

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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Reign of Christ Sunday

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

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: "All hail the power of Jesus' name" #363

Opening Prayer:

Mighty God, we give you thanks and praise. You tip the world upside down and reveal your strength through weakness and your power through frailty. The story of salvation in the cross teaches us that nothing can prevent your glory from shining forth. Great is your mercy and your faithfulness! We confess that while we name Jesus as King of our lives, we follow the ways of lesser kings. We spend our days grasping at control and seeking opportunities to gain the upper hand. We ignore your rule and try to build up our own kingdoms through our possessions and identities. Teach us to abandon our selfish and troubled ways, so that we might hand our lives over to you for the building of your kingdom. We pray through Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Choir Anthem

WE CELEBRATE GOD'S CHILDREN

*Praise Song: "Oh Happy Day"

Exploring God Together

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Hymn of Preparation: #625 v. 1
"Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you. Al-le-lu, Al-le-lu-ia!"

Bible Readings:

2 Samuel 23:1-7

pg. 299-300 OT

Psalms 93

pg. 549 OT

John 18:33-38a

pg. 113 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: "A Kingdom Not From This World"

Hymn: "O living Word of God" #354

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Tithes and Offerings

* Offertory Response: #501

"Live in charity and steadfast love; live in charity: God will dwell with you."

*Prayer of Dedication:

Great and Glorious Saviour, we listen attentively to your voice. We place our trust in your truth and grace. We generously give in gratitude for your truth in our spiritual journey. We pray that these monetary gifts may help others to see your kingdom, to draw closer to you, and to find ultimate peace. We pray in the name of the One who sustains us throughout life's journey, the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. Amen."

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

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*Hymn: "Jesus shall reign where're the sun" #275

Blessing #726

"May the God of hope go with us every day, filling all our lives with love and joy and peace. May the God of justice speed us on our way, bringing light and hope to every land and race. Praying, let us work for peace, singing, share our joy with all, working for a world that's new, faithful when we hear Christ's call."

Postlude: (Please maintain a reverent silence and stillness)