

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.)

April 16, 2023 • Second Sunday of Easter

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

Prelude

Welcome

***Call to Worship** *(from Psalm 139)*

O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

You know when I sit down and when I rise up.

If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,
even there your hand shall lead me and hold me fast.

How vast is the sum of your thoughts, O God—more than the sand.

I come to the end—I am still with you.

***Hymn 233**

The Day of Resurrection!

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

(a moment for silent confession)

God of new life, you promise always to be with us. And yet, we confess that we often wonder where you are, especially when we see and experience troubling things. As a result, our faith falters and our spirits sag. Forgive us, we pray.

Remind us again of your unfailing presence, that we might trust anew your power to make all things right; in the name of the risen Christ we pray. Amen.

***Assurance of Forgiveness**

***The Peace of Christ**

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

***Sung Response** *(sing twice)*

***Jesus, be with us. Help us each day to follow the gospel and live as we pray.
Send us your Spirit and show us your way. Jesus, be with us today.***

Time with Children

Anthem *These Things Did Thomas Count as Real*
First Scripture Reading Psalm 139:1-12, 1-18
Second Scripture Reading John 20:19-31
Sermon *Stop Asking to Feel God's Presence* Sharon Youngs

Musical Reflection

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

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 *(first time, choir; second time, all)*

***Holy, holy, holy. My heart, my heart adores you!
My heart knows how to say to you: you are holy, Lord!***

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 817** *We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight*

***Charge and Blessing**

***Sung Response** *Irish Blessing* *(inside back cover of hymnal)*

Postlude



*The flowers today are given by Ann Frome
to the glory of God and in memory of Ed Frome.*



Announcements

—Thank you to Janet Swift for serving as our liturgist this morning.

—If you are interested in being an **office volunteer**, please add your name to the signup sheet on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall or talk with Madison (483-1318).

Looking ahead:

Sunday, Apr. 23: Baby shower for Kiersten Ruisard and George Hine

Saturday, May 6: Youth Pride at FPCOR

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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