

## 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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## *Sunday Sept 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018*

Presbyterians Sharing Sunday

**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

#### Introit

#### Call to Worship

Hymn: "God is here! As we your people meet" #799

#### Opening Prayer:

Loving God, You are perfect in wisdom and relentless in your reconciliation. When we are filled with hatred, you work love. When we work against one another, you bring peace. When we stray into isolation, you form community. When we busy ourselves with tasks and distractions, you offer rest. Even though you declare us to be your beloved children, too often we have turned our back on you and lived in ways that do not proclaim your glory. Often, we hold grudges and forget to give thanks. We focus on what we do not have and resent what others do. Forgive what we have done, direct who we will be, and let our lives reflect your truth. Amen.

### Assurance of Pardon

#### Choir Anthem

## WE CELEBRATE GOD'S CHILDREN

\*Praise Song: "He Has Made Me Glad" Song Book #57

### Exploring God Together

## 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:

Esther 3:1-6 pg.446 OT

Psalms 112 pg.563 OT

Esther 4:9-17 pg.447 OT

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: "For Such a Time as This"

Hymn: "God who gives to life its goodness" #334

## 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:

Gracious Lord, we join together in prayer. We recognize that daily prayer impacts our spiritual health. Likewise, offering our money to you impacts our spiritual health. The acts of praying and giving unify our church community and place our collective attention on you. As we practice these spiritual disciplines, we hope to draw even closer to you. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

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

## WE GO OUT TO SERVE

\*Hymn: "Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go" #652

### 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)