

# 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.)*

February 11, 2024 • Transfiguration of the Lord

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

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**\*Call to Worship** *(from Psalm 147)*

The mighty one, God the Lord, speaks and summons the earth  
from the rising of the sun to its setting.

***From our waking to our sleeping, God shines forth.***

The voice of God thunders like a mighty storm, and out of the cloud God speaks:

***This is my beloved child: listen to him.***

Let us worship God, who shines forth in glory and brilliance!

**\*Hymn 12**

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

**\*Call to Confession**

**\*Prayer of Confession**

*(a moment for silent confession)*

***God of all glory, beauty, and grace, we have tried to hide from you—to hide our faces, to hide our sin—yet you have never hidden your love for us. We have tried to search for you—in temples, in clouds, on mountaintops—yet you have already revealed yourself to us in the face of Jesus Christ. Forgive us and transform us, so that our lives may shine with your glory, beauty, and grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.***

**Time with Children**

**First Scripture Reading**                      Mark 9:2-9

**Anthem**                      *Holy Is the Lord*                      Schubert/Scott

**Second Scripture Reading**                      2 Kings 2:1-12

**Sermon**                      *Passing the Baton*                      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 190**                      *Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory*

**\*Charge and Blessing**

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

**Postlude**

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*The flowers today are given by Steve and Cathy Layendecker  
to the glory of God and in honor of their mothers.*

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## **Announcements**

—On this **Scout Sunday**, we welcome members of FPCOR-chartered Boy Scout Troop 42B and 42G, who are assisting in worship. Afterward, you are invited to a Scout-hosted taco bar lunch in the fellowship hall. Chicken, beef, pork, and vegetarian options will be available, along with all the fixings. Apple chimichangas and ice cream will top off the meal. Lunch is free, but donations are appreciated to help offset expenses for the Troop this year.

—Through the month of February, the **postludes** that conclude the worship services will be spirituals arranged by British African composer Samuel Coleridge-Taylor in honor of Black History Month.

—This Wednesday is **Ash Wednesday**, which marks the beginning of Lent. Activities that day: drive-by imposition of ashes from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m., soup supper at 5:30 p.m. (fellowship hall), and worship with Communion and the imposition of ashes at 6:15 p.m. (sanctuary).

### **LOOKING AHEAD**

—Beginning Feb. 21, Sharon will lead a **five-week study of Don Postma's book, *Space for God: Study and Practice of Spirituality and Prayer***. We will read, think about, and talk about prayer—and do some praying, as well. Note: To accommodate those in the choir, the book study will run from 6:00 to 7:15 p.m. (in room 6). Choir rehearsal will move from a 6:30 p.m. to a 7:00 p.m. start. We have 10 copies of the book on loan; it is also available on Amazon.

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