

First Presbyterian Church

Reformation Sunday

October 29, 2023 • 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** *(adapted from Psalm 90)*

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

***Before the mountains were brought forth,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.***

Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,

So that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

Let us worship the Triune God, who was, and is, and is to come.

***Hymn 1**

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

***Invitation to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

(a moment for silent confession)

Faithful God, throughout all generations you have never broken covenant with your people. And yet, time and again, we have not kept covenant with you.

We have neither loved our neighbors as ourselves, nor have we honored your beloved creation. Our sin is always before you, our faults in the truth of your light. Forgive us, gracious Lord. Restore in us the joy of your salvation, that we might reflect your compassion, kindness, and honesty in our words and in our actions; through Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

***Assurance of Forgiveness**

***Gloria Patri**

***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen, amen.***

***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** *(from hymn 447)*

***We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.
We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.***

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17

Anthem

O God Beyond All Praising

Holst/Larson

Children are invited to go to the fellowship hall for an activity.

Second Scripture Reading

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Sermon

Are We There Yet?

Sharon Youngs

Musical Reflection

***Affirmation of Faith** *(The Nicene Creed)*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God of God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance to Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and gloried, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Call to Prayer *(hymn 184)*

***Calm to the waves. Calm to the wind.
Jesus whispers, "Peace, be still."
Balm to our hearts. Fears at an end.
In stillness, hear his voice.***

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 687**

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

***Charge and Blessing**

***Sung Response**

Irish Blessing

(inside back cover of hymnal)

Postlude



*The flowers today are given by Peggy Hinkle to the glory of God
and in celebration of Peggy Hinkle and Rob Lloyd's 12th anniversary.*

Announcements

—Thank you to Carolyn Dipboye for serving as our liturgist this morning.

—**Worship Notes:** Today is Reformation Sunday—in remembrance of the beginning of the Protestant Reformation, which began in 1517 when the German monk Martin Luther nailed to the doors of the Wittenberg chapel a list of 95 theses (proposals) to reform the beliefs and practices of the Roman Catholic Church at that time. That act sparked a movement that transformed Christianity and eventually led to the emergence of the Protestant denominations that exist today, including the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). The service today includes the Nicene Creed, which is the first and only creed used ecumenically by the vast majority of Christians throughout the world. Also included is the Gloria Patri, a doxology used in various Christian liturgies. The version we are singing was composed in 1851 by Henry W. Greatorex.

—Our Celebration of the Arts commences in the fellowship hall after worship this morning.

—The last of four **listening sessions** is tomorrow, 9:30 a.m., in room 6 (the usual Coffee Chat time). You are invited to attend tomorrow's session to share your thoughts about FPCOR—who we are and your hopes and dreams for the future. The meeting will last no longer than an hour.

—Next Sunday is **All Saints Sunday**. We will celebrate Communion and remember those who have died over this past year.

—Madison, our office manager, will be away this week. Thank you to those who are volunteering in the office while she's gone.

—Remember: **Daylight saving time** ends next Saturday night.

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