

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 13, 2022 • *33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**Please stand, in body or in spirit. Text printed in bold italics to be read in unison.*

Prelude

Welcome

***Call to Worship** (*based on Psalm 98*)

Let us give thanks to God our creator,

for God has done marvelous things.

Let the waters dance with joy and the trees clap their hands!

Let the birds sing with gladness and the mountains shudder with mirth!

Let us remember together, today and every day,

that God has done—and continues to do—marvelous things.

***Hymn 26**

Earth and All Stars!

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

(a moment for silent confession)

Almighty God, we confess that we have fallen short. We have harbored hate instead of sharing love. We have celebrated the pain of others, rather than helping to lessen distress. We have chosen what is easy instead of what we know to be right. Forgive us, we pray. Empower us with your Spirit, so that we may not grow weary in being the people you have called us to be; in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

***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.)

Anthem

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Forrest

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 65:17-25

Sermon

Vision Over Visibility

Sharon Youngs

Musical Reflection

***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

Glory to God, 469

Lord, listen to your children praying. Lord, send your Spirit in this place.

Lord, listen to your children praying. Send us love; send us power; send us grace.

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 77**

Isaiah the Prophet Has Written of Old

***Charge and Blessing**

***Sung Response**

Irish Blessing

(inside back cover of hymnal)

Postlude



*The flowers today are given by Mimi Tilley to the glory of God
and in honor of our veterans.*



Announcements

—Thank you to Carolyn Dipboye for serving as our liturgist today.

—The final installment of **Who Are We Presbyterians?**, will be today after worship, in room 6 (next to the sanctuary). All who are interested in knowing more about First Presbyterian Church are invited.

—Next Sunday, Nov. 20, we will have our traditional Thanksgiving Feast in the fellowship hall after worship. The Congregational Care and Welcome Committee will provide turkey, dressing, gravy, cranberry sauce, rolls, and drinks. Please bring a vegetable, salad, or dessert dish for 10 to 12 people to share as we count the many blessings the Lord has given us. If you don't have a dish to share, please come anyway. There's always plenty!

LOOKING AHEAD

Nov. 26: All-church workday and sanctuary decorating for Advent/Christmas

Nov. 27: First Sunday of Advent

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church!

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here. We hope you feel the love that is present and our joy in having you with us. If you'd like to know more about First Presbyterian Church, let's talk! Please speak with Sharon or any of the ushers after the service.

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