

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.)

January 28, 2024 • Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

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

Prelude

Welcome

***Call to Worship** *(based on Psalm 62)*

God is our refuge and a haven of safety.

We wait patiently before God, our rock and our salvation.

God has spoken plainly—we have heard it many times.

Power, O God, belongs to you; unfailing love, O Lord, is yours.

Let us worship God with joy!

Let us praise the Lord with confidence and strength!

***Hymn 666**

O Splendor of God's Glory Bright

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

(a moment for silent confession)

Merciful God, you call us to follow you, but we confess that we often hesitate to do so. We fear that you will ask us to change our routine, or befriend those we would rather not engage, or go to strange and challenging places. Forgive us, we pray. Renew our desire to follow you even if, like those first disciples, it means having the direction of our lives completely changed. Help us to trust you, so that others may see faith in action and follow, as well; in Jesus' name. Amen.

***Assurance of Grace**

***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 Psalm 62:5-12

Anthem *Take Our Lives* Shippey

Second Scripture Reading Mark 1:14-20

Sermon *Going and Staying* Sharon Youngs

Musical Reflection

***Affirmation of Faith** (*adapted by members of FPCOR*)

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 (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.

***Hymn 721** *Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore*

***Charge and Blessing**

***Sung Response** *Irish Blessing* (inside back cover of hymnal)

Postlude

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*The flowers today are given by Erynn Yant and Valerie Blickhahn to the glory of God
and in honor of Erynn's grandma Sue, for her first heavenly birthday.*

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Announcements

—Thank you to Peggy Terpstra for serving as our liturgist this morning.

—Today after worship is our lasagna lunch and the **annual meeting of the congregation**. Two items of business will be voted on during the meeting: members of the 2024 Nominating Committee and the 2024 terms of call for the pastor.

—Join Sharon for **Coffee Chat** tomorrow at 9:30 a.m. in room 6. You can also join via Zoom (link is in the most recent eNews).

LOOKING AHEAD

Feb. 11: Scout Sunday, with luncheon to follow

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