

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

January 13th, 2019

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

Please stand at items marked * if you are able.
Passages in **Bold Print** are to be spoken in Unison
Organ Prelude-Hymn and quiet Reflection

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Entry of the Bible

Introit

Call to Worship

Hymn: "Christ, whose glory fills the skies" #177

Opening Prayer:

God, we give you praise this morning for your great redeeming work completed in Christ. We thank you for the mercy you have shown us and we praise you that Christ now sits in heaven as our mediator. What humility was shown to us in Jesus! Yet, as we seek you, we admit that we often fail to follow your earthly example. Our hearts often drift away from you. Our motives are often selfish. We love to think ourselves better than others. And though we might claim to be at peace with one another, we harbour resentment. Call us back to Christ and mould and shape us to be more like him. We pray that, through the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives, we may grow in humility and love for each other. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Choir Anthem

WE CELEBRATE GOD'S CHILDREN

*Praise Song: "Peace Like a River"

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:

Luke 2:42-51 pg. 59 NT

Psalms 84 pg. 543 OT

Philippians 2:1-11 pg. 197 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: "Sitting Among the Teachers"

Hymn: "All who the name of Jesus bear" #342

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:

Generous God, bless our gifts this morning. We pray that they would represent our inner commitment to love you above all else and to love our brothers and sisters in need, for we know that they are loved by you. Grant us the grace to use what we have for the moment to achieve lasting change in your church and in your people. Amen.

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

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*Hymn: "Jesus, thou joy of loving hearts" #366

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)