

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.)

April 14, 2024 • *Third Sunday of Easter*

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

Prelude

Welcome

***Call to Worship**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

We have not seen the risen Christ,

But we see him in the lives of those who do justice and love mercy.

Let us worship God, whose promises are unfailing.

Let us give praise to the One we have not seen, yet have come to believe.

***Hymn 240**

Alleluia! Alleluia! Give Thanks

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

(moment for silent confession)

Merciful God, you call us to be people of faith, yet we confess that we are often people with doubts. We wonder at times whether you listen to our prayers, perhaps even whether you are there at all. As a result, we are quiet when we could be sharing your good news with others; we are idle when we could be helping to right the wrongs around us. Forgive us, Lord. Increase our faith, that we might live with confidence in your power to redeem and to reign supreme; in the name of the risen 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** *(hymn 250)*

In our end is our beginning; in our time infinity;

In our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity.

In our death, a resurrection; at the last a victory,

Unrevealed until its season something God alone can see.

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 121

Anthem

His Voice as the Sound

Arr. Parker/Shaw

Second Scripture Reading

John 20:19-31

Sermon

Welcome to Life after Easter

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 851; sing twice)*

Come bring your burdens to God; come, bring your burdens to God; come, bring your burdens to God, for Jesus will never say no.

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 817**

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

***Charge and Blessing**

***Sung Response**

Irish Blessing

(inside back cover of hymnal)

Postlude



The flowers today are given by Carolyn Dipboye and Anna Thomas to the glory of God and in celebration of the upcoming marriage of Shauntina Phillips and David Collins.



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.*

Announcements

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

—Do you have a pair of eclipse glasses to share? Lee Robinson will be collecting them through next Sunday for children in Mexico to use.

—Next Sunday, Apr. 21, we will receive a special offering for Living Waters for the World, a faith-based nonprofit that trains and supports volunteer mission teams to form partnerships with communities and install sustainable water purification systems in the U.S. and abroad. Please make checks payable to FPCOR and put “LWW” on the memo line or scan the QR code below to give online. See page 5 of the April edition of *The Banner* for more information about this important work.

LOOKING AHEAD

—On Apr. 28, our Science & Faith Lecture series features Joseph Witt, associate professor of religious studies at the University of Tennessee, who will address “Environmental Disasters and Religious Responses: Case Studies from Appalachia and the U.S. Gulf Coast.” Co-sponsored by FPCOR and First United Methodist Church (FUMC) of Oak Ridge, the event will begin at 1:30 p.m. at FUMC.

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