

# 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 14, 2021 • *Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

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

## Prelude

## Welcome

## Call to Worship

Happy are those who walk in the law of the Lord;

***Joyful are those who seek God with their whole heart.***

With our lips let us sing praises to the Lord;

***With our lives let us demonstrate love to God and neighbor.***

Let us worship God.

## Hymn 63

*The Lord Is God*

*The Lord is God, the Lord alone! Give honor, thanks, and praise  
To God, the maker of all things and giver of our days.*

*With all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and might,  
O people, love the Lord your God, the source of truth and light.*

*At night or day, at home, away, together and apart,  
O children, take these holy words and keep them in your heart.*

*The Lord is God, the Lord alone! Give honor, thanks, and praise  
To God, the maker of all things and giver of our days.*

## Call to Confession

## Prayer of Confession

***Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. 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

*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

Mark 12:28-34

Sermon

*How Far Is Not Far?*

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, Bring Your Burdens to God*  
(sing twice)

(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 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 300**

*We are One in the Spirit*

*We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord;  
We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord,  
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored:*

*Refrain*

*And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

*We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand;  
We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand,  
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land:*

*Refrain*

*We will work with each other, we will work side by side;  
We will work with each other, we will work side by side,  
And we'll guard human dignity and save human pride:*

*Refrain*

*All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,  
And all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son,  
And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one:*

*Refrain*

## 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 Lewis and Phyllis Phillips to the glory of God  
and in memory of their parents.*

### **Announcements**

—Thank you to Sherrie Fairchild-Keyes for serving as our liturgist.

—During worship today we receive our annual offering to the Christmas fund for the Morgan-Scott Project (MSP). Please write “Morgan-Scott Christmas” on the memo line of your check, or give online in the usual way and designate your gift for this purpose. MSP works to identify the needs of and provide solutions for people in peril in neighboring Morgan and Scott counties.

—The **Angel Tree Project** kicks off today! Darlene Sanders and Hannah Tippet have forms with the name and gift requests from Anderson County Early Head Start students, as well as further details and deadlines. You can also email them to request a form ([dsand46@aol.com](mailto:dsand46@aol.com) or [htippett@msw-law.com](mailto:htippett@msw-law.com))

—Next Sunday, Nov. 21 following worship we will be **decorating the Sanctuary for Advent**. All are welcome to help and there will be hot cocoa and cookies as well.

—Looking ahead: There will be an **All-church workday on Saturday, Dec. 4**, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Lunch will be provided and there will be indoor and outdoor tasks for all ages and levels. Look for more details coming in *The Banner*.

—The **flower calendar** is available for you to sign up (in-person or by calling the church office) to provide flowers for a Sunday service. Beginning with the first Sunday of Advent on Nov. 28, the flowers will be poinsettias provided by Oak Ridge Floral. The last two Sundays in December are still available. Please call Adrienne in the church office if you would like to dedicate the flowers for one of those Sundays.



#### **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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