

# 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 27, 2022 • *First Sunday of Advent*

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

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**\*Call to Worship and Lighting of the Advent Candle** *(from Isaiah 2)*

Come, let us go up to the mountain of God,

***That we may learn God's ways and walk in God's paths.***

For from God's mountain shall go forth instruction;

***God shall judge between the nations and mediate for many peoples.***

Nation shall not lift up sword against nation,

***Neither shall they learn war anymore.***

We light the candle of hope, believing that good is stronger than evil.

***Come, let us walk in the light of the One who is coming!***

**\*Hymn 105**

*People, Look East*

**\*Call to Confession**

**\*Prayer of Confession**

*(a moment for silent confession)*

***God of patient mercy, you call us to be alert, for you are coming at an unknown hour. Yet, we live as though we have all the time in the world. We are complacent in our care for your creation. We put off until another day the work of tending to those in need. Forgive us, we pray. Infuse us with the urgency of your gospel, that we might help to hasten the time when swords are beaten into plowshares and spears into pruning hooks. We pray in the name of Emmanuel, the Prince of Peace. 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** (*refrain, hymn 100*)

***My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your justice burn.  
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn.***

### **Time with Children**

*(Children are welcome to return to their seats or join the activity in the fellowship hall.)*

**Anthem**

*O Day of Peace*

Parry/Webb

**Scripture Reading**

Isaiah 2:1-5

**Sermon**

*What's in Your Arsenal?*

Sharon Youngs

**Musical Reflection**

### **The Eucharist**

**Invitation to the Table**

**Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Eternal God, holy and mighty ... we join our voices in unending praise:

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.***

We give you thanks for Jesus ... Great is the mystery of faith:

***Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.***

Lord of light and darkness ... all glory and honor are yours, Holy God, now and forever.

***Amen.***

***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.***

**Breaking of the Bread**

**Communion**

**Prayer after Communion**

***Holy One, thank you for feeding us at this table. May the nourishment we have received strengthen us in every way, so that we may be faithful in our response to your love, now and always. Amen.***

**\*Hymn 82**

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

## \*Charge and Blessing

\*Sung Response (*refrain, hymn 113*)

***Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!***

## Postlude



*The flowers today are given by Sally Moyer to the glory of God  
and in memory of her husband Cecil.*



## Announcements

—Thank you to our worship leaders today: Janet Swift, liturgist; and the Myers family, candle lighters.

—Our monthly **Conversation on Loss** meets in the parlor today at 11:50 a.m. for a potluck lunch and discussion. (Come anyway, even if you don't have a potluck dish; there's plenty!).

—There are still a few tags remaining on the **Angel Tree** in the fellowship hall. Talk with Darlene Sanders or Linda Driver for more information.

—The **memorial service for Joe Gray** will be this Saturday, Dec. 3, 2:00 p.m., in the sanctuary, followed by a reception in the fellowship hall.

—The Session has called a **congregational meeting for Sunday, Dec. 4**, immediately following worship, for the purpose of electing the class of ruling elders for 2025. Nominees: Joe Concepcion, Chris Iversen, Ann Frome, and Roger Ryburn.

—The **Messiah Sing-along** will be next Sunday, Dec. 4, 3:00 p.m., in the sanctuary. All are welcome to sing or enjoy listening. Bring your own score if you have one, or use one provided at church.

## Looking Ahead:

Dec. 13: Service of Memory and Hope

Dec. 18: Cookies and Cider

Dec. 24: Christmas Eve service (7:00 p.m.)

Dec. 25: Pre-recorded worship service provided by the Presbytery of East Tennessee

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