

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 5, 2023 • *Second 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**

Jesus said, "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another."

***By this everyone will know that we are Christ's disciples,
if we have love for one another.***

Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the God of hosts will be with you.

Let us worship the Triune God!

***Hymn 610**

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

***Call to Confession**

***Litany of Confession**

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you.

We have taken your name in vain and paid little regard to your holiness.

(silence)

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against our neighbors.

We have used our words as weapons of ridicule and retaliation against others.

(silence)

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against ourselves.

We have berated ourselves and glossed over the gifts

you have given to each of us.

(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

Teach Me Your Ways

Catherwood

Scripture Reading

James 3:1-12

Sermon

*Life in the "Fast" Lane:
If You Can't Say Something Nice...*

Sharon Youngs

The Eucharist

Invitation to the Table

Hymn 503

Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy ... who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

You are holy, O God of majesty ... Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit ... with the Holy Spirit in the holy church, now and forever. **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**

Loving and gracious God, you have gathered us at your table and fed us from your body. Send us out to be your hands and feet in the world, sharing your good news of light and love to all. Amen.

***Hymn 722**

Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak

***Charge and Blessing**

***Sung Response**

Irish Blessing

(inside back cover of hymnal)

Postlude



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



Announcements

—Thank you to Don Spong for serving as our liturgist this morning.

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

—The family of Mimi Bostick will gather in the FPCOR Memorial Garden this Friday, Mar. 10, for the interment of her ashes. Mimi was the sister of Bill Bostick.

—The memorial service for Richard Alexander will be this Saturday, Mar. 11, 11:00 a.m., in the sanctuary. A reception in the fellowship hall will follow the service.

—Next week, Mar. 12, following worship, Sharon will begin a three-session discussion on Who Are We Presbyterians?. The class will focus on Presbyterians in general and First Presbyterian Church in particular. All are invited, especially folks new to FPCOR. (The other dates are Mar. 19 and Apr. 2.)

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