

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.)

March 3, 2024 • Third Sunday in Lent

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

Prelude

Welcome

***Call to Worship** *(based on Psalm 147)*

How good it is to sing praises to God, for the Lord is gracious,
and a song of praise is fitting.

Great is the Lord, whose understanding is beyond measure.

God determines the number of the stars and gives to all of them their names.

Great is the Lord, whose understanding is beyond measure.

The Lord lifts up the downtrodden and casts the wicked to the ground.

Great is the Lord, whose understanding is beyond measure.

Let us worship almighty God!

***Hymn 610**

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

***Call to Confession**

***Litany of Confession**

Holy God, you see us as we are, and know our inmost thoughts. We confess that we are unworthy of your gracious care. We forget that all life comes from you, and that to you all life returns.

Lord, have mercy on us. *(silence)*

We have not always sought or done your will. We have held back from using the talents and skills you've given us. We have not loved as Christ loved us.

Lord, have mercy on us. *(silence)*

We have consumed more than we need without regard for those who have nothing.

We have misused the earth's resources.

Lord, have mercy on us. *(silence)*

Lord, in your mercy, forgive us, heal us, and make us whole.

Restore to us the joy of your salvation, that we might be your faithful followers; in the name of Jesus Christ we pray. 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 Acts 2:43-47

Anthem *We Lift Our Voices* (hymn 710)

Second Scripture Reading 1 Corinthians 12 (selected verses)

Sermon *Soup's On:
With Glad and Generous Hearts* Sharon Youngs

***Affirmation of Faith** (*We Are One in Christ Jesus, hymn 322*)

(All) ***We are one in Christ Jesus, all one body, all one spirit, all together.
Somos uno en Cristo, somos uno, somos uno, uno solo.***

(Choir) ***We share one God, one mighty Lord, one abiding faith, one binding love,
one single baptism, one Holy Comforter, the Holy Spirit, uniting all.***

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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 761** *Called as Partners in Christ's Service*

***Charge and Blessing**

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

Postlude

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*The flowers today are given by Phyllis and Lewis Phillips to the glory of God
and in memory of their sister Barbara Hooper.*

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Announcements

—Thank you to Sally Moyer for serving as our liturgist this morning.

—Today, in conjunction with the sermon series “Soup’s On,” we are gathering for the second of a three-week series of soup lunches after worship. All are welcome!

—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. 6, 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.

LOOKING AHEAD

Mar. 14: Welcome Table
Mar. 23: All-church workday
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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