

# First Presbyterian Church

## Baptism of the Lord

January 14, 2024 • 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.)*

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*\*Please stand, in body or in spirit.*

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**\*Call to Worship**

Our Maker says, "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;

***I have called you by name; you are mine.***"

Ascribe majesty, strength, and honor to God's name.

***Let us worship almighty God in holy splendor.***

**\*Hymn 401**

*Here in This Place*

**\*Call to Confession**

**\*Prayer of Confession**

*(a moment for silent confession)*

***God of all glory, we confess that we tend to be a forgetful people. We fail to remember that you have called us, and that we are yours. We overlook your commandment to love you with all of our heart, mind, soul, and strength. We let it slip our minds that we are to love our neighbors as ourselves. Turn us around, Lord. Bring to our remembrance your claim upon our lives, so that we our actions might reflect your steadfast love and mercy to all of your children, near and far; through Christ, your Beloved One, we pray. Amen.***

**\*Assurance of Forgiveness**

**\*The Peace of Christ**

Not an easy peace, not an insignificant peace, not a halfhearted peace,  
but the peace of God in 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*

*(hymn 59, refrain)*

***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.***

**First Scripture Reading**

Genesis 1:1-5

**Anthem**

*Gracious Spirit, Dwell With Me*

arr. K. Lee Scott

Second Scripture Reading

Mark 1:4-11

Sermon

*Wash and Wear*

Sharon Youngs

Musical Reflection

Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant

Sentences of Scripture

Profession of Faith

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

***I renounce them.***

Who is your Lord and Savior?

***Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.***

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his word and showing his love?

***I will, with God's help.***

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

***I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.***

***On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.***

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Call to Prayer *(first time, choir; second time, all)*

*(hymn 695, refrain)*

***Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.***

***Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.***

Prayers of the People with The Lord's Prayer

***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.***

Moment for Mission

\*Hymn 547

*Go, My Children, with My Blessing*

\*Charge and Blessing

\*Sung Response

*Irish Blessing*

*(inside back cover of hymnal)*

Postlude

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*The flowers today are given by Barbara Reeve and Paul Akers to the glory of God.*

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## **Announcements**

—Thank you to Herb Krause for serving as our liturgist this morning.

—The memorial service for Lou Dunlap is this afternoon, 2:00 p.m., here in the sanctuary, followed by a reception in the fellowship hall.

—The **2024 flower calendar is now available**. Cost is \$35, made payable to First Presbyterian Church. You can add your name to the calendar on the fellowship hall door or call the church office (483-1318) to reserve a Sunday.



—You are invited to host our fellowship time after worship. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board just inside the fellowship hall entrance from the narthex.

—A reminder that the church office will be closed tomorrow.

### **LOOKING AHEAD**

Jan. 28: Annual meeting of the congregation

### **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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