

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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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: "How Firm a Foundation" #685

Opening Prayer:

Gracious God, we admit that we are a broken people. We acknowledge that we surround ourselves with those who are like us, those who treat us well, and those who can benefit us. There are times when we cut ourselves off from those who have hurt us and build walls to keep others away. Forgive us Lord, show us what it means to love our enemies and to do good to those who mistreat us. Transform and renew us again by your resurrection power and fill us with the knowledge of your Spirit. In Jesus Name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Choir Anthem: I'll Walk With God, words by P. Webster

WE CELEBRATE GOD'S CHILDREN

*Praise Song: "I have decided to follow Jesus" # 570

Exploring God Together

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Hymn of Preparation: #500 v. 1

"Open my eyes that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me. Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free. Silently now I wait for thee, ready my God, thy will to see: open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!"

Bible Readings:

Genesis 45:3-11,15

pg. 42 OT

Psalms 37:1-11,39-40

pg. 510/512 OT

Luke 6:27-38

pg. 64-65 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: "Setting the Bar Higher"

Hymn: "Jesus Calls us O'er the Tumult" #672

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Tithes and Offerings

* Offertory Response: #484 v. 2

"The church is wherever God's people are helping, caring for neighbours in sickness and need. The church is wherever God's people are sharing the words of the Bible in gift and in deed."

*Prayer of Dedication:

We place these gifts into your hands, O God. Infuse them with your transforming grace that they may become seeds springing forth with new life, new songs of praise and new hope for people everywhere. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*Hymn: "Take my Life and Let it Be" #637

Blessing #264

"(Sing amen.) Amen, we praise your name, O God. (Sing amen.) Amen we praise your name, O God. (Sing amen.) Amen, amen, amen, amen, amen we praise your name, O God. (X2)

Postlude: (Please maintain a reverent silence and stillness)