

# 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 30, 2023 • Fourth Sunday of Easter

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

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**\*Call to Worship** *(from Psalm 23)*

Christ is risen!

***Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!***

The Lord is our Shepherd, we shall not want.

***God leads us in right paths for the Lord's sake.***

The Good Shepherd calls us by name, and we recognize God's voice.

***Let us worship the Risen Christ, who gives us life abundant.***

**\*Hymn 246**

*Christ Is Alive!*

**\*Call to Confession**

**\*Prayer of Confession**

*(a moment for silent confession)*

***Holy One, we confess to you and to one another that we have not always followed Christ's example. Like sheep, we have wandered from the fold, choosing instead to follow voices that lead us away from your right paths. We have inflicted harm onto others by our actions, as well as by our inactions. Have mercy upon us, O God. Sharpen our senses to hear and follow you more closely, so that we might help to lead others to fullness of life in you; in the name of the Good Shepherd 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

***Loving God, how grateful we are for children – for their energy, wonder, curiosity, and innocence. Help us to shepherd and nurture them well as they grow. May all that we do and say reflect your care for them and draw them closer to you; in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.***

## Scripture Reading

John 10:1-10

## Hymn 803

*My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*

## Sermon

*A Plenteous Sufficiency*

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** *(first time, English; second time, Spanish)*

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

***Santo, santo, santo. ¡Mi corazón te adora!  
Mi corazón te sabe decir: ¡Santo eres Señor!***

### **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 187**

*Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

### **\*Charge and Blessing**

### **\*Sung Response**

*Irish Blessing*

*(inside back cover of hymnal)*

## Postlude

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*The flowers today are given by Elaine Wilson and Darlene Sanders  
to the glory of God and in honor of their families.*

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## **Announcements**

—Thank you to Julia Cantrell for serving as our liturgist this morning.

### **Two big events today:**

—**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?”. The panelists will be former ORNL nuclear engineer Syd Ball (who used to sing in the FPC choir) and two UT professors emeritus, Lee Riedinger, a physicist, and John Nolt, a philosopher.

—**Youth Pride Day** is this Saturday, May 7, noon to 5:00 p.m., here at FPCOR. If you would like to help, please contact Anne Backus (556-3099).

—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 signup sheet on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall or call 483-1318.

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