

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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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

Hymn "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" #321

Opening Prayer:

Almighty God, creator and lover of the world: You breathed breath into all that you created. You are among us still: breathing new life, turning anger into reconciliation, division into union, grief into consolation, and old ways into fresh beginnings. And so, we give you our lives, our praise, and our adoration. Almighty and most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in the things we have done and in the things we have left undone. We have not trusted in your goodness and have allowed fear to rule us. We have been silent when we should have spoken, and unresponsive in the face of injustice. We have not shown the same grace that you have shown to us. Forgive us and help us to serve you by serving your world with generous spirits. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

*Children's Hymn: "To show by touch and word" #763
Sing last verse after Children's Time

*Children's Time

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:

Isaiah 35:4-7 pg. 663 OT
Psalm 146 pg. 581-582 OT
James 2:14-20;26 pg. 230 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: "Here Is Your God"

Hymn: "Blest are they" #624

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 are grateful for your constant presence in our lives. We acknowledge that every perfect gift in our lives is a gift from you. We have listened to your guidance, directing us to offer you our first fruits. So, we now join together in this generous act of giving. We pray that these resources may care for your children everywhere who are experiencing distress. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

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

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*Hymn: "Make me a channel of your peace" #740

Blessing

"Peace, peace, wonderful peace, coming down from the Father above! Sweep over my spirit forever, I pray, in fathomless billows of love!

Postlude: (Please maintain a reverent silence and stillness)