

# 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 7, 2023 • Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**\*Call to Worship**

Christ is risen!

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

Let us gather together to worship God, our Rock and our Redeemer,

***The one in whom we find refuge.***

For once we were no people, but now we are God's people.

***Let us proclaim together the goodness and love of God.***

**\*Hymn 254**

*That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright*

**\*Call to Confession**

**\*Prayer of Confession**

*(a moment for silent confession)*

***Almighty God, in Jesus Christ you have shown us your way and revealed to us your truth. Yet, we have strayed from where you would have us go and what you would have us do. We have doubted your promise to be present to us. We have misgivings about your goodness in the midst of difficult days. Forgive us, we pray. Help us to keep our eyes on you, so that we might show your grace and justice in 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 go to the fellowship hall for an activity.*

**First Scripture Reading**

John 14:1-3, 12-14

**Anthem**

*Communion Prayer*

*Pote*

**Second Scripture Reading**

Acts 7:55-60

**Sermon**

*A Taste of the Goodness of God?*

Sharon Youngs

**Musical Reflection**

**The Eucharist**

**Invitation to the Table**

**Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is truly right and our greatest joy ... 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.***

You are holy, O God of majesty ... Great is the mystery of faith:

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

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit ... with the Holy Spirit in the holy church, now and forever. ***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**

***Loving and gracious God, you have gathered us at your table and fed us from your body. Send us out to be your hands and feet in the world, sharing your good news of resurrection life to all. Amen.***

**\*Hymn 536**

*Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen*  
*(sung to the tune of hymn 143)*

**\*Charge and Blessing**

**\*Sung Response**

*Irish Blessing*

*(inside back cover of hymnal)*

**Postlude**

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*The flowers today are given by Elizabeth Andrews to the glory of God  
and in honor of her beloved family members,  
Fred Haywood and Karen Haywood Sawyer.*

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## **Announcements**

—Thank you to Sally Moyer for serving as our liturgist this morning.

—This Thursday, Mar. 9, is our **Welcome Table dinner**, 5:00 to 6:00 p.m., in the fellowship hall. All are invited to this community meal! If you can help with serving or cleanup, please let Sharon know before Thursday.

—The **memorial service for Fred Haywood** will be this Saturday, May 13, 2:00 p.m., in the sanctuary, followed by a reception in the fellowship hall. (The interment of Fred’s cremains will take place at 1:30 p.m. in the FPCOR Memorial Garden.)

—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.

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