

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.)

May 5, 2024 • Sixth Sunday of Easter

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

Prelude

Welcome

Introit

(hymn 396)

Let us love our God supremely; let us love each other, too.
Let us love and pray for sinners till our God makes all things new.
Christ will call us home to heaven; at his table we'll sit down.
Christ will gird himself and serve us with sweet manna all around.

***Call to Worship** *(based on Psalm 98)*

We gather to worship the One who crafted creation out of chaos.
We gather to lift our praise to the God who gives us voice.
We gather as the children of God, our joy unbroken in God's love.
We gather to rejoice with new songs of faith.
Let us worship God!

***Hymn 19**

God of Great and God of Small

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

(moment for silent confession)

Almighty God, you love us, but we have not loved you; you call, but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped up in our own concerns. We have gone along with evil, with pride, quarrelling, and divisiveness. Holy God, forgive us. Help us to face up to ourselves, so that, as you move toward us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive mercy; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord. Amen.

***Assurance of Grace**

***The Peace of Christ**

God has received us, pardoned us, and loved us.
Let us therefore forgive one another in love.
Peace be with you.
And also with you.
Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

***Sung Response** *(hymn 250)*

***In our end is our beginning; in our time infinity;
In our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection; at the last a victory,
Unrevealed until its season something God alone can see.***

Anthem *Here, O My Lord, I See You* Schoenfeld
Scripture John 15:9-17
Sermon *What's Love Got to Do with It?* Sharon Youngs

Musical Reflection

The Eucharist

Invitation to the Table

(all sing)

Love, love, love, love. The gospel in a word is love.
Love your neighbor as yourself. Love, love, love.

Great Prayer

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.

In every time and in every place it is right to give you thanks and praise, O God ...
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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.

Holy God, author of time, one among us....

Great is the mystery of faith:

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

Loving God, give us here a foretaste of the feast to come ... O God, holy Trinity,
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

You have given yourself to us, Lord. Now we rise from this table to give ourselves to others. May your Spirit continue to strengthen and inspire us in both word and deed, now and always; in Jesus' name. Amen.

*Hymn 769 *For Everyone Born*

*Charge and Blessing

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

Postlude

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The flowers today are given by Jean Bangham to the glory of God and in honor of her parents.

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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.*

Announcements

- Thank you to Larry Dipboye for serving as our liturgist this morning.
- The Church Life & Witness team meets after worship today.
- Our book study on *The Book of Forgiving*, written by Desmond and Mpho Tutu and led by Sharon, continues this Wednesday evening, May 8, at 6:00 p.m. We are meeting in hybrid fashion (in person and via Zoom). Check this week's eNews for the Zoom link.
- This Thursday, May 9, is our Welcome Table dinner, 5:00 to 6:00 p.m., in the fellowship hall. All are invited!
- Youth Pride Day is this Saturday, May 11, noon to 4:30 p.m., here at FPCOR. If you would like to help, please contact Anne Backus (556-3099).
- Next Sunday's worship service will be in a hymn-sing format with readings and music around the theme, "Heaven is Our Home." We will also recognize the baptism of Junia Ruisard.

LOOKING AHEAD

May 19: Pentecost

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