

# 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 2, 2023 • Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**\*Call to Worship**

Come, bless the Lord who guides us,

***whose wise teaching directs our days and focuses our minds at night;***

Come, bless the Lord, whose presence sustains us and surrounds us here.

***We will sing God's praise and worship with joy!***

**\*Hymn 32**

*I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

**\*Call to Confession**

**\*Prayer of Confession**

*(a moment for silent confession)*

***Creating God, your presence is around us—in everything we touch and in every person we meet. But we confess that we are slow to see you, especially in uncomfortable situations and with those with whom we would rather not be. We are even slower to change our minds. Forgive our narrowness, we pray. Remove our blinders and grant us the courage to look at others' perspectives with openness, curiosity, and love, and then mold us into who you need us to be, for the sake of the gospel; in Jesus' name we pray. 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

*Praise, I Will Praise You Lord*

Scripture Reading

Acts 10:9-16, 28

Sermon

*Picture This:  
Lenscrafter*

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.***

We offer you praise, dear God ... we join in the song of your unending greatness:

***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.***

Blessed is our brother Jesus... Great is the mystery of faith:

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

Now breathe your Holy Spirit ... Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, 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

***Eternal God, you have fed us at the table of life and hope. Now send us out with eyes to see this world and all who dwell in it as you see them; in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.***

\*Hymn 451

*Open My Eyes*

\*Charge and Blessing

\*Sung Response

*Irish Blessing*

*(inside back cover of hymnal)*

Postlude

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*The flowers today are given by Paul Akers and Barbara Reeve  
to the glory of God and in memory of their grandparents.*

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## **Announcements**

—Thank you to Janet Swift for serving as our liturgist this morning, and to Teresa Gross for sharing her musical gifts with us.

—The church office will be closed this Tuesday for the Independence Day holiday.

—Our monthly Brewing Questions commences this Thursday at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom (check the weekly eNews for the link). Grab your favorite beverage and a question that's on your mind and join in!

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