

# First Presbyterian Church

April 7, 2024 • 10:30 a.m.



*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 7, 2024 • *Second Sunday of Easter (Holy Humor)*

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

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**\*Call to Worship**

Alleluia! Let everything with life and breath praise God!

***Christ is alive! Let us celebrate with music and cymbals!***

God had the last laugh on the devil when Jesus was raised from the dead.

***Let our hearts and voices proclaim the joy of our salvation.***

Christ is risen!

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

**\*Hymn 233**

*The Day of Resurrection*

**\*Call to Confession**

**\*Prayer of Confession**

*(moment for silent confession)*

***Joyful God, we confess that we often take ourselves too seriously. We forget to rejoice in all that you have given to us. As a result, we miss out on the full joy of your creation. Forgive us, Lord. Infuse us with Easter's healing delight, that we might radiate the wonder and pleasure of your grace and goodness to others; through 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.***

Anthem

*It's Hard to Be Humble*

Davis

Scripture

John 21:1-14

Musings

Musical Reflection

The Eucharist

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer

The Lord be with you.

***And also with you.***

Lift up your hearts.

***We lift them to the Lord.***

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

***It is right to give our thanks and praise.***

O great laughing God ... 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.***

We give you thanks, O God ... Great, indeed, is the mystery of faith:

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

Good and gracious God, bless this bread ... the amazing gift it is to be your people.

***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

***God of new life, thank you for this meal where we have tasted your goodness.***

***May the joy we have found at your table help us to carry your laughter to the world around us, this day and every day. Amen.***

\*Hymn 157

*I Danced In the Morning*

\*Charge and Blessing

\*Sung Response

*I Danced In the Morning*  
(refrain)

Postlude

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*The flowers today are given by Sharon Youngs to the glory of God.*

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## **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.*

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## **Announcements**

- Thank you to Sherrie Fairchild-Keyes for serving as our liturgist this morning.
- The Church Life & Witness team meets after worship today.
- This Thursday, Apr. 11, is our Welcome Table dinner, 5:00 to 6:00 p.m., in the fellowship hall. All are invited!

### **LOOKING AHEAD**

- Apr. 28: Science & Faith Lecture series

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