

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 20, 2022 • *Reign of Christ*

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

Prelude

Welcome

***Call to Worship** *(adapted from hymn #562)*

A grateful heart is what we bring, a song of praise, our offering.

Among the saints we lift our voice: in you, O God, we will rejoice.

With saving love you set us free, and still you dwell in mystery;

With wisdom none can comprehend, Your praise, O God, will never end.

Let us worship God—Creator, Redeemer, and Life Giver of all.

***Hymn 645**

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

(a moment for silent confession)

God of unending mercy, you bestow blessings on us in lavish abundance. You never cease to supply our need. And yet, we confess that we are not as generous toward others. We decide who is worthy of our help, based on how they look or act. We take more than we can use, leaving others to scrounge around for themselves. Forgive us, we pray. Expand our hearts, that we might more closely reflect to others the grace we receive from you; 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.

Recognition of New Member

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

A Thanksgiving Prayer

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Scripture Reading

Isaiah 12

Sermon

Wow! Thanks! Help!

Sharon Youngs

Hymn 71

Surely, It Is God Who Saves Me

***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 612**

We Praise You, O God

***Charge and Blessing**

***Sung Response**

Irish Blessing

(inside back cover of hymnal)

Postlude

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*The flowers today are given by Pat Clark to the glory of God
and in memory of her loved ones.*

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Announcements

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

—Welcome to our newest member, Ann Frome, who joins by affirmation of faith.

—Today we will have our traditional Thanksgiving Feast in the fellowship hall after worship. The Congregational Care and Welcome Committee asks that folks remain outside of the fellowship hall until the serving line opens. If you can remain a bit after the meal to help clean up, that will be greatly appreciated!

—The church office will be closed this Thursday and Friday, November 24-25, for Thanksgiving.

—This Saturday, Nov. 26, is an all-church workday, 8:30 a.m. to noon, concluding with a pizza lunch (bring your own beverage). Bring step ladders, if possible, your favorite tools, and gloves. We will also be decorating the sanctuary for Advent/Christmas. Tasks for all ages.

LOOKING AHEAD

Nov. 27: First Sunday of Advent

Dec. 4: Messiah Sing-Along

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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