

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 6, 2023 • Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Prelude

Welcome

***Call to Worship** *(based on Psalm 84)*

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts!

Happy are those who abide in your house ever singing your praise.

A day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere,

For here we are fed and nourished as your people.

Let us worship the Lord of Hosts!

***Hymn 36**

For the Fruit of All Creation

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

(a moment for silent confession)

O God who hears us and helps us, you are our eternal source of blessing; yet we toss and turn all night, unable to rest our souls in you. You provide more than we will ever need; yet we scurry around with scarcity on our minds. You call us to share your love; yet we choose to withhold compassion from those who most need it. Forgive us and help us to place our trust in you, O God, so that others might awaken to your presence; through Christ our Lord 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.

First Scripture Reading

Isaiah 55:1-5

Anthem

Thirsty We Wander

Bjorlin/Miller

Scripture Reading

Matthew 14:13-21

Sermon

Multiplication Table

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 to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Eternal God, holy and mighty ... who forever sing to the glory of your name::

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.

You are holy, O God of majesty ... Great is the mystery of faith:

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

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit ... all glory and honor are yours, eternal God, 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 your table of life and grace. Now send us out in your name to help feed this hungry world, trusting that you provide more than is needed to fill everyone's plate. Amen.

*Hymn 526

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

*Charge and Blessing

*Sung Response

Irish Blessing

(inside back cover of hymnal)

Postlude

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*The flowers today are given by Cheryl Barr and Hannah Tippett
to the glory of God and in celebration of their 10th wedding anniversary.*

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Announcements

—Thank you to our worship leaders this morning: Dale Hadden, liturgist, and John Purifoy, pianist.

—This Thursday, Aug. 10, is our **Welcome Table dinner**, 5:00 to 6:00 p.m., in the fellowship hall. All are invited to this community meal! If you can help with serving or cleanup, please let Sharon know before Thursday.

Looking Ahead

—Aug. 20: Pizza night for all children, youth, and their parents (details to come)

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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