

First Presbyterian Church

All Saints Sunday

November 5, 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. Text printed in bold italics to be read in unison.*

Prelude

Welcome

***Call to Worship** *(adapted from Psalm 34)*

I will bless the Lord at all times; God's praise shall continually be in my mouth.

My soul makes its boast in God; let the humble hear and be glad.

O taste and see that God is good; happy are those who take refuge in God.

Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but God rescues them from them all.

O magnify the Lord with me and let us exalt God's name together!

***Hymn 14**

For the Beauty of the Earth

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

(a moment for silent confession)

God of our forebears, we give thanks for all the saints who have fought the good fight, finished the race, and kept the faith. At the same time, we confess our tendency to rest on those successes. We fall short of continuing to serve those around us. The hungry go unfed, the homeless remain unsheltered, the estranged continue to be divided.

Have mercy on us, we pray. As we celebrate the past, help us to surge forward into the future in service to you; through Jesus Christ 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** *(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.

Anthem

Shalom

Forrest

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

Scripture Reading

2 Timothy 1:1-14

Sermon

Rekindle the Gift

Sharon Youngs

Musical Reflection

The Eucharist

Invitation to the Table

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

All thanks and praise be to you, most holy God, giver of all life. You made us for companionship and shaped us for love; you gave us your good earth and taught us to care; you established your law that we might learn justice and give you honor with our lives.

We remember.

We remember how we forgot to love and ceased to abide by your life-giving law. Yet, you sent prophets to call us back to you. When that wasn't enough, you came as Word-Made-Flesh and overwhelmed us with love.

We remember.

We remember the ways Jesus taught us in word and deed: feeding us in homes and on hillsides; healing us in body, mind, and soul; showing us that true greatness is in humility, and true power is in weakness.

We remember.

We remember the night before Jesus' death, when he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

We remember.

We remember how Jesus took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Whenever you drink it, remember me."

We remember.

We remember this day your servants whose baptism is complete, who lived this life in faith and now live eternally with you: (see *insert*)

May our memory of these beloved saints ... and lost in unending songs of praise. ***Amen.***

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.

Breaking of the Bread

Communion

Prayer after Communion

God of love, you have fed us with your grace. Now send us out into the world to be your living saints—sharing your life, your love, and your grace with all. Amen.

*Hymn 326

For all the Saints
(verse 3, choir only)

*Charge and Blessing

*Sung Response

Irish Blessing

(inside back cover of hymnal)

Postlude

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*The flowers today are given by Dennis and Candice Strickler
to the glory of God and in honor of their grandchildren.*
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Announcements

—Thank you to Dale Hadden for serving as our liturgist today.

—This Thursday, Nov. 9, is our Welcome Table sit-down dinner, 5:00 to 6:00 p.m., in the fellowship hall. All are invited to this community meal! If you would like to help with serving or cleanup, please let Sharon know.

—This coming Saturday, Nov. 11, is an all-church workday, 8:30 a.m. to noon, concluding with a pizza lunch (bring your own beverage). Bring step ladders, if possible, your favorite tools, and gloves. Tasks for all ages.

—The Church Life & Witness Team meets after worship today.

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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