

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.)

September 10, 2023 • Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Prelude

Welcome

***Call to Worship**

All who are thirsty, come!

God is the fountain for our lives.

All who are hungry, come!

Jesus feeds us with goodness and grace.

Rich and poor, young and old, neighbor and guest, come!

The Spirit gathers everyone around the table.

***Hymn 435**

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

***Invitation to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

(a moment for silent confession)

We are sure we do not have enough to end hunger in our communities, Holy God.

***Forgive us that we forget that, by your presence and power,
very little can do so much.***

We believe we are the only ones who carry heartache around with us.

***Forgive us, Compassionate One, that we do not see,
or embrace the despair of those around us.***

We think we do not have the words with which to offer hope and healing to strangers.

***Forgive us, Welcoming God, for not having the courage
to share with them with your grace.***

We convince ourselves that we need to devote all our time, our energy,
our resources, our lives on keeping up with others.

Forgive us for not living that joyful, gracious life modeled for us by Jesus.

***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.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.***

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

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 145:1-9

Anthem

Gathered in God's Name

Burkhardt

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 55:1-5

Sermon

It Is Imperative

Susan Reisinger

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.

It is truly right and our greatest joy ... 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 has risen. Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us ... almighty 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

Reconciling God, thank you for feeding us at your table. May the sustenance of this meal strengthen us to build bridges of your compassion and pathways of your peace; in Christ's name we pray. Amen.

***Hymn 769**

For Everyone Born

***Charge and Blessing**

***Sung Response**

Irish Blessing

(inside back cover of hymnal)

Postlude



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



Announcements

—Thank you to Susan Reisinger for preaching this morning while Sharon is out and to Julia Cantrell for serving as our liturgist.

—This Thursday, Sept. 14, 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:

Sept. 24, 1:30 p.m.: Science & faith talk by Angie Wuysang

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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