

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

The Lord's Prayer

(from The Book of Praise, #535)

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is 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



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Led by Ann Camber M. Div

Minister: Rev. Susan Mattinson
Music Director: Kendall House
Pianist/Organist: Carol Wehrstedt

Please stand at items marked * if you are able
Passages in **Bold Print** are to be spoken in Unison

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Entry of the Bible

Call to Worship

One: Holy God, you call us to worship you.

All: In your presence we find truth and learn to follow you.

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All: In your presence we receive forgiveness and open our hearts to forgive others.

One: Holy God, you call us to worship you.

All: In your presence we discover hope and begin to live in new ways.

Hymn "Sing a New Song unto to the Lord" #422

Opening Prayer:

You alone are our help and security, you alone are our strength, and you alone are our rest and comfort.

You make the seasons to change, the sun to shine and the rain to fall, the vines to flower and to bear fruit, and the fields to bring forth good things. To you we turn as the source of our life, in your heights we find fulfillment, in your depths we find wisdom and meaning. And so, we worship you as the creating Father, the loving Son, the guiding Holy Spirit. Even though we look to you for fulfillment we turn our back on you, and we live and speak and think in ways that deny you and what we know is true. Hear us now as we confess to you our sin:

Assurance of Pardon

*Children's Hymn: "We are one in the Spirit" #471

Sing last verse after Children's Time

*Children's Time – What's Cooking?

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Hymn of Preparation: #64 v.1

"Be still and know that I am God. Be still and know that I am God. Be still and know that I am God."

Bible Readings:

Song of Solomon 2:8-13 pg. 623 OT
Psalm 45:1-2,6-9 pg. 516-517 OT
James 1:17-27 pg. 229 NT
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 pg. 42 NT

Gloria Patri: #594

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be world without end. Amen, amen.

Sermon: "Authentic Christianity"

Hymn: "Spirit of God Descend upon my Heart" 382

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Tithes and Offerings

* Offertory Response: #434 v.5

"For each perfect gift of thine, to the earth so freely given, graces human and divine, flowers of earth and buds of heaven, Lord of all, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise."

*Prayer of Dedication:

Holy God, we realize the gifts we bring are not the fruits of our lives, but the true blessings of your love. We thank you, graciously admitting that these tithes and offerings represent hope in a world that requires wisdom, light and peace. We pledge these gifts to this, your work, and our hearts to your service. We ask that you give us courage to put you first that we may share these blessings with all. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer (see back of bulletin)

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*Hymn: "I know not why such wondrous grace" #683

Blessing

May the beauty of God be reflected in your eyes, the love of God be reflected in your eyes, the love of God be reflected in your hands, the wisdom of God be reflected in your words, and the knowledge of God flow from your heart, that all might see, and seeing, believe

Postlude: (Please maintain a reverent silence and stillness)