

# First Presbyterian Church

December 6, 2020 • 10:30 a.m.



*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.)**  
**December 6, 2020 • Second Sunday of Advent**

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

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship and Lighting of the Advent Wreath Candles**

A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord!

***Lift up your voices with strength and call out the good news!***

We light the candles of hope and peace this morning.

***We live in God's hope as we wait and work for God's peace.***

Let us worship God as we prepare the way of the Lord.

**Hymn**

*Comfort, Comfort Now My People*

*(Glory to God, 87)*

*"Comfort, comfort now my people; tell of peace!" So says our God.*

*"Comfort those who sit in darkness mourning under sorrow's load.*

*To my people now proclaim that my pardon waits for them!*

*Tell them that their sins I cover, and their warfare now is over."*

*For the herald's voice is crying in the desert far and near,*

*Calling us to true repentance, since the reign of God is here.*

*O, that warning cry obey! Now prepare for God a way.*

*Let the valleys rise in meeting and the hills bow down in greeting.*

*Straight shall be what long was crooked, and the rougher places plain.*

*Let your hearts be true and humble, as befits God's holy reign.*

*For the glory of the Lord now on earth is shed abroad,*

*And all flesh shall see the token that God's word is never broken.*

**Prayer of Confession**

***Faithful God, we confess that we have not led lives of holiness. We suffer from impatience, apathy, and greed. We proclaim compassion, while leaving those in low valleys to fend for themselves. We proclaim justice, while doing little to bring down the lofty. Forgive our hypocrisy, we pray. Renew a right spirit within us, that we may serve you fully and faithfully, in the name of the coming Prince of Peace. 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.



## Announcements

**Hunger Fund offering**—If we were worshipping in person today, we would be receiving this quarter’s Hunger Fund offering to help support local food pantries and our Welcome Table ministry, among other things. Please take a moment to send a check to the church (note “hunger fund” in the memo) or donate online via the QR code below or on the FPC website, [www.fpcor.org](http://www.fpcor.org).

**Stewardship**—Many thanks to those who have returned financial pledges for 2021. We are most grateful! We ask that you return your pledge as soon as possible and no later than Dec. 15. You can send your pledge by mail, or you can complete an online pledge form via this secure link: [forms.gle/2021FPCpledge](https://forms.gle/2021FPCpledge).

### Advent schedule

- Dec. 10, 5:30-6:00 p.m.: Welcome Table
- Dec. 15, 6:30 p.m.: Service of Memory and Hope (virtual)
- Dec. 19, 6:00-8:00 p.m.: Drive-thru Nativity (see the December *Banner* for details)
- Dec. 20, 10:30 a.m.: Lessons and Carols, and ordination and installation of elders (virtual)
- Dec. 24, 6:30 p.m.: Drive-in family Christmas Eve service
- Dec. 24, 8:00 p.m.: Christmas Eve Communion and candlelight service (virtual)

**Year-end contributions**—As we quickly approach the end of the year, please note the following deadlines for 2020 contributions: online by December 31, or to the office by noon on December 31 (remember to allow time for the mail). If you want to make an early contribution for next year, please be sure to note that on the memo line of your check. Thank you.



*No matter who you are or where you are on life’s journey, or your faith journey,  
you are welcome at First Presbyterian Church.*

### 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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