

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.)

August 13, 2023 • Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Prelude

Welcome

***Call to Worship** *(from Psalm 105)*

O give thanks to the Lord and call on God's name.

Let us make known God's deeds among the peoples.

Glory in God's holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

Let us praise and worship God in spirit and in truth.

***Hymn 664**

Morning Has Broken

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

(a moment for silent confession)

God our maker, you fashioned all of creation with great care and intricacy. You shaped us from dirt and breathed life into our lungs. And yet, how quick we are to think we can manage the world on our own. We surge ahead without taking into consideration those who need our help. We turn down invitations to be in community with others because it slows us down or infringes upon our independence. Save us, Lord. Strengthen our commitment to you and deepen our connection to others, that we might truly be your partners in bringing your shalom to fruition; 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** *(from hymn 447)*

We are forgiven. We are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

We are forgiven. We are forgiven.

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

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 105:1-6

Anthem

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Purifoy

Scripture Reading

Matthew 14:22-33

Sermon

All Hands on Deck

Sharon Youngs

Musical Reflection

***Affirmation of Faith** *(adapted by members of FPC)*

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 *(from hymn 62)*

***Love the Lord your God with all your heart.
Love the Lord your God with all your soul.
Love the Lord your God with all your mind.
Love the Lord your God with all that you are.***

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 353**

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

***Charge and Blessing**

***Sung Response**

Irish Blessing

(inside back cover of hymnal)

Postlude

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*The flowers today are given by Janet Swift and Don Spong
to the glory of God and in memory of their parents.*

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Announcements

—Thank you to Sally Moyer for serving as our liturgist this morning, and welcome back to our organist/pianist Peggy Hinkle!

—Next Sunday, Aug. 20: Pizza night for all children, youth, and their parents, 5:30 to 7:00 p.m., in the fellowship hall. Please RSVP by Friday, Aug. 18, to Madison (483-1318 or fpcadmin@comcat.net).

—A reminder that the Conversation on Loss group will not meet this month.

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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