

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.)

June 11, 2023 • Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Prelude

Welcome

***Call to Worship** (*adapted from Psalm 33*)

Sing to God a new song; make melody to the Lord with the harp.

For God's work is done in faithfulness and steadfast love.

The Lord loves righteousness and justice; the counsel of God stands forever.

Let your hearts be glad as you trust in God's holy name.

***Hymn 49**

The God of Abraham Praise

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

(a moment for silent confession)

God of the ages, you have never failed to call your people into the future, and to provide all that is needed for the journey. And yet, we hesitate to trust you. We cling to old habits that stifle our growth. We fill our shelves with items that do nothing but collect dust and weigh us down. Have mercy on us, we pray. Infuse us with the courage needed to step out in faith and follow you, so that we can be who you need us to be in this world that you so love; in Jesus' name 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.

The Sacrament of Baptism

Eleanor Aquila Billings

Presentation

Do we, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture Eleanor by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging her to know and follow Christ and to be a faithful member of the church?

We do.

Thanksgiving Over the Water

The Baptism

Welcome

Anthem

Where Shall I Go From Your Spirit?

Potter

Scripture Reading

Genesis 12:1-9

Sermon

Blessed to Be a Blessing

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 543

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

*Charge and Blessing

*Sung Response

Irish Blessing

(inside back cover of hymnal)

Postlude

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*The flowers today are given by Chuck and Dale Hadden to the glory of God
and in honor of their 57th wedding anniversary.*

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Announcements

—Thank you to Lee Robinson, liturgist, and Sophie Wang, our guest accompanist this morning.

—Thank you to the volunteers who are helping in the church office this week while Madison, our office manager, is away. Office hours this week: Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Phone number is 865-483-1318.

—Sharon will be on vacation tomorrow through June 28. Thank you to Susan Reisinger for covering any pastoral emergencies that may arise. Susan can be reached at sreisinger1201@icloud.com or 856 (not a typo) 261-5436.

—Kiersten Ruisard and George Hine are about to become first-time parents! You can sign up to provide a meal for them after Baby Ruisard/Hine arrives by going to this link: <https://mealtrain.com/8vog91>.

Looking ahead:

—Our July sermon series, “Picture This,” begins July 2. Sharon invites you to send her your pictures (and a little bit about them) so that she can include them in the series. Please send them to fpcpastor@live.com.

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