

# First Presbyterian Church

March 17, 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.)*

March 17, 2024 • Fifth Sunday in Lent

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

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**\*Call to Worship**

Let us worship God.

Jesus Said, "When I am lifted up, I will draw all people to myself."

***Blessed be the God of our salvation  
who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.***

**\*Hymn 63**

*The Lord Is God*

**\*Call to Confession**

**\*Litany of Confession**

***Redeeming God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart,  
and have not loved our neighbors as we ought; we have strayed from your  
commandments. Do not remember our sins, but forgive our iniquities, that we  
may fix our eyes on you and sin no more, through 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**

*We Are Forgiven*

*(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 51

**Anthem**

*I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

Horn

**Second Scripture Reading**

Hebrews 5:5-10

**Sermon**

*Oh, Grow Up!*

Cathy Goodman

**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 471)*

***O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer.  
When I call, answer me.  
O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer.  
Come and listen to me.***

**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 740**

*Lead Me, Guide Me*

**\*Charge and Blessing**

**\*Sung Response**

*Irish Blessing*

*(inside back cover of hymnal)*

**Postlude**

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*The flowers today are given by Sherrie Fairchild-Keyes and Michael Keyes  
to the glory of God and in honor of his father Christopher's birthday.*

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## **Announcements**

—Thank you to Janet Swift for serving as our liturgist this morning.

—Special thanks to our guest accompanist Teresa Gross for sharing her musical gifts with us today, and to Cathy Goodman for preaching while Sharon is away.

—Our special Lenten series on the book *Space for God: Study and Practice of Spirituality and Prayer*, written by Don Postema and led by Sharon, continues this Wednesday evening, Mar. 20, at 6:00 p.m. We are meeting in hybrid fashion (in person and via Zoom). Check this week's eNews for the Zoom link.

—This Saturday, Mar. 23, is an **all-church workday**, 9:00 a.m. to noon, concluding with a pizza lunch (bring your own beverage). Bring step ladders, if possible, your favorite tools, and gloves. There will be tasks for all ages and all skill levels.

### **LOOKING AHEAD**

Mar. 24: Palm Sunday

Mar. 24: Youth and Parents Lunch Bunch

Mar. 28: Maundy Thursday

Mar. 29: Good Friday

Mar. 31: Easter

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