

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.)

December 11, 2022 • *Third 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 Candles** *(from Luke 1)*

Mary sings, "My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

***For God has looked with favor
on the lowliness of God's servant."***

God's mercy is for those who fear the Lord
from generation to generation,

***According to the promise God made
to Abraham and to his descendants forever.***

We light the candles of hope, peace, and joy
as signs of the coming light of Christ.

With joy let us worship God!

***Hymn 107** *Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn*

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

(a moment for silent confession)

***God of majesty and might, you accompany us through every moment of
our lives. And yet, we confess that we are fair-weather disciples. We are
more eager to help others when we feel you near and things are going
well for us, rather than working to alleviate suffering whenever we can.
Forgive us, we pray. Increase our faith, that we might reflect the joy of
your salvation with every breath we take; in the name of the coming
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 *To a Maid Whose Name Was Mary*

Scripture Reading Luke 1:46b-55

Sermon *Singing in the Rain* Sharon Youngs

Anthem *Shall I Rejoice* Davis

Call to Prayer (verse 1, hymn 92)

***While we are waiting, come; while we are waiting, come.
Jesus our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.***

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 100** *My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout*

***Charge and Blessing**

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

Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Postlude

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*The flowers today are given by Lou Dunlap
to the glory of God and in memory of her husband on their 62nd anniversary.*

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Announcements

—Thank you to our worship leaders today: Julia Cantrell, liturgist; Lou Dunlap, Anna Robinson, and Lee Robinson, candle lighters; and Kathryn Paden and Anne Siddell, guest singers.

—The Service of Memory and Hope will be this Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., in the sanctuary. Refreshments and conversation will follow.

—Please note: The church office will be closed on Dec. 16.

—Invite a friend to next Sunday's worship service (Dec. 18), which will feature a multitude of carols for the Advent/Christmas season. We will also ordain and install the new class of ruling elders. Our traditional cookie exchange and cider festivity will follow in the fellowship hall.

--Final contributions for 2022 must be received by Dec. 31. If you mail in your contributions, please allow plenty of time to account for any holiday-related postal delays. If you contribute online, also allow several days for the transaction to work its way through the system before the end of the year. In addition, if you send in a contribution early for 2023 in order to deduct it from this year's taxes, please note "2023 contribution" on the memo line. Thank you for your faithful giving!

Looking Ahead:

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

Dec. 25: Online worship only, featuring a pre-recorded worship service provided by the Presbytery of East Tennessee

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