

# First Presbyterian Church

March 26, 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.)*

March 26, 2023 • *Fifth Sunday of Lent*

*\*Please stand, in body or in spirit. Text printed in bold italics to be read in unison.*

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**\*Call to Worship**

Let us remind ourselves:  
That it is not we who chose Christ,  
**but Christ who chose us,**  
That we are not here because of our goodness  
**but because of Christ's grace,**  
That we are not here to enlighten ourselves,  
**but to allow Christ to enlighten us,**  
That we have not come to be entertained  
**but to worship God with heart, soul, mind and strength.**

**\*Hymn 393**

*O Day of Rest and Gladness*

**\*Call to Confession**

**\*Litany of Confession**

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you  
***by refusing to take some time to rest.*** *(silence)*  
Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against our neighbors  
***by judging their leisure activities.*** *(silence)*  
Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against ourselves  
***by thinking doing is more important than being.*** *(silence)*



**\*Assurance of Forgiveness**

## **\*The Peace of Christ**

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

***And also with you.***

Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

## **\*Sung Response** *(sing twice)*

***We are forgiven. We are forgiven.***

***Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.***

## **Time with Children**

***God of love and grace, thank you for all of the gifts that children bring to your world. Thank you for their wide-eyed wonder, their questions, and their laughter. Help us to nurture their lives in ways that draw them closer to you, and in so doing, find that our own faith is deepened. Amen.***

*(Children are welcome to return to their seats or join the activity in the fellowship hall.)*

## **Anthem**

*Come and Find the Quiet Center*

Murray/Wagner

## **Scripture Reading**

Exodus 20:8-11

## **Sermon**

*Life in the "Fast" Lane:  
Taking a Break from Doing*

Susan Reisinger

## **Musical Reflection**

### **\*Statement of Faith** *The Apostles' Creed (traditional)*

***We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.***

### **Call to Prayer** *(sing twice)*

***Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants,  
Beyond my fears, from death into life.***

### **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 474**

*As a Child Rests*

**\*Charge and Blessing**

**\*Sung Response**

*Irish Blessing*

*(inside back cover of hymnal)*

**Postlude**



*The flowers today are given by Barbara Reeve and Paul Akers to the glory of God  
and to the wonder of God's lovely creations  
and in memory of Barbara's parents, Ruth and John Reeve.*



## ***Announcements***

—Thank you to Lou Dunlap for serving as our liturgist this morning.

—Special thanks to our guest accompanist John Purifoy for sharing his musical gifts with us today.

—The last installment of **Who Are We Presbyterians?** will take place next Sunday, Apr. 2.

—This Saturday, Apr. 1, 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.

### **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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