

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.)

July 16, 2023 • Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Prelude

Welcome

***Call to Worship** *(from Psalm 71)*

In you, O God, I take refuge, for you are my rock and my fortress.

My mouth is filled with your praise and your glory all day long.

I will hope continually and praise you yet more and more.

My mouth will tell of your righteous acts and deeds of salvation.

Let us worship God!

***Hymn 37**

Let All Things Now Living

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

(a moment for silent confession)

God of grace and mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and soul and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

***Assurance of Forgiveness**

***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**

***Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us;
teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace.
Be present, Lord, among us and bring us to believe
we are ourselves accepted, and meant to love and live.***

Children are invited to go to the fellowship hall for an activity.

Anthem

The Garden Song

Mallett

Scripture Reading

Matthew 25:14-30

Sermon

*Picture This:
Click, Delete, Repeat*

Sharon Youngs

Musical Reflection

***Affirmation of Faith** *The Apostles' Creed (traditional)*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Call to Prayer *(sing twice)*

***God, be the love to search and keep me;
God, be the prayer to move my voice;
God, be the strength to now uphold me:
O Christ, surround me;
O Christ, surround me.***

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.

Mission Moment

***Hymn 716**

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

***Charge and Blessing**

***Sung Response**

Irish Blessing

(inside back cover of hymnal)

Postlude

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*The flowers today are given by Anna Robinson to the glory of God
and in memory of her husband, Bill Robinson.*

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Announcements

—Thank you to our worship leaders this morning: Carolyn Dipboye, liturgist, and Beth Noelle, pianist.

—This month, you are invited to contribute to a special offering for a charity named RIP Medical Debt. The program focuses on the elimination of personal medical debt. Each dollar received is converted into \$100 of purchased medical debt relief. The Presbytery of East Tennessee (PET) has set a total goal of \$25,000 for its congregations to meet in 2023. The FPCOR Social Concerns Committee is hoping to raise \$5000 toward the PET goal, which would be converted into \$500,000 of purchased medical debt relief. As of July 9, we had already raised \$3000! Make your check payable to FPCOR (with “RIP Medical Debt” on the memo line) or donate online using the QR code on this page.

—Pastor Sharon will be attending a CREDO training in Philadelphia for the bulk of this week. If you have a pastoral emergency, you can still reach her at fpcpastor@live.com.

—Make plans to be present on Sunday, July 31, when our Fifth Sunday event will be an ice cream social and a presentation by Gene and Rosalyn McKeown-Ice on their tandem bicycle cross-country (literally) adventures.

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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