

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 25, 2023 • Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Prelude

Welcome

***Call to Worship** *(taken from Psalm 69)*

As the Psalmist said, "It is zeal for your house that has consumed me; the insults of those who insult you have fallen on me."

"But as for me, my prayer is to you, O Lord. At an acceptable time, O God, in the abundance of your steadfast love, answer me."

"Answer me, O Lord, for your steadfast love is good; according to your abundant mercy, turn to me."

"Do not hide your face from your servant, for I am in distress – make haste to answer me, set me free because of my enemies."

In honesty of faith and hope, let us worship God.

***Hymn 23**

God, You Spin the Whirling Planets

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

(a moment for silent confession)

As we gather today, O God, we admit that we are not as honest as the Psalmist or the prophet in naming our concerns before you or faithfully holding you to account for our suffering. Neither are we always honest that the life of faith is one of both lament and praise. Forgive us, O God, for wanting the life of faith to be only joyful and full of praise. Help us learn from our ancestors in the faith how to hold lament and praise together as we walk this journey and witness to you in the world. In your 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.

Anthem

The Great Storm is Over

Franke

Scripture Readings

Jeremiah 20:7-13
Matthew 10:24-39

Sermon

The Part We Don't Like to Talk About

Wendy Neff

Musical Reflection

***Affirmation of Faith** (*from Iona Abbey Worship Book**)

We believe in God whose love is the source of all life and the desire of our lives, Whose love was given a human face in Jesus of Nazareth, whose love was crucified by the evil that waits to enslave us all and whose love, defeating even death, is our glorious promise of freedom. Therefore, though we are sometimes fearful and full of doubt, in God we trust; and, in the name of Jesus Christ, we commit ourselves, in the service of others, to seek justice and to live in peace, to care for the earth and to share the commonwealth of God's goodness, to live in the freedom of forgiveness and in the power of the spirit of love, and in the company of the faithful so to be the church, for the glory of God, 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 726**

Will You Come and Follow Me

***Charge and Blessing**

***Sung Response**

Irish Blessing

(*inside back cover of hymnal*)

Postlude

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*The flowers today are given by Phyllis and Lewis Phillips
to the glory of God and in memory of their daughter Nancy Reed.*

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Announcements

—Thank you to Elaine Wilson for serving as our liturgist this morning.

—Special thanks to our guest accompanist Teresa Gross for sharing her musical gifts with us today, and to Wendy Neff for being our guest preacher while Sharon is away on vacation.

—*Today’s affirmation of faith is from The Iona Community from the Iona Abbey Worship Book, published by Wild Goose Publications, Iona Community, Unit 16, Six Harmony Row, Glasgow G51 3BA, Scotland.

—Sharon is still on vacation but will be back later this week, 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.

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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