, each new day of our lives is filled with blessings from you. Each day is also filled with choices to make. We confess that we are quick to opt for easy routes, especially if they help us avoid sacrificing our comfort or convenience for the sake of others. Forgive us, we pray. Bring to our remembrance the covenant you made to humanity long ago, that we might always choose to act in ways that demonstrate our trust in your presence and your provisions; in Jesus' name. 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 Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-18
Sermon Choose This Day Sharon Youngs
Musical Reflection Lord, Make Us More Holy (Glory to God, 313)
(verses 1, 2, 4)

*Lord, make us more holy; Lord, make us more holy;
Lord, make us more holy, until we meet again:
Holy, holy, holy, until we meet again.*

*Lord, make us more loving; Lord, make us more loving;
Lord, make us more loving, until we meet again:
Loving, loving, loving until we meet again.*

*Lord, make us more faithful; Lord, make us more faithful;
Lord, make us more faithful, until we meet again:
Faithful, faithful, faithful, until we meet again.*

Call to Prayer Come, Bring Your Burdens to God (Glory to God, 851)
Come, bring your burdens to God; come, bring your burdens to God;
Come, bring your burdens to God, for Jesus will never say no.

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 God of Our Life (Glory to God, 686)

*God of our life, through all the circling years, we trust in thee.
In all the past, through all our hopes and fears, thy hand we see.
With each new day, when morning lifts the veil,
We own thy mercies, Lord, which never fail.*

*God of the past, our times are in thy hand. With us abide.
Lead us by faith to hope's true promised land. Be thou our guide.
With thee to bless, the darkness shines as light,
And faith's fair vision changes into sight.*

*God of the coming years, through paths unknown we follow thee.
When we are strong, Lord, leave us not alone. Our refuge be.
Be thou for us in life our daily bread,
Our heart's true home when all our years have sped.*

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

- A **congregational meeting** has been called for next Sunday, Nov. 15, for the purpose of electing a new class of ruling elders. The meeting will be via Zoom. Look for details in the upcoming weekly email.
- Our **three-session book study** on Austin Channing Brown's work, *I'm Still Here: Black Dignity in a World Made for Whiteness*, begins this evening, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., via Zoom. This first discussion, facilitated by Martina Ward, covers chapters 1-4. See the congregational email from this past week for a Zoom link.

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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