

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.)

May 14, 2023 • Sixth Sunday of Easter

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

Prelude

Welcome

***Call to Worship**

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth; sing the glory of God's name!

Let the sound of God's praise be heard!

Come and see what God has done, whose deeds among mortals are awesome.

God keeps watch on the nations, ruling with justice and steadfast love.

***Hymn 645**

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

(a moment for silent confession)

Loving God, we confess that we do not always keep your commandments. We are quick to judge others, while being slow to see our own shortcomings. We rely on our own thoughts alone, rather than seeking the wisdom of others. Forgive us, we pray. Reorder our priorities, that we might be more faithful to you in thought, word, and deed; in the name of the risen Christ 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.

Children are invited to return to their seats or go to the fellowship hall for an activity.

Anthem

Be Not Afraid

Purifoy

Scripture Reading

Acts 17:16-34

Sermon

God's Expansive Plan

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 661**

His Eye Is on the Sparrow

***Charge and Blessing**

***Sung Response**

Irish Blessing

(inside back cover of hymnal)

Postlude

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*The flowers today are given by Sharon Youngs to the glory of God
and in honor (and memory) of all mothers, including her mother, Kay.*

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Announcements

—Thank you to Dave Mullins for serving as our liturgist this morning.

—Rise ‘n’ Shine Sunday class members invite all who are interested to join them for the Flatwater Tales Storytelling Festival on Friday, June 2, 7:00 p.m., at the Historic Grove Theater. Rev. Robert Jones will tell “The History of America through Music.” The group will gather for a Dutch treat dinner beforehand at 5:00 p.m. Tickets are \$13 each. Deadline: May 20. Contact Sue Byrne for more information (318-8856).

—Thank you to those who have signed up to serve as an office volunteer. If you have not yet signed up and can spare a couple of hours to help Madison out, please be in touch with her as soon as possible by calling the church office (483-1318) or adding your name to the signup sheet in the fellowship hall.

Looking ahead:

—Sharon will be on vacation May 20-23. Dave Mullins will be our preacher next Sunday.

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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