

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 23, 2023 • Third Sunday of Easter

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

Prelude

Welcome

***Call to Worship** *(from Psalm 116)*

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

What shall I return to the Lord for all God's bounty to me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

Let us worship God!

***Hymn 240**

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

(a moment for silent confession)

God of grace, you call us to be agents of your goodness in the world; yet we are quick to push you aside and follow our own agendas. We fail to recognize your presence with us or in the faces of those around us. Lord, have mercy on us. Place our steps firmly in the way you would have us go, so that we might, in turn, point the way to resurrection life for others; in the name of the Risen Lord we pray. Amen.

***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)*

Jesus, be with us. Help us each day to follow the gospel and live as we pray. Send us your Spirit and show us your way. Jesus, be with us today.

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

Day of Arising

Schalk

Scripture Reading

Luke 24:13-35

Sermon

Coming to Our Senses

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.

Reception of New Member

Will we, the members of First Presbyterian Church, surround and support Tina with our love and care, and will we share with her the good news of the gospel as we grow together to find God's will for our lives and share Christ's love with all? ***We will.***

Call to Prayer *(first time, choir; second time, all)*

***Holy, holy, holy. My heart, my heart adores you!
My heart knows how to say to you: you are holy, Lord!***

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 19**

God of Great and God of Small

***Charge and Blessing**

***Sung Response**

Irish Blessing

(inside back cover of hymnal)

Postlude

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*The flowers today are given by Lou Dunlap to the glory of God
and in memory of her husband Julian.*

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Announcements

—Thank you to Chuck Hadden for serving as our liturgist this morning.

—Welcome to our newest member, Tina Buckles! Tina joins by reaffirmation of faith.

—All are invited to Kiersten Ruisard and George Hine's **baby shower** in the fellowship hall after worship.

—**Coffee Chat** will be in person tomorrow, Apr. 24, 9:30 a.m., in room 6 of the Sanctuary building. You can also join in via Zoom (see the weekly eNews for the link). Sharon will have coffee ready. Bring whatever topic is on your mind.

Two big events next Sunday (Apr. 30):

—**Fifth Sunday** (fellowship hall after worship): Our own Matt Lindsey, ORNL's defensive cyber operations lead and chief threat intelligence analyst, will speak on computer security and data protection. "Chips" will be served!

—Science and Theology Lecture Series (1:30 to 3:30 p.m., First United Methodist Church) FUMC and FPCOR are sponsoring a panel discussion on "**Are next-generation nuclear power plants a morally acceptable way to address climate change?**".

Looking ahead:

—Saturday, May 6: **Youth Pride** at FPCOR

—Madison is looking for **office volunteers!** If you can spare a couple of hours to help her out, please let her know by adding your name to the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall or call 483-1318.

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